

# Daily Digest

## Senate

### Chamber Action

*Routine Proceedings, pages S209–S262*

**Measures Introduced:** Seven bills and two resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 2951–2957, S. Res. 397, and S. Con. Res. 49. **Page S251**

#### Measures Passed:

*Honoring Former Senator Charles McCurdy ("Mac") Mathias, Jr.:* Senate agreed to S. Res. 397, relative to the death of Charles McCurdy ("Mac") Mathias, Jr., former United States Senator for the State of Maryland. **Page S260**

*Legal Representation:* Senate agreed to S. Res. 398, to authorize representation by the Senate Legal Counsel in the case of *Schonberg, et al. v. Sanders, et al.* **Pages S260–61**

*Honoring Fallen Nevada Law Enforcement Officers:* Senate agreed to S. Res. 399, honoring the heroic actions of Court Security Officer Stanley Cooper, Deputy United States Marshal Richard J. "Joe" Gardner, the law enforcement officers of the United States Marshals Service and Las Vegas Metropolitan Police Department, and the Court Security Officers in responding to the armed assault at the Lloyd D. George Federal Courthouse on January 4, 2010. **Page S261**

#### 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: **Pages S211–23, S223–46**

##### Adopted:

By a unanimous vote of 97 yeas (Vote No. 4), Baucus Modified Amendment No. 3300 (to Amendment No. 3299), to protect Social Security. (A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that the amendment, having achieved 60 affirmatives votes, be agreed to). **Pages S211, S216–21**

By a unanimous vote of 94 yeas (Vote No. 6), Division I of Coburn Modified Amendment No. 3303 (to Amendment No. 3299), to rescind \$120 billion in Federal spending by consolidating duplicative

government programs, cutting wasteful Washington spending, and returning billions of dollars of unspent money. (A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that the division, having achieved 60 affirmatives votes, be agreed to). **Pages S226–33, S237–42**

##### Withdrawn:

By 53 yeas to 46 nays (Vote No. 5), 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. (A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that the amendment, having failed to achieve 60 affirmative votes, be withdrawn). **Pages S211, S213–16, S221**

Baucus Amendment No. 3306 (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. **Page S211**

By 46 yeas to 48 nays (Vote No. 7), Division II of Coburn Modified Amendment No. 3303 (to Amendment No. 3299), to rescind \$120 billion in Federal spending by consolidating duplicative government programs, cutting wasteful Washington spending, and returning billions of dollars of unspent money. (A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that the division, having failed to achieve 60 affirmative votes, be withdrawn). **Pages S242–43**

By 33 yeas to 61 nays (Vote No. 8), Division III of Coburn Modified Amendment No. 3303 (to Amendment No. 3299), to rescind \$120 billion in Federal spending by consolidating duplicative government programs, cutting wasteful Washington spending, and returning billions of dollars of unspent money. (A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that the division, having failed to achieve 60 affirmative votes, be withdrawn). **Page S243**

By 37 yeas to 57 nays (Vote No. 9), Division IV of Coburn Modified Amendment No. 3303 (to

Amendment No. 3299), to rescind \$120 billion in Federal spending by consolidating duplicative government programs, cutting wasteful Washington spending, and returning billions of dollars of unspent money. (A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that the division, having failed to achieve 60 affirmative votes, be withdrawn).

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Pending:

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

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Reid Amendment No. 3305 (to Amendment No. 3299), to reimpose statutory pay-as-you-go.

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Sessions Amendment No. 3308 (to Amendment No. 3299), to reduce the deficit by establishing 5-year discretionary spending caps.

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Brownback Amendment No. 3309 (to Amendment No. 3299), to establish a Commission on Congressional Budgetary Accountability and Review of Federal Agencies.

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A unanimous-consent-time agreement was reached providing that on Thursday, January 28, 2010, at approximately 9:30 a.m., Senate resume consideration of the resolution, with one hour for debate equally divided and controlled between the two Leaders or their designees, with Senator Sanders controlling 15 minutes of the majority time, prior to the first vote; that no further debate be in order except as provided for in this agreement; that prior to each of the following votes with respect to the resolution, there be 4 minutes of debate, equally divided and controlled in the usual form; Brownback No. 3309 (to Amendment No. 3299) (listed above); Sessions Amendment No. 3308 (to Amendment No. 3299) (listed above); Reid Amendment No. 3305 (to Amendment No. 3299) (listed above); Baucus (for Reid) Amendment No. 3299 (listed above); and passage of the resolution; provided further, that the cloture motions filed with respect to the resolution, be withdrawn; with the vote threshold requirement still in effect as provided in the order of December 22, 2009.

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**Bernanke Nomination—Agreement:** Senate began consideration of the nomination of Ben S. Bernanke, to be Chairman of the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, Federal Reserve System.

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A motion was entered to close further debate on the nomination and, in accordance with the provisions of rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, a vote on cloture will occur on Thursday, January 28, 2010.

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A unanimous-consent-time agreement was reached providing that upon disposition of H.J. Res. 45, in-

creasing the statutory limit on the public debt, Senate resume consideration of the nomination of Ben S. Bernanke, to be Chairman of the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, Federal Reserve System, and there be 60 minutes of debate prior to the vote on the motion to invoke cloture on the nomination, with the time equally divided and controlled between the two Leaders, or their designees.

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**Nominations Received:** Senate received the following nominations:

Elisabeth Ann Hagen, of Virginia, to be Under Secretary of Agriculture for Food Safety.

1 Air Force nomination in the rank of general.

4 Army nominations in the rank of general.

Routine lists in the Air Force, Army, Foreign Service, and Navy.

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**Record Votes:** Six record votes were taken today. (Total—9)

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**Adjournment:** Senate convened at 10 a.m. and adjourned, in accordance with S. Res. 397, at 9:02 p.m., until 8:20 p.m. on Wednesday, January 27, 2010. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S261.)

## Committee Meetings

*(Committees not listed did not meet)*

### NOMINATIONS

*Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of Michael Peter Huerta, of the District of Columbia, to be Deputy Administrator of the Federal Aviation Administration, who was introduced by Senators Boxer and Hatch, and David T. Matsuda, of the District of Columbia, to be Administrator of the Maritime Administration, who was introduced by Senator Lautenberg, both of the Department of Transportation, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.