

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S1685–S1757

Measures Introduced: Nine bills and two resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 3136–3144, and S. Res. 461–462. **Page S1750**

Measures Passed:

Recognizing the Life of Orlando Zapata Tamayo: Committee on Foreign Relations was discharged from further consideration of S. Con. Res. 54, recognizing the life of Orlando Zapata Tamayo, who died on February 23, 2010, in the custody of the Government of Cuba, and calling for a continued focus on the promotion of internationally recognized human rights, listed in the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, in Cuba, and the resolution was then agreed to, after agreeing to the following amendment proposed thereto: **Pages S1755–56**

Reid (for Nelson (FL)) Amendment No. 3552, recognizing the life of Orlando Zapata Tamayo, who died on February 23, 2010, in the custody of the Government of Cuba, and calling for a continued focus on the promotion of internationally recognized human rights, listed in the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, in Cuba. **Pages S1755–56**

Take Our Daughters and Sons To Work Day: Senate agreed to S. Res. 462, recognizing Thursday, April 22, 2010, as “Take Our Daughters and Sons To Work Day”. **Page S1756**

Measures Considered:

Tax on Bonuses Received From Certain TARP Recipients—Agreement: Senate continued 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: **Pages S1693–S1736**

Rejected:

By 26 yeas to 70 nays (Vote No. 60), McCain/Bayh Amendment No. 3475 (to Amendment No. 3452), to prohibit earmarks in years in which there is a deficit. **Pages S1693, S1697–S1700**

Pending:

Rockefeller Amendment No. 3452, in the nature of a substitute. **Page S1693**

McCain Amendment No. 3527 (to Amendment No. 3452), to require the Administrator of the Federal Aviation Administration to develop a financing proposal for fully funding the development and implementation of technology for the Next Generation Air Transportation System. **Page S1693**

McCain Amendment No. 3528 (to Amendment No. 3452), to provide standards for determining whether the substantial restoration of the natural quiet and experience of the Grand Canyon National Park has been achieved and to clarify regulatory authority with respect to commercial air tours operating over the Park. **Page S1693**

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

By 56 yeas to 40 nays (Vote No. 57), 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 Sessions/McCaskill Modified Amendment No. 3453 (to Amendment No. 3452), to reduce the deficit by establishing discretionary spending caps. Subsequently, the Chair sustained a point of order against Sessions/McCaskill Modified Amendment No. 3453 (to Amendment No. 3452), as being in violation of section 306 of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974, and the amendment thus fell. **Pages S1693, S1695–97, S1715–16**

By 27 yeas to 70 nays (Vote No. 58), 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 Pryor Amendment No. 3548 (to Amendment 3452), to reduce the deficit by establishing discretionary spending caps. Subsequently, the Chair sustained a point of order against Pryor Amendment No. 3548 (to Amendment 3452), that the amendment contained matter within the jurisdiction of the Committee on the Budget and as being in violation of section 306 of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974, and the amendment thus fell. **Pages S1693–95, S1716**

By 41 yeas to 56 nays (Vote No. 59), 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 Inhofe Amendment No. 3549 (to Amendment No. 3475), to reduce the deficit by establishing discretionary spending caps for non-security spending. Subsequently, the Chair sustained a point of order against the Inhofe Amendment No. 3549 (to Amendment No. 3475), that the amendment contained matter within the jurisdiction of the Committee on the Budget and as being in violation 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 19, 2010.

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Record Votes: Four record votes were taken today. (Total—60) **Pages S1716, S1722–23**

Adjournment: Senate convened at 9:31 a.m. and adjourned at 7:43 p.m., until 9:30 a.m. on Friday, March 19, 2010. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today's Record on page S1757.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

APPROPRIATIONS: ARCHITECT OF THE CAPITOL AND OFFICE OF COMPLIANCE

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Legislative Branch concluded a hearing to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2011 for the

Office of the Architect of the Capitol, and the Office of Compliance, after receiving testimony from Stephen T. Ayres, Acting Architect of the Capitol; and Tamara E. Chrisler, Executive Director, Office of Compliance.

U.S. POSTAL SERVICE FINANCIAL SITUATION

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Financial Services and General Government concluded a hearing to examine proposals for addressing the current financial situation facing the United States Postal Service, after receiving testimony from John E. Potter, Postmaster General and Chief Executive Officer, and David C. Williams, Inspector General, both of the United States Postal Service; Ruth Y. Goldway, Chairman, Postal Regulatory Commission; and Phillip Herr, Director, Physical Infrastructure Issues, Government Accountability Office.

“DON’T ASK, DON’T TELL” POLICY

Committee on Armed Services: Committee continued hearings to examine the “Don’t Ask, Don’t Tell” policy, after receiving testimony from General John J. Sheehan, USMC (Ret.), former Supreme Allied Commander, Atlantic, and former Commander in Chief, United States Atlantic Command; Michael D. Almy, former Major, United States Air Force; and Jenny L. Kopfstein, former Lieutenant Junior Grade, United States Navy.

NOMINATIONS

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of Robert J. Papp Jr., to be a Commandant of the United States Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, who was introduced by Senator Kerry, Larry Robinson, of Florida, to be Assistant Secretary of Commerce for Oceans and Atmosphere, Earl F. Weener, of Oregon, to be a Member of the National Transportation Safety Board, who was introduced by Senator Merkley, Michael F. Tillman, of California, to be a Member, and Daryl J. Boness, of Maine, to be a Chairman, both of the Marine Mammal Commission, and Jeffrey R. Moreland, of Texas, to be a Director of the Amtrak Board of Directors, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

COMMERCIAL SPACE CAPABILITIES

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Subcommittee on Science and Space concluded a hearing to examine assessing commercial space capabilities, after receiving testimony from Bryan O’Conner, Chief, Office of Safety and Mission Assurance, and Malcolm L. Peterson, former Comptroller, both of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration;