

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S61–S134

Measures Introduced: Five bills and five resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 2942–2946, S.J. Res. 26, and S. Res. 390–393. **Page S122**

Measures Reported:

S. 375, to authorize the Crow Tribe of Indians water rights settlement, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. (S. Rept. No. 111–118)

S. 313, to resolve water rights claims of the White Mountain Apache Tribe in the State of Arizona, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. (S. Rept. No. 111–119) **Page S122**

Measures Passed:

Relief for Victims of the Earthquake in Haiti: Senate passed H.R. 4462, to accelerate the income tax benefits for charitable cash contributions for the relief of victims of the earthquake in Haiti, clearing the measure for the President. **Pages S105–06**

Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Regulation Compact: Committee on the Judiciary was discharged from further consideration of S.J. Res. 25, granting the consent and approval of Congress to amendments made by the State of Maryland, the Commonwealth of Virginia, and the District of Columbia to the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Regulation Compact, and the resolution was then passed. **Pages S131–32**

25th Anniversary of the Victims of Crime Act: Senate agreed to S. Res. 391, recognizing the 25th anniversary of the enactment of the Victims of Crime Act of 1984 (42 U.S.C. 10601 et seq.) and the substantial contributions to the Crime Victims Fund made through the criminal prosecutions conducted by United States Attorneys' offices and other components of the Department of Justice. **Page S132**

Sense of the Senate on the Earthquake in Haiti: Senate agreed to S. Res. 392, expressing the Sense of the Senate on the humanitarian catastrophe caused by the January 12, 2010 earthquake in Haiti. **Pages S132–33**

Measures Considered:

Increasing the Statutory Limit on the Public Debt—Agreement: Senate continued consideration of H.J. Res. 45, increasing the statutory limit on the public debt, taking action on the following amendments proposed thereto: **Page S72–S113**

Withdrawn:

By 53 yeas to 45 nays (Vote No. 2) Thune Amendment No. 3301 (to Amendment No. 3299), to terminate authority under the Troubled Asset Relief Program. (A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that the amendment, having failed to achieve 60 affirmative votes, be withdrawn). **Pages S73–74, S75–82, S96–S102**

Pending:

Baucus (for Reid) Amendment No. 3299, in the nature of a substitute. **Page S73**

Baucus Amendment No. 3300 (to Amendment No. 3299), to protect Social Security. **Pages S73, S74–75**

Conrad/Gregg Amendment No. 3302 (to Amendment No. 3299), to establish a Bipartisan Task Force for Responsible Fiscal Action, to assure the long-term fiscal stability and economic security of the Federal Government of the United States, and to expand future prosperity and growth for all Americans. **Pages S81, S82–96, S102–05**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the resolution at approximately 9:30 a.m., on Friday, January 22, 2010. **Page S133**

Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

42 Air Force nominations in the rank of general.

1 Army nomination in the rank of general.

Routine lists in the Air Force, Army, and Navy. **Page S133–34**

Nominations Withdrawn: Senate received notification of withdrawal of the following nominations:

Erroll G. Southers, of California, to be an Assistant Secretary of Homeland Security, which was sent to the Senate on September 17, 2009.

Jide J. Zeitlin, of New York, to be Representative of the United States of America to the United Nations for U.N. Management and Reform, with the

rank of Ambassador, which was sent to the Senate on September 24, 2009.

Jide J. Zeitlin, of New York, to be Alternate Representative of the United States of America to the Sessions of the General Assembly of the United Nations during his tenure of service as Representative of the United States of America to the United Nations for U.N. Management and Reform, which was sent to the Senate on September 24, 2009.

Roszell Hunter, of Virginia, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Export-Import Bank of the United States for a term expiring January 20, 2013, which was sent to the Senate on October 1, 2009.

