

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S13409–S13469

Measures Introduced: Twelve bills and three resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 2906–2917, S.J. Res. 24, and S. Res. 380–381. **Page S13458**

Measures Reported:

S. 510, to amend the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act with respect to the safety of the food supply, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute.

S. 1739, to promote freedom of the press around the world, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. **Page S13458**

Measures Passed:

Expand Veteran Eligibility for Reimbursement: Committee on Veterans' Affairs was discharged from further consideration of H.R. 1377, to amend title 38, United States Code, to expand veteran eligibility for reimbursement by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs for emergency treatment furnished in a non-Department facility, and the bill was then passed, clearing the measure for the President. **Pages S13468–69**

Recognizing the Cooperative Efforts of Individuals and Hunger Relief Organizations: Senate agreed to S. Res. 374, recognizing the cooperative efforts of hunters, sportsmen's associations, meat processors, hunger relief organizations, and State wildlife, health, and food safety agencies to establish programs that provide game meat to feed the hungry. **Page S13469**

Expressing Sympathy for Civilians Killed in the Southern Philippines on November 23, 2009: Committee on Foreign Relations was discharged from further consideration of H. Con. Res. 218, expressing sympathy for the 57 civilians who were killed in the southern Philippines on November 23, 2009, and the resolution was then agreed to. **Page S13469**

Measures Considered:

Department of Defense Appropriations Act—Agreement: Senate continued consideration of the

motion to concur in the amendment of the House of Representatives to the amendment of the Senate to H.R. 3326, making appropriations for the Department of Defense for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2010, taking action on the following motions and amendments proposed thereto:

Pages S13409–55

Pending:

Senator Reid entered a motion to concur in the amendment of the House to the amendment of the Senate to the bill. **Page S13409**

Senator Reid entered a motion to concur in the amendment of the House to the amendment of the Senate with Amendment No. 3248 (to the House Amendment to the Senate Amendment), to change the enactment date. **Page S13410**

Reid Amendment No. 3252 (to Reid Amendment No. 3248), to change the enactment date. **Page S13410**

A unanimous-consent-time-agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the motion to concur in the amendment of the House of Representatives to the amendment of the Senate to the bill at approximately 6:45 a.m., on Saturday, December 19, 2009; with the time until 7:20 a.m. equally divided and controlled between the two Leaders, or their designees, with the final 10 minutes reserved for the two Leaders, with the Majority Leader controlling the final 5 minutes; provided further, that the time during the adjournment and any period of morning business count post-cloture. **Page S13469**

Messages from the House: **Page S13456**

Measures Placed on the Calendar: **Page S13456**

Executive Communications: **Pages S13456–58**

Additional Cosponsors: **Pages S13458–59**

Statements on Introduced Bills/Resolutions: **Pages S13459–64**

Amendments Submitted: **Page S13464**

Adjournment: Senate convened at 11 a.m. and adjourned at 6:52 p.m., until 6:45 a.m. on Saturday, December 19, 2009. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S13469.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

No committee meetings were held.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

The House was not in session today. The House is scheduled to meet at noon on Saturday, December 19, 2009 unless it sooner has received a message from the Senate transmitting its concurrence in H. Con. Res. 223, in which case the House shall stand adjourned pursuant to that concurrent resolution.

Committee Meetings

No committee meetings were held.

Joint Meetings

No joint committee meetings were held.

NEW PUBLIC LAWS

(For last listing of Public Laws, see DAILY DIGEST, p. D1482)

H.R. 4217, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to extend the funding and expenditure authority of the Airport and Airway Trust Fund, to amend title 49, United States Code, to extend authorizations for the airport improvement program. Signed on December 16, 2009. (Public Law 111-116)

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR SATURDAY, DECEMBER 19, 2009

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

No meetings/hearings scheduled.

House

No committee meetings are scheduled.

CONGRESSIONAL PROGRAM AHEAD

Week of December 21 through December 26,
2009

Senate Chamber

Senate will resume consideration of H.R. 3590, Service Members Home Ownership Tax Act.

During the balance of the week, Senate may consider any cleared legislative and executive business.

Senate Committees

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Committee on the Judiciary: December 24, business meeting to consider S. 714, to establish the National Criminal Justice Commission, S. 1624, to amend title 11 of the United States Code, to provide protection for medical debt homeowners, to restore bankruptcy protections for individuals experiencing economic distress as caregivers to ill, injured, or disabled family members, and to exempt from means testing debtors whose financial problems were caused by serious medical problems, S. 1765, to amend the Hate Crime Statistics Act to include crimes against the homeless, S. 1554, to amend the Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Act of 1974 to prevent later delinquency and improve the health and well-being of maltreated infants and toddlers through the development of local Court Teams for Maltreated Infants and Toddlers and the creation of a National Court Teams Resource Center to assist such Court Teams, S. 1789, to restore fairness to Federal cocaine sentencing, H.R. 1741, to require the Attorney General to make competitive grants to eligible State, tribal, and local governments to establish and maintain certain protection and witness assistance programs, and the nomination of O. Rogeriee Thompson, of Rhode Island, to be United States Circuit Judge for the First Circuit, 10 a.m., SD-226.