

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S1125–S1209

Measures Introduced: Eleven bills and twelve resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 3071–3081, and S. Res. 434–445. **Pages S1168–69**

Measures Reported:

S. 38, to establish a United States Boxing Commission to administer the Act. (S. Rept. No. 111–157) **Page S1168**

Measures Passed:

Comprehensive Peace Agreement in Sudan: Senate agreed to S. Res. 404, supporting full implementation of the Comprehensive Peace Agreement and other efforts to promote peace and stability in Sudan. **Pages S1126–27**

Recovery, Rehabilitation, and Rebuilding of Haiti: Senate agreed to S. Res. 414, expressing the sense of the Senate on the recovery, rehabilitation, and rebuilding of Haiti following the humanitarian crisis caused by the January 12, 2010, earthquake in Haiti. **Pages S1127–28**

Importance of Progress in Ukraine: Committee on Foreign Relations was discharged from further consideration of S. Res. 422, recognizing the important progress made by the people of Ukraine in the establishment of democratic institutions following the presidential run-off election on February 7, 2010, and the resolution was then agreed to. **Pages S1128–29**

School Social Work Week: Committee on the Judiciary was discharged from further consideration of S. Res. 426, designating the week of February 28 through March 7, 2010, as “School Social Work Week”, and the resolution was then agreed to. **Page S1129**

Children’s Dental Health Month: Senate agreed to S. Res. 434, expressing support for Children’s Dental Health Month and honoring the memory of Deamonte Driver. **Pages S1129–31**

Multiple Sclerosis Awareness Week: Senate agreed to S. Res. 435, supporting the goals and ideals of Multiple Sclerosis Awareness Week. **Pages S1129–31**

Support for the People on Madeira Island: Senate agreed to S. Res. 436, expressing support for the people affected by the natural disasters on Madeira Island. **Pages S1129–31**

Iraqi Parliamentary Elections: Senate agreed to S. Res. 437, expressing the sense of the Senate regarding the positive effect of the upcoming Iraqi parliamentary elections on Iraq’s political reconciliation and democratic institutions. **Pages S1129–31**

Read Across America Day: Senate agreed to S. Res. 438, designating March 2, 2010, as “Read Across America Day”. **Pages S1129–31**

National Autoimmune Diseases Awareness Month: Committee on the Judiciary was discharged from further consideration of S. Res. 372, designating March 2010 as “National Autoimmune Diseases Awareness Month” and supporting efforts to increase awareness of autoimmune diseases and increase funding for autoimmune disease research, and the resolution was then agreed to, after agreeing to the following amendment proposed thereto: **Pages S1206–07**

Reid (for Levin) Amendment No. 3426, to amend the resolving clause. **Pages S1206–07**

People and Government of Chile following Earthquake: Committee on Foreign Relations was discharged from further consideration of S. Res. 431, expressing profound concern, deepest sympathies, and solidarity on behalf of the people of the United States to the people and Government of Chile following the massive earthquake, and the resolution was then agreed to. **Page S1207**

Women in the Armed Forces of the United States: Senate agreed to S. Res. 441, recognizing the history and continued accomplishments of women in the Armed Forces of the United States. **Pages S1207–09**

Re-Establishment of the State of Lithuania: Senate agreed to S. Res. 442, congratulating the people

of the Republic of Lithuania on the Act of the Re-Establishment of the State of Lithuania, or Act of March 11, and celebrating the rich history of Lithuania. **Pages S1207–09**

Honoring the Life and Service of Enrique “Kiki” Camarena: Senate agreed to S. Res. 443, honoring the life and service of Enrique “Kiki” Camarena. **Pages S1207–09**

Authorizing Testimony and Legal Representation: Senate agreed to S. Res. 444, to authorize testimony and legal representation in *City of Vancouver v. Galloway*. **Pages S1207–09**

Authorizing the Production of Records: Senate agreed to S. Res. 445, to authorize the production of records by the Permanent Subcommittee on Investigations of the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs. **Pages S1207–09**

Measures Considered:

Tax Extenders Act—Agreement: Senate continued consideration of H.R. 4213, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to extend certain expiring provisions, taking action on the following amendments proposed thereto:

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Adopted:

Stabenow Amendment No. 3382 (to Amendment No. 3336), to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to allow companies to utilize existing alternative minimum tax credits to create and maintain American jobs through new domestic investments. **Page S1151**

Reid (for Baucus) Amendment No. 3406 (to Amendment No. 3336), to make technical changes. **Page S1164**

Reid (for Dodd) Amendment No. 3349 (to Amendment No. 3336), to clarify the effective date of section 244. **Page S1164**

Reid (for Leahy) Modified Amendment No. 3346 (to Amendment No. 3336), to improve title V. **Page S1164**

Withdrawn:

Whitehouse Amendment No. 3354 (to Amendment No. 3336), to encourage energy efficiency and conservation and development of renewable energy sources for housing, commercial structures, and other buildings, and to create sustainable communities. **Pages S1158–59**

Pending:

Baucus Amendment No. 3336, in the nature of a substitute. **Page S1126**

Landrieu Modified Amendment No. 3335 (to Amendment No. 3336), to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to extend for 2 years the low-

income housing credit rules for buildings in GO Zones. **Page S1126**

Reid (for Murray) Modified Amendment No. 3356 (to Amendment No. 3336), to extend the TANF Emergency Fund through fiscal year 2011 and to provide funding for summer employment for youth. **Pages S1126, S1160–61**