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Record Votes: One record vote was taken today.
(Total—2) **Page S102**

Adjournment: Senate convened at 9:30 a.m. and adjourned at 7:11 p.m., until 9:30 a.m. on Friday, January 22, 2010. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S133.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

JOB CREATION

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, Education, and Related Agencies concluded a hearing to examine how to save and create jobs, after receiving testimony from Iowa Governor Chet Culver, Des Moines; Lawrence Mishel, Economic Policy Institute, Washington, DC; Jerry D. Weast, Montgomery County Public Schools, Rockville, Maryland; and Marlena Sessions, Workforce Development Council of Seattle-King County, Seattle, Washington.

INDEPENDENT REVIEW RELATING TO FORT HOOD

Committee on Armed Services: Committee concluded open and closed hearings to examine findings and recommendations of the Department of Defense Independent Review Relating to Fort Hood, after receiving testimony from Togo D. West, Jr., and Admiral Vernon E. Clark, USN (Ret.), both Co-Chair, Department of Defense Independent Review Relating to Fort Hood.

NOMINATIONS

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of Kevin Wolf, of Virginia, to be Assistant Secretary for Export Administration, who was introduced by Senator Lincoln, Suresh Kumar, of New Jersey, to be Assistant Secretary and Director General of the United States and Foreign Commercial Service, who was introduced by Senator Menendez, and David W. Mills, of Virginia, to be Assistant Secretary for Export Enforcement, all of the Department of Commerce, Douglas A. Criscitello, of Virginia, to be Chief Financial Officer, Department of Housing and Urban Development, Theodore W. Tozer, of Ohio, to be President, Government National Mortgage Association, who was introduced by Senator Brown, and Orlan Johnson, of Maryland, and Sharon Y. Bowen, of New York, both to be a Director of the Securities Investor Protection Corporation, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

CLIMATE CHANGE RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the research and development priorities and imperatives needed to meet the medium- and long-term challenges associated with climate change, after receiving testimony from Steven Chu, Secretary of Energy.

U.S. ENGAGEMENT IN ASIA

Committee on Foreign Relations: Subcommittee on East Asian and Pacific Affairs concluded a hearing to examine principles of United States engagement in Asia, after receiving testimony from Kurt M. Campbell, Assistant Secretary of State for East Asian and Pacific Affairs; and Robert Sutter, Georgetown University School of Foreign Service, and Robert Herman, Freedom House, both of Washington, DC.

AFGHANISTAN

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee concluded a hearing to examine civilian strategy for Afghanistan, focusing on a status report in advance of the London conference, after receiving testimony from

Richard C. Holbrooke, Special Representative for Afghanistan and Pakistan, Department of State; and Right Honorable David Miliband, Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs, London, United Kingdom.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on the Judiciary: Committee ordered favorably reported S. 714, to establish the National Criminal Justice Commission, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute; and

The nominations of O. Rogerie Thompson, of Rhode Island, to be United States Circuit Judge for the First Circuit, and Robert William Heun, of Alaska, to be United States Marshal for the District of Alaska.

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.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 18 public bills, H.R. 4484–4501; and 16 resolutions, H.J. Res. 67–7;1 and H. Res. 1025–1035 were introduced. **Pages H325–27**

Additional Cosponsors: **Pages H327–28**

Reports Filed: There were no reports filed today.

Taos Pueblo Indian Water Rights Settlement Act: The House passed H.R. 3254, to approve the Taos Pueblo Indian Water Rights Settlement Agreement, by a yea-and-nay vote of 254 yeas to 158 nays, Roll No. 12. **Pages H272–79, H298**

Pursuant to the rule, the amendment in the nature of a substitute recommended by the Committee on Natural Resources now printed in the bill shall be considered as adopted. **Page H272**

H. Res. 1017, the rule providing for consideration of the bills (H.R. 3254, H.R. 3342, and H.R. 1065) was agreed to on Wednesday, January 20th.

