

# Daily Digest

## Senate

### Chamber Action

*Routine Proceedings, pages S509–S543*

**Measures Introduced:** One bill and four resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 3006, and S. Res. 411–414. **Page S536**

**Measures Passed:**

*Small Business Penalty Fairness Act:* Committee on Finance was discharged from further consideration of S. 2917, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to modify the penalty for failure to disclose certain reportable transactions and the penalty for submitting a bad check to the Internal Revenue Service, to modify certain rules relating to Federal vendors, and the bill was then passed. **Pages S541–42**

*Death of Representative John P. Murtha:* Senate agreed to S. Res. 413, relative to the death of Representative John P. Murtha, of Pennsylvania. **Page S542**

**Nominations Confirmed:** Senate confirmed the following nominations:

By unanimous vote of 84 yeas (Vote No. EX. 21), Joseph A. Greenaway, Jr., of New Jersey, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Third Circuit. **Pages S510–28, S543**

Clifford L. Stanley, of Pennsylvania, to be Under Secretary of Defense for Personnel and Readiness.

Philip S. Goldberg, of the District of Columbia, to be an Assistant Secretary of State (Intelligence and Research). **Pages S540–41, S543**

**Becker Nomination:** Senate resumed consideration of the nomination Craig Becker, of Illinois, to be a Member of the National Labor Relations Board. **Pages S510–28**

During consideration of this measure today, Senate also took the following action:

By 52 yeas to 33 nays (Vote No. EX. 22), three-fifths of those Senators duly chosen and sworn, not having voted in the affirmative, Senate rejected the motion to close further debate on the nomination. **Pages S527–28**

**Messages from the House:** **Page S536**

**Additional Cosponsors:** **Pages S536–37**

**Statements on Introduced Bills/Resolutions:**

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**Record Votes:** Two record votes were taken today. (Total—22) **Pages S527, S527–28**

**Adjournment:** Senate convened at 2 p.m. and adjourned, in accordance with S. Res. 413, at 7:09 p.m., until 2:30 p.m. on Thursday, February 11, 2010. (For Senate’s program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today’s Record on page S542.)

### Committee Meetings

*(Committees not listed did not meet)*

#### ECONOMIC OUTLOOK AND FEDERAL BUDGET AND DEBT

*Committee on the Budget:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine the economic outlook and risks for the Federal budget and debt, after receiving testimony from Carmen M. Reinhart, University of Maryland Center for International Economics, College Park; Simon Johnson, Massachusetts Institute of Technology Sloan School of Management, Cambridge; and Donald B. Marron, Georgetown Public Policy Institute, Washington, DC.

#### NOMINATIONS

*Committee on Environment and Public Works:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of William D. Magwood IV, of Maryland, William Charles Ostendorff, of Virginia, and George Apostolakis, of Massachusetts, all to be a Member of the Nuclear Regulatory Commission, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

#### NOMINATIONS

*Committee on Environment and Public Works:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of Arthur Allen Elkins, Jr., of Maryland, to be

Inspector General, Environmental Protection Agency, Earl F. Gohl, Jr., of the District of Columbia, to be Federal Cochairman of the Appalachian Regional Commission, Sanford Blitz, of Maine, to be Federal Cochairperson of the Northern Border Regional Commission, and Marilyn A. Brown, of Georgia,

Barbara Short Haskew, of Tennessee, Neil G. McBride, of Tennessee, and William B. Sansom, of Tennessee, all to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Tennessee Valley Authority, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

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## House of Representatives

### *Chamber Action*

**Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced:** 7 public bills, H.R. 4619–4625; and 2 resolutions, H. Con. Res. 235, and H.Res. 1079, were introduced.

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**Additional Cosponsors:**

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**Reports Filed:** There were no reports filed today.

**Speaker:** Read a letter from the Speaker wherein she appointed Representative Edwards (MD) to act as Speaker pro tempore for today.

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**Recess:** The House recessed at 12:41 p.m. and reconvened at 2 p.m.

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**Chaplain:** The prayer was offered by the Guest Chaplain, Chaplain Phillip Lee, Marine Forces Reserve, New Orleans, Louisiana.

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**Adjournment Resolution:** The House agreed to H. Con. Res. 235, providing for an adjournment or recess of the two Houses, by voice vote.

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**Meeting Hour:** Agreed that when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet at 1 p.m. on Friday, February 12, 2010, unless it sooner has received a message from the Senate transmitting its concurrence in H. Con. Res. 235, in which case the House shall stand adjourned pursuant to that concurrent resolution.

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**Quorum Calls—Votes:** There were no yea-and-nay votes, and there were no recorded votes. There were no quorum calls.

**Adjournment:** The House met at 12:30 p.m. and adjourned at 2:11 p.m.

### *Committee Meetings*

#### ASIAN CARP AND THE GREAT LAKES

*Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure:* Subcommittee on Water Resources and Environment held a hearing on Asian Carp and the Great Lakes. Testimony was heard from Cameron Davis, Senior Adviser to the Administrator, EPA; MG John W. Peabody, USA, Commander, Great Lakes and Ohio River Division, Corps of Engineers, U.S. Army; John Rogner, Assistant Director, Department of Natural Resources, State of Illinois; Rebecca Humphries, Director, Department of Natural Resources and Environment, State of Michigan; Matt Frank, Secretary, Department of Natural Resources, State of Wisconsin; and public witnesses.

### *Joint Meetings*

No joint committee meetings were held.

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#### COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 10, 2010

*(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)*

##### Senate

*Committee on the Judiciary:* to hold hearings to examine certain nominations, 4 p.m., SD–226.

##### House

No committee meetings are scheduled.