Coburn Amendment No. 3358 (to Amendment No. 3336), to require the Senate to be transparent with taxpayers about spending. **Pages S1126, S1149–50**

Baucus (for Webb/Boxer) Amendment No. 3342 (to Amendment No. 3336), to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to impose an excise tax on excessive 2009 bonuses received from certain major recipients of Federal emergency economic assistance, to limit the deduction allowable for such bonuses. **Pages S1126, S1147–49**

Feingold/Coburn Amendment No. 3368 (to Amendment No. 3336), to provide for the rescission of unused transportation earmarks and to establish a general reporting requirement for any unused earmarks. **Page S1126**

Reid Amendment No. 3417 (to Amendment No. 3336), to temporarily modify the allocation of geothermal receipts. **Page S1161**

McCain/Graham Amendment No. 3427 (to Amendment No. 3336), to prohibit the use of reconciliation to consider changes in Medicare. **Pages S1161–62**

Lincoln Amendment No. 3401 (to Amendment No. 3336), to improve a provision relating to emergency disaster assistance. **Pages S1162–64**

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

By 44 yeas to 56 nays (Vote No. 40), three-fifths of those Senators duly chosen and sworn, not having voted in the affirmative, Senate rejected the motion to waive pursuant to section 403 of S. Con. Res. 13, the concurrent resolution on the budget for fiscal year 2010, with respect to section 103(d) of Brown (MA) Amendment No. 3391 (to Amendment No. 3336), to provide for a 6-month employee payroll tax rate cut, and the emergency designation was stricken. Subsequently, the Chair sustained a point of order against Brown (MA) Amendment No. 3391 (to Amendment No. 3336), as being in violation of section 201 of S. Con. Res. 21 of 2008, and the amendment thus fell. **Pages S1142–46, S1151–52**

By 22 yeas to 78 nays (Vote No. 41), three-fifths of those Senators duly chosen and sworn, not having voted in the affirmative, Senate rejected the motion to waive pursuant to section 904 of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974 and section 4(g)(3) of the Statutory Pay-As-You-Go Act of 2010, with respect to Burr Amendment No. 3389 (to Amendment No. 3336), to provide Federal reimbursement to State

and local Governments for a limited sales, use, and retailers' occupation tax holiday, and to offset the cost of such reimbursements. Subsequently, the Chair sustained a point of order against Burr Amendment No. 3389 (to Amendment No. 3336), as being in violation of section 201 of S. Con. Res. 21 of 2008, and the amendment thus fell.

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By 59 yeas to 41 nays (Vote No. 42), three-fifths of those Senators duly chosen and sworn, not having voted in the affirmative, Senate rejected the motion to waive pursuant to section 904 of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974 and section 4(g)(3) of the Statutory Pay-As-You-Go Act of 2010, with respect Sessions Amendment No. 3337 (to Amendment No. 3336), to reduce the deficit by establishing discretionary spending caps. Subsequently, the Chair sustained a point of order against Sessions Amendment No. 3337 (to Amendment No. 3336), as being in violation of section 306 of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974, and the amendment thus fell.

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A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the bill at approximately 9:30 a.m., on Friday, March 5, 2010.

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Nominations Confirmed: Senate confirmed the following nominations:

By unanimous vote of 99 yeas (Vote No. EX. 43), William M. Conley, of Wisconsin, to be United States District Judge for the Western District of Wisconsin.

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Terry A. Yonkers, of Maryland, to be an Assistant Secretary of the Air Force.

Frank Kendall III, of Virginia, to be Principal Deputy Under Secretary of Defense for Acquisition, Technology, and Logistics.

Erin C. Conaton, of the District of Columbia, to be Under Secretary of the Air Force.

Paul Luis Oostburg Sanz, of Maryland, to be General Counsel of the Department of the Navy.

Malcolm Ross O'Neill, of Virginia, to be an Assistant Secretary of the Army.

Jackalyn Pfannenstiel, of California, to be an Assistant Secretary of the Navy.

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Authorities for Committees to Meet: Pages S1205–06

Record Votes: Four record votes were taken today. (Total—43) Pages S1152–53

Adjournment: Senate convened at 9:30 a.m. and adjourned at 7:39 p.m., until 9:30 a.m. on Friday, March 5, 2010. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today's Record on page S1209.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

APPROPRIATIONS: DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Transportation, Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies concluded a hearing to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2011 for the Department of Transportation, after receiving testimony from Ray LaHood, Secretary of Transportation.

APPROPRIATIONS: DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies concluded a hearing to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2011 for the Department of Commerce, after receiving testimony from Gary Locke, Secretary, and Todd J. Zinser, Inspector General, both of the Department of Commerce.

APPROPRIATIONS: DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Energy and Water Development concluded a hearing to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2011 for the Department of Energy, after receiving testimony from Steven Chu, Secretary of Energy.

APPROPRIATIONS: SECRETARY OF THE SENATE, SERGEANT AT ARMS, AND U.S. CAPITOL POLICE

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Legislative Branch concluded a hearing to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2011 for the Office of the Secretary of the Senate, the Office of the Senate Sergeant at Arms, and the Office of the U.S. Capitol Police, after receiving testimony from Nancy Erickson, Secretary of the Senate; Terrance W. Gainer, Sergeant at Arms and Doorkeeper of the Senate; and Chief Phillip D. Morse, Sr., United States Capitol Police.