Aamodt Litigation Settlement Act: The House passed H.R. 3342, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior, acting through the Commissioner of Reclamation, to develop water infrastructure in the Rio Grande Basin, and to approve the settlement of the water rights claims of the Pueblos of Nambe, Pojoaque, San Ildefonso, and Tesuque, by a yea-and-nay vote of 249 yeas to 153 nays, Roll No. 13. **Pages H279–90, H298–99**

Pursuant to the rule, the amendment in the nature of a substitute recommended by the Committee on Natural Resources now printed in the bill shall be considered as adopted. **Page H279**

H. Res. 1017, the rule providing for consideration of the bills (H.R. 3254, H.R. 3342, and H.R. 1065) was agreed to on Wednesday, January 20th.

White Mountain Apache Tribe Water Rights Quantification Act: The House passed H.R. 1065, to resolve water rights claims of the White Mountain Apache Tribe in the State of Arizona, by a yea-and-nay vote of 262 yeas to 147 nays, Roll No. 14. **Pages H290–97, H299**

Pursuant to the rule, the amendment in the nature of a substitute recommended by the Committee on Natural Resources now printed in the bill, modified by the amendment printed in part C of H. Rept. 111–399, shall be considered as adopted. **Page H290**

H. Res. 1017, the rule providing for consideration of the bills (H.R. 3254, H.R. 3342, and H.R. 1065) was agreed to on Wednesday, January 20th.

Suspensions—Proceedings Resumed: The House agreed to suspend the rules and pass the following measures which were debated on Wednesday, January 20th:

Expressing condolences to and solidarity with the people of Haiti: H. Res. 1021, to express condolences to and solidarity with the people of Haiti in the aftermath of the devastating earthquake of January 12, 2010, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ yea-and-nay vote of 411 yeas to 1 nay, Roll No. 15; **Pages H299–H300**

Nuclear Forensics and Attribution Act: Agreed to the Senate amendment to H.R. 730, to strengthen efforts in the Department of Homeland Security to develop nuclear forensics capabilities to permit attribution of the source of nuclear material, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ yea-and-nay vote of 397 yeas to 10 nays, Roll No. 16; **Pages H300–01**

Private First Class Garfield M. Langborn Post Office Building Designation Act: H.R. 3250, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 1210 West Main Street in

Riverhead, New York, as the “Private First Class Garfield M. Langhorn Post Office Building”; and

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Expressing support for the designation of an Early Detection Month for breast cancer and all forms of cancer: H. Con. Res. 158, amended, to express support for the designation of an Early Detection Month for breast cancer and all forms of cancer.

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Meeting Hour: Agreed that when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet at 10 a.m. tomorrow, and further, when the House adjourns on that day, it adjourn to meet at 12:30 p.m. on Tuesday, January 26th for morning-hour debate.

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Senate Message: Message received from the Senate today appears on page H269.

Quorum Calls—Votes: Five yea-and-nay votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H298, H298–99, H299, H300, H300–01. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 4:29 p.m.

Committee Meetings

AIR FORCE NUCLEAR SECURITY ROADMAP STATUS

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Strategic Forces held a hearing on the status of the Air Force nuclear security roadmap. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the U.S. Air Force, Department of Defense: LTG Frank G. Klotz, USAF, Commander, Air Force Global Strike Command; MG C. Donald Alston, USAF, Assistant Chief of Staff, Strategic Deterrent and Nuclear Integration, Headquarters, U.S. Air Force; and BG Everett H. Thomas, USAF, Commander, Air Force Nuclear Weapons Center.

LONG-TERM DEFICITS PERSPECTIVES

Committee on the Budget: Held a hearing on Perspectives on Long-Term Deficits. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

RADIO SPECTRUM/SPECTRUM RELOCATION

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Communications, Technology, and the Internet approved for full Committee action the following bills: H.R. 3125, as amended, Radio Spectrum Inventory Act; and H.R. 3019, Spectrum Relocation Improvement Act of 2009.

CRIB SAFETY

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations held a hearing entitled “Crib Safety: Assessing the Need for Better Oversight.” Testimony was heard from Inez Moore Tenenbaum, Chairman, Consumer Product Safety Commission; and public witnesses.

