

Daily Digest

HIGHLIGHTS

Senate passed H.R. 4213, Tax Extenders Act, as amended.

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S1321–S1413

Measures Introduced: Eight bills and two resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 3096–3103, and S. Con. Res. 53–54. **Pages S1358–59**

Measures Reported:

S. 443, to transfer certain land to the United States to be held in trust for the Hoh Indian Tribe, to place land into trust for the Hoh Indian Tribe, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. (S. Rept. No. 111–161) **Page S1358**

Measures Passed:

Tax Extenders Act: By 62 yeas to 36 nays (vote No. 48), Senate passed H.R. 4213, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to extend certain expiring provisions, after taking action on the following amendments proposed thereto: **Pages S1338–40**

Adopted:

Baucus Amendment No. 3336, in the nature of a substitute. **Pages S1338–39**

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

Chair sustained a point of order under rule XXII, that the following amendments were not germane, and the amendments thus fell:

Baucus (for Webb/Boxer) Modified 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. **Page S1338**

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 S1338**

McCain/Graham Amendment No. 3427 (to Amendment No. 3336), to prohibit the use of reconciliation to consider changes in Medicare. **Page S1338**

By 66 yeas to 33 nays (Vote No. 47), three-fifths of those Senators duly chosen and sworn, having voted in the affirmative, Senate agreed to the motion to close further debate on the bill. **Page S1339**

American Sail Training Association: Committee on the Judiciary was discharged from further consideration of S. Res. 158, to commend the American Sail Training Association for advancing international goodwill and character building under sail, and the resolution was then agreed to, after agreeing to the following amendments proposed thereto: **Page S1409**

Dorgan (for Kerry) Amendment No. 3459, to amend the resolving clause. **Page S1409**

Dorgan (for Kerry) Amendment No. 3460, to amend the preamble. **Page S1409**

Lord's Resistance Army Disarmament and Northern Uganda Recovery Act: Senate passed S. 1067, to support stabilization and lasting peace in northern Uganda and areas affected by the Lord's Resistance Army through development of a regional strategy to support multilateral efforts to successfully protect civilians and eliminate the threat posed by the Lord's Resistance Army and to authorize funds for humanitarian relief and reconstruction, reconciliation, and transitional justice, after agreeing to the committee amendment in the nature of a substitute, and the following amendment proposed thereto: **Pages S1409–12**

Dorgan (for Feingold) Amendment No. 3461, to express the sense of Congress regarding the funding of activities under this Act. **Pages S1411–12**

Measures Considered:

Tax on Bonuses Received From Certain TARP Recipients—Agreement: Senate began consideration of H.R. 1586, to impose an additional tax on

bonuses received from certain TARP recipients, taking action on the following amendments proposed thereto:

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Pending:

Rockefeller Amendment No. 3452, in the nature of a substitute.

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Sessions/McCaskill Amendment No. 3453 (to Amendment No. 3452), to reduce the deficit by establishing discretionary spending caps.

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Lieberman Amendment No. 3456 (to Amendment No. 3452), to reauthorize the DC opportunity scholarship program.

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A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the bill at approximately 10:30 a.m., on Thursday, March 11, 2010.

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Message from the President: Senate received the following message from the President of the United States:

Transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on the continuation of the national emergency that was declared on March 15, 1995, with respect to Iran; which was referred to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs. (PM–49)

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Nominations Confirmed: Senate confirmed the following nominations:

Genevieve Lynn May, of Louisiana, to be United States Marshal for the Eastern District of Louisiana for the term of four years.

Sandford Blitz, of Maine, to be Federal Cochairperson of the Northern Border Regional Commission.

Walter Crawford Jones, of Maryland, to be United States Director of the African Development Bank for a term of five years.

Ian Hoddy Solomon, of Maryland, to be United States Executive Director of the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development for a term of two years.

Leocadia Irine Zak, of the District of Columbia, to be Director of the Trade and Development Agency.

Earl F. Gohl, Jr., of the District of Columbia, to be Federal Cochairman of the Appalachian Regional Commission.

Scott H. DeLisi, of Minnesota, to be Ambassador to the Federal Democratic Republic of Nepal.

Beatrice Wilkinson Welters, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago.

Kathleen S. Tighe, of Virginia, to be Inspector General, Department of Education.

Ian C. Kelly, of Maryland, to be U. S. Representative to the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe, with the rank of Ambassador.

Douglas A. Rediker, of Massachusetts, to be United States Alternate Executive Director of the International Monetary Fund for a term of two years.

Brooke D. Anderson, of California, to be Alternate Representative of the United States of America for Special Political Affairs in the United Nations, with the rank of Ambassador.

