

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S13203–S13276

Measures Introduced: Three bills and one resolution were introduced, as follows: S. 2882–2884, and S.J. Res. 22. **Pages S13251–52**

Measures Reported:

S. 705, to reauthorize the programs of the Overseas Private Investment Corporation. (S. Rept. No. 111–107)

S. 1067, to support stabilization and lasting peace in northern Uganda and areas affected by the Lord's Resistance Army through development of a regional strategy to support multilateral efforts to successfully protect civilians and eliminate the threat posed by the Lord's Resistance Army and to authorize funds for humanitarian relief and reconstruction, reconciliation, and transitional justice, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. (S. Rept. No. 111–108) **Page S13251**

Measures Considered:

Service Members Home Ownership Tax Act—Agreement: Senate resumed 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: **Pages S13205–42**

Adopted:

By 97 yeas to 1 nay (Vote No 375), Baucus Amendment No. 3183 (to Amendment No. 2786), to protect middle class families from tax increases. (Pursuant to the order of Monday, December 14, 2009, the amendment having achieved 60 affirmative votes, was agreed to). **Pages S13205, S13236–37**

Withdrawn:

By 45 yeas to 54 nays (Vote No. 376), Crapo motion to commit the bill to the Committee on Finance, with instructions. (Pursuant to the order of Monday, December 14, 2009, the amendment having failed to achieve 60 affirmative votes, be withdrawn). **Pages S13205, S13237–38**

By 51 yeas to 48 nays (Vote No. 377), Dorgan Modified Amendment No. 2793 (to Amendment No. 2786), to provide for the importation of prescription drugs. (Pursuant to the order of Monday, December 14, 2009, the amendment having failed to achieve 60 affirmative votes, be withdrawn). **Pages S13205, S13216–24, S13238**

By 56 yeas to 43 nays (Vote No. 378), Lautenberg Amendment No. 3156 (to Amendment No. 2786), to provide for the importation of prescription drugs. (Pursuant to the order of Monday, December 14, 2009, the amendment having failed to achieve 60 affirmative votes, be withdrawn). **Pages S13224–36, S13238–39**

Pending:

Reid Amendment No. 2786, in the nature of a substitute. **Page S13205**

Hutchison Motion to commit the bill to the Committee on Finance, with instructions. **Pages S13239–42**

A unanimous-consent-time agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the bill at approximately 10:00 a.m., on Wednesday, December 16, 2009, with the first hour equally divided and controlled between the two Leaders, or their designees, with the Majority controlling the first half and the Republicans controlling the second half. **Page S13276**

Signing Authority—Agreement: A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that the Majority Leader, be authorized to sign duly enrolled bills or joint resolutions on Tuesday, December 15, 2009. **Pages S13242–43**

Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

1 Air Force nomination in the rank of general.

Routine lists in the Air Force, Army, and Marine Corps. **Page S13276**

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Record Votes: Four record votes were taken today. (Total—378) Pages S13237, S13238, S13239

Adjournment: Senate convened at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 7:56 p.m., until 10 a.m. on Wednesday, December 16, 2009. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S13276.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

NOMINATIONS

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of Julie Simone Brill, of Vermont, who was introduced by Senator Leahy, and Edith Ramirez, of California, both to be a Federal Trade Commissioner, David L. Strickland, of Georgia, to be Administrator of the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, Department of Transportation, who was introduced by Senator Inouye, Michael A. Khouri, of Kentucky, to be a Federal Maritime Commissioner, and Nicole Yvette Lamb-Hale, of Michigan, to be Assistant Secretary of Commerce, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

ENERGY BILLS

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Committee concluded a hearing to examine S. 2052, to amend the Energy Policy Act of 2005 to require the Secretary of Energy to carry out a research and development and demonstration program to reduce manufacturing and construction costs relating to nuclear reactors, and S. 2812, to amend the Energy Policy Act of 2005 to require the Secretary of Energy to carry out programs to develop and demonstrate 2 small modular nuclear reactor designs, after receiving testimony from Warren F. Miller, Jr., Assistant Secretary of Energy for Nuclear Energy; Michael R. Johnson, Director, Office of New Reactors, United States Nuclear Regulatory Commission; and Thomas L. Sanders, American Nuclear Society, and Anthony

R. Pietrangelo, Nuclear Energy Institute, both of Washington, DC.

U.S. POLICY IN CENTRAL ASIA

Committee on Foreign Relations: Subcommittee on Near Eastern and South and Central Asian Affairs concluded a hearing to examine reevaluating United States policy in Central Asia, after receiving testimony from George A. Krol, Deputy Assistant Secretary of State for South and Central Asian Affairs; David Sedney, Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense for Afghanistan, Pakistan, and Central Asia; Stephen Blank, United States Army War College, Carlisle Barracks, Pennsylvania; and Martha Brill Olcott, Carnegie Endowment for International Peace, Washington, DC.

MANAGEMENT INTEGRATION AT DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: Subcommittee on Oversight of Government Management, the Federal Workforce, and the District of Columbia concluded a hearing to examine efforts to improve management integration at the Department of Homeland Security, focusing on the extent to which they have developed a comprehensive strategy for management integration, after receiving testimony from Elaine C. Duke, Under Secretary for Management, and Anne L. Richards, Assistant Inspector General for Audit, both of the Department of Homeland Security; and Bernice Steinhardt, Director, Strategic Issues, Government Accountability Office.

DNA EVIDENCE IN RAPE CASES

Committee on the Judiciary: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the effective use of DNA evidence to solve rape cases nationwide, after receiving testimony from Debbie Smith, H-E-A-R-T, Inc., Williamsburg, Virginia; Steve Redding, Hennepin County Attorney, Hennepin County, Minnesota; Susan Smith Howley, National Center for Victims of Crime, Washington, D.C.; Stephanie Stoiloff, Miami-Dade Police Department Crime Laboratory Bureau, Miami, Florida; and Jayann Sepich, Surviving Parents Coalition, Carlsbad, New Mexico.

INTELLIGENCE

Select Committee on Intelligence: Committee held closed hearings on intelligence matters, receiving testimony from officials of the intelligence community.

Committee recessed subject to the call.