

# Daily Digest

## Senate

### Chamber Action

*Routine Proceedings, pages S12563–S12646*

**Measures Introduced:** Five bills and one resolution were introduced, as follows: S. 2841–2845, and S. Res. 371. **Page S12618**

**Measures Considered:**

**Service Members Home Ownership Tax Act—Agreement:** Senate continued consideration of H.R. 3590, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to modify the first-time homebuyers credit in the case of members of the Armed Forces and certain other Federal employees, taking action on the following amendments proposed thereto:

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**Adopted:**

By a unanimous vote of 98 yeas (Vote No. 367), Pryor Amendment No. 2939 (to Amendment No. 2786), to require the Secretary to provide information regarding enrollee satisfaction with qualified health plans offered through an Exchange through the Internet portal. (A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that the amendment, having achieved 60 affirmative votes, be agreed to.)

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**Withdrawn:**

By 43 yeas to 56 nays (Vote No. 368), Gregg Amendment No. 2942 (to Amendment No. 2786), to prevent Medicare from being raided for new entitlements and to use Medicare savings to save Medicare. (A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that the amendment, having failed to achieve 60 affirmative votes, the amendment be withdrawn.)

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**Pending:**

Reid Amendment No. 2786, in the nature of a substitute.

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Nelson (NE) Amendment No. 2962 (to Amendment No. 2786), to prohibit the use of Federal funds for abortions.

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McCain motion to commit the bill to the Committee on Finance, with instructions.

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A unanimous-consent-time agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the bill at approximately 10 a.m., on Tuesday, December 8,

2009, and that following leader remarks, the time until 12:30 p.m. be for debate only with the time equally divided and controlled between the two Leaders, or their designees, with Senators permitted to speak for up to 10 minutes each, and with the Majority controlling the first hour, and the Republicans controlling the next hour. **Page S12646**

**Nominations Confirmed:** Senate confirmed the following nominations:

Bill Delahunt, of Massachusetts, to be a Representative of the United States of America to the Sixty-fourth Session of the General Assembly of the United Nations. (Prior to this action, Committee on Foreign Relations was discharged from further consideration.)

Elaine Schuster, of Florida, to be a Representative of the United States of America to the Sixty-fourth Session of the General Assembly of the United Nations. (Prior to this action, Committee on Foreign Relations was discharged from further consideration.)

Christopher H. Smith, of New Jersey, to be a Representative of the United States of America to the Sixty-fourth Session of the General Assembly of the United Nations. (Prior to this action, Committee on Foreign Relations was discharged from further consideration.)

Wellington E. Webb, of Colorado, to be an Alternate Representative of the United States of America to the Sixty-fourth Session of the General Assembly of the United Nations. (Prior to this action, Committee on Foreign Relations was discharged from further consideration.)

Laura Gore Ross, of New York, to be an Alternate Representative of the United States of America to the Sixty-fourth Session of the General Assembly of the United Nations. (Prior to this action, Committee on Foreign Relations was discharged from further consideration.) **Pages S12645–46**

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**Additional Statements: Page S12615**

**Amendments Submitted: Pages S12620–45**

**Notices of Hearings/Meetings:** Page S12645  
**Record Votes:** Two record votes were taken today.  
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**Adjournment:** Senate convened at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 6:39 p.m., until 10 a.m. on Tuesday, December 8, 2009. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S12646.)

## House of Representatives

### Chamber Action

**Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced:** 4 public bills, H.R. 4213–4216 were introduced. Page H13550

**Additional Cosponsors:** Page H13550

**Reports Filed:** Reports were filed today as follows:

H.R. 1672, to reauthorize the Northwest Straits Marine Conservation Initiative Act to promote the protection of the resources of the Northwest Straits, with an amendment (H. Rept. 111–354);

H.R. 2062, to amend the Migratory Bird Treaty Act to provide for penalties and enforcement for intentionally taking protected avian species, with an amendment (H. Rept. 111–355);

H.R. 3603, to rename the Ocmulgee National Monument, with an amendment (H. Rept. 111–356);

H.R. 3940, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to extend grants and other assistance to facilitate a political status public education program for the people of Guam, with amendments (H. Rept. 111–357);

H.R. 1454, to provide for the issuance of a Multinational Species Conservation Funds Semipostal Stamp, with an amendment (H. Rept. 111–358, Pt. 1);

H.R. 3388, to modify the boundary of Petersburg National Battlefield in the Commonwealth of Virginia, with an amendment (H. Rept. 111–359, Pt. 1); and

H.R. 3804, to make technical corrections to various Acts affecting the National Park Service and to extend, amend, or establish certain National Park Service authorities (H. Rept. 111–360, Pt. 1).

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**Speaker:** Read a letter from the Speaker wherein she appointed Representative Garamendi to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. Page H13523

**Recess:** The House recessed at 10:41 a.m. and reconvened at noon. Page H13524

**Suspensions:** The House agreed to suspend the rules and pass the following measures:

*Northwest Straits Marine Conservation Initiative Reauthorization Act of 2009:* H.R. 1672, amended, to reauthorize the Northwest Straits Marine Conservation Initiative Act to promote the protection of the resources of the Northwest Straits;

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*Migratory Bird Treaty Act Penalty and Enforcement Act of 2009:* H.R. 2062, amended, to amend the Migratory Bird Treaty Act to provide for penalties and enforcement for intentionally taking protected avian species;

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*Authorizing the Secretary of the Interior to extend grants and other assistance to facilitate a political status public education program for the people of Guam:* H.R. 3940, amended, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to extend grants and other assistance to facilitate a political status public education program for the people of Guam;

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Agreed to amend the title so as to read: “To amend Public Law 96–597 to clarify the authority of the Secretary of the Interior to extend grants and other assistance to facilitate political status public education programs for the peoples of the non-self-governing territories of the United States.”

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*Multinational Species Conservation Funds Semipostal Stamp Act of 2009:* H.R. 1454, amended, to provide for the issuance of a Multinational Species Conservation Funds Semipostal Stamp;

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*Authorizing the addition of 100 acres to Morristown National Historical Park:* H.R. 118, amended, to authorize the addition of 100 acres to Morristown National Historical Park;

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*National Park Service Authorities and Corrections Act of 2009:* H.R. 3804, amended, to make technical corrections to various Acts affecting the National Park Service and to extend, amend, or establish certain National Park Service authorities; and

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