Brooke D. Anderson, of California, to be an Alternate Representative of the United States of America to the Sessions of the General Assembly of the United Nations during her tenure of service as Alternate Representative of the United States of America for Special Political Affairs in the United Nations.

Rosemary Anne DiCarlo, of the District of Columbia, to be the Deputy Representative of the United States of America to the United Nations, with the rank and status of Ambassador, and the Deputy Representative of the United States of America in the Security Council of the United Nations.

Rosemary Anne DiCarlo, of the District of Columbia, to be Representative of the United States of America to the Sessions of the General Assembly of the United Nations, during her tenure of service as Deputy Representative of the United States of America to the United Nations.

Larry Persily, of Alaska, to be Federal Coordinator for Alaska Natural Gas Transportation Projects for the term prescribed by law.

Donald E. Booth, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to the Federal Democratic Republic of Ethiopia.

William Joseph Hochul, Jr., of New York, to be United States Attorney for the Western District of New York for the term of four years.

Sally Quillian Yates, of Georgia, to be United States Attorney for the Northern District of Georgia for the term of four years.

Routine lists in the Foreign Service.

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Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

Mimi E. Alemayehou, of the District of Columbia, to be Executive Vice President of the Overseas Private Investment Corporation.

Elizabeth A. McGrath, of Virginia, to be Deputy Chief Management Officer of the Department of Defense.

Raymond Joseph Lohier, Jr., of New York, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Second Circuit.

Kathleen M. O'Malley, of Ohio, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Federal Circuit.

Catherine C. Eagles, of North Carolina, to be United States District Judge for the Middle District of North Carolina.

John J. McConnell, Jr., of Rhode Island, to be United States District Judge for the District of Rhode Island.

Kimberly J. Mueller, of California, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of California.

Thomas Edward Delahanty II, of Maine, to be United States Attorney for the District of Maine for the term of four years.

Wendy J. Olson, of Idaho, to be United States Attorney for the District of Idaho for the term of four years.

Cathy Jo Jones, of Ohio, to be United States Marshal for the Southern District of Ohio for the term of four years.

1 Army nomination in the rank of general.

2 Navy nominations in the rank of admiral.

Routine lists in the Air Force, Army, and Coast Guard.

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Record Votes: Two record votes were taken today. (Total—48) Page S1339

Adjournment: Senate convened at 9:30 a.m. and adjourned at 7:06 p.m., until 9:30 a.m. on Thursday, March 11, 2010. (For Senate’s program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today’s Record on page S1413.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

APPROPRIATIONS: NATIONAL NUCLEAR SECURITY ADMINISTRATION

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Energy and Water Development concluded a hearing to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2011

for the National Nuclear Security Administration, after receiving testimony from Thomas P. D’Agostino, Under Secretary of Energy for Nuclear Security and Administration, National Nuclear Security Administration.

DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE HEALTH PROGRAMS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Defense concluded a hearing to examine Department of Defense health programs, after receiving testimony from Lieutenant General Eric B. Schoomaker, Surgeon General of the United States Army, Commander, U.S. Army Medical Command (MEDCOM), Vice Admiral Adam M. Robinson, Jr., Medical Command, Surgeon General of the Navy, Lieutenant General Charles B. Green, Surgeon General of the Air Force, Major General Patricia D. Horoho, Chief, United States Army Nurse Corps, Rear Admiral Karen A. Flaherty, Director, Navy Nurse Corps, and Major General Kimberly A. Siniscalchi, Assistant Air Force Surgeon General, Nursing Services, all of the Department of Defense.

APPROPRIATIONS: DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, Education, and Related Agencies concluded a hearing to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2011 for the Department of Health and Human Services, after receiving testimony from Kathleen Sebelius, Secretary of Health and Human Services.

COUNTERING VIOLENT EXTREMISM

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Emerging Threats and Capabilities concluded a hearing to examine U.S. government efforts to counter violent extremism, after receiving testimony from Daniel Benjamin, Ambassador-at-Large, Counterterrorism, Department of State; Garry Reid, Deputy Assistant Secretary for Special Operations and Combating Terrorism, and Lieutenant General Francis H. Kearney III, USA, Deputy Commander, United States Special Operations Command (USSOCOM), both of the Department of Defense; Doug Stone, Transportation Networks International, Placerville, California; Scott Atran, ARTIS Research and Risk Modeling, New York, New York; and James J.F. Forest, United States Military Academy Combating Terrorism Center, West Point, New York.

DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION AND FUTURE YEARS DEFENSE PROGRAM

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Personnel concluded a hearing to examine the Active, Guard, Reserve, and civilian personnel programs in