BANK FAILURE AND SEIZURES

Committee on Financial Services: Subcommittee on Financial Institutions and Consumer Credit held a hearing entitled “The Condition of Financial Institutions: Examining the Failure and Seizure of an American Bank.” Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of the Treasury: David Miller, Director, Investments; and Jennifer Kelly, Senior Deputy Comptroller, Midsize/Community Bank Supervision, Office of the Comptroller of the Currency; Mitchell Glassman, Director, Division of Resolutions and Receiverships, FDIC; and public witnesses.

JUDGE PORTEOUS IMPEACHMENT

Committee on the Judiciary: Task Force on Impeachment voted to recommend articles of impeachment against U.S. District Judge G. Thomas Porteous to the full Committee.

BILLY’S LAW

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism, and Homeland Security held a hearing on H.R. 3695, Billy’s Law. Testimony was heard from Representatives Murphy of Connecticut, and Poe of Texas; the following officials of the Department of Justice: Stephen L. Morris, Deputy Assistant Director, Criminal Justice Information Services Division, FBI; and Kristina Rose, Acting Director, National Institute of Justice, Office of Justice Programs; and a public witness.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Natural Resources: Subcommittee on National Parks, Forests and Public Lands held a hearing on the following bills: H.R. 2788, Distinguished Flying Cross National Memorial Act; H.R. 2944, Southern Arizona Public Lands Protection Act of 2009; H.R. 3914, San Juan Mountains Wilderness Act of 2009; H.R. 4003, Hudson River Valley Special Resource Study Act; H.R. 4192, Stornetta Public Lands Outstanding Natural Area Act of 2009; and H.R. 4395, To revise the boundaries of the Gettysburg National Military Park to include the Gettysburg Train Station, and for other purposes. Testimony was heard from Representatives Calvert, Thompson of California, Platts and Salazar;

Marcilynn Burke, Deputy Director, BLM, Department of the Interior; Jay Jensen, Deputy Under Secretary, Natural Resources and the Environment, USDA; and public witnesses.

SMALL/MEDIUM-SIZED MANUFACTURERS SUPPORT PROGRAMS

Committee on Science and Technology: Subcommittee on Technology and Innovation held a hearing on Commerce Department Programs to Support Job Creation and Innovation at Small-and Medium-Sized Manufacturers. Testimony was heard from Dennis F. Hightower, Deputy Secretary, Department of Commerce; and public witnesses.

LONG-TERM SOLUTION FOR POST-9/11 G.I. BILL

Committee on Veterans Affairs: Subcommittee on Economic Opportunity held a hearing on Long-Term Solution for Post-9/11 G.I. Bill. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Veterans Affairs: CPT Mark Krause, USN (ret.), Program Manager, Space and Naval Warfare Systems Center Atlantic; and Roger W. Baker, Assistant Secretary, Information and Technology.

TRANSITIONING VETERANS

Committee on Veterans Affairs: Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations held a hearing on Transitioning Heroes: New Era Same Problems? Testimony was heard from Noel Koch, Deputy Under Secretary, Office of Wounded Warrior Care and Transition Policy, Department of Defense;

Madhulika Agarwal, M.D., Chief Officer, Office of Patient Care Services, Veterans Health Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs; representatives of veterans organizations; and a public witness..

BRIEFING—CYBERSECURITY

Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence: Met in executive session to receive a briefing on Cybersecurity Threats. The Committee was briefed by departmental witnesses.

Joint Meetings

MOLDOVA

Commission on Security and Cooperation in Europe: Commission concluded a hearing to examine democratic change and challenges in Moldova, after receiving testimony from Vlad Filat, Prime Minister of the Republic of Moldova.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR FRIDAY, JANUARY 22, 2010

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

No meetings/hearings scheduled.

House

Committee on Financial Services, hearing entitled “Compensation in the Financial Industry,” 10 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.

Next Meeting of the SENATE

9:30 a.m., Friday, January 22

Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

10 a.m., Friday, January 22

Senate Chamber

Program for Friday: Senate will continue consideration of H.J. Res. 45, increasing the statutory limit on the public debt.

House Chamber

Program for Friday: The House will meet in pro forma session at 10 a.m.

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