

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Withdrawn: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unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that the amendment, having failed to achieve 60 affirmative votes, be withdrawn).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