

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S3793–S3847

Measures Introduced: Four bills and two resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 3378–3381, and S. Res. 532–533. **Page S3831**

Measures Reported:

Special Report entitled “Further Revised Budget Allocation to Subcommittees of Budget Totals”. (S. Rept. No. 111–191)

S. 3378, to authorize health care for individuals exposed to environmental hazards at Camp Lejeune and the Atsugi Naval Air Facility, to establish an advisory board to examine exposures to environmental hazards during military service. (S. Rept. No. 111–189)

S. 1214, to conserve fish and aquatic communities in the United States through partnerships that foster fish habitat conservation, to improve the quality of life for the people of the United States, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. (S. Rept. No. 111–190)

S. 2868, to provide increased access to the General Services Administration’s Schedules Program by the American Red Cross and State and local governments. (S. Rept. No. 111–192) **Pages S3830–31**

Measures Passed:

National Foster Care Month: Senate agreed to S. Res. 533, recognizing National Foster Care Month as an opportunity to raise awareness about the challenges of children in the foster care system and encouraging Congress to implement policy to improve the lives of children in the foster care system. **Pages S3846–47**

Measures Considered:

Restoring American Financial Stability Act—Agreement: Senate resumed consideration of S. 3217, to promote the financial stability of the United States by improving accountability and transparency in the financial system, to end “too big to fail”, to protect the American taxpayer by ending bailouts, to protect consumers from abusive financial services practices, taking action on the following amendments proposed thereto: **Pages S3801–19**

Adopted:

Dodd (for Rockefeller/Hutchison) Modified Amendment No. 3758 (to Amendment No. 3739), to preserve the authority of the Federal Trade Commission. **Pages S3802, S3806–08**

By a unanimous vote of 94 yeas (Vote No. 152), Cornyn/Vitter Amendment No. 3986 (to Amendment No. 3739), to protect United States taxpayers from paying for the bailouts of foreign governments. **Pages S3802–03, S3810**

Udall (CO) Amendment No. 4016 (to Amendment No. 3739), to improve consumer notification of numerical credit scores used in certain lending transactions. **Pages S3802, S3810**

Dodd (for Bond) Amendment No. 4056 (to Amendment No. 3739), to improve section 412 and section 926. **Pages S3811–12, S3812–14, S3817**

Pending:

Reid (for Dodd/Lincoln) Amendment No. 3739, in the nature of a substitute. **Pages S3801–19**

Brownback Further Modified Amendment No. 3789 (to Amendment No. 3739), to provide for an exclusion from the authority of the Bureau of Consumer Financial Protection for certain automobile manufacturers. **Pages S3801–02, S3814**

Brownback (for Snowe/Pryor) Amendment No. 3883 (to Amendment No. 3739), to ensure small business fairness and regulatory transparency. **Page S3802**

Specter Modified Amendment No. 3776 (to Amendment No. 3739), to amend section 20 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 to allow for a private civil action against a person that provides substantial assistance in violation of such Act. **Page S3802**

Dodd (for Leahy) Amendment No. 3823 (to Amendment No. 3739), to restore the application of the Federal antitrust laws to the business of health insurance to protect competition and consumers. **Page S3802**

Whitehouse Modified Amendment No. 3746 (to Amendment No. 3739), to restore to the States the right to protect consumers from usurious lenders. **Pages S3802, S3803–04, S3808**

Dodd (for Cantwell) Amendment No. 3884 (to Amendment No. 3739), to improve appropriate limitations on affiliations with certain member banks.

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Cardin Amendment No. 4050 (to Amendment No. 3739), to require the disclosure of payments by resource extraction issuers.

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A motion was entered to close further debate on the Reid (for Dodd/Lincoln) Amendment No. 3739, (listed above), and, in accordance with the provisions of Rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, a vote on cloture will occur on Wednesday, May 19, 2010.

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A motion was entered to close further debate on the bill, and, in accordance with the provisions of Rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, a vote on cloture will occur upon disposition of Reid (for Dodd/Lincoln) Amendment No. 3739, (listed above).

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

By 47 yeas to 46 nays (Vote No. 151), three-fifths of those Senators duly chosen and sworn, having not 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 Crapo Amendment No. 4020 (to Amendment No. 3739), to limit further bailouts of Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac, to enhance the regulation and oversight of such enterprises. Subsequently, the point of order that the amendment was in violation of section 306 of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974, was sustained, and the amendment thus fell.

Pages S3804–06, S3809–10

A unanimous-consent-time agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the bill at approximately 11 a.m., on Tuesday, May 18, 2010, and that there be 30 minutes for debate with respect to Gregg Amendment No. 4051, prior to a vote; with the time equally divided and controlled between Senators Dodd and Gregg, or their designees; that upon the use of yielding back of time, Senate vote on or in relation to the amendment, with no amendment in order to the amendment prior to the vote; that the Gregg amendment be subject to an affirmative 60 vote threshold; and if the amendment achieves that threshold, then it be agreed to; that if it does not achieve that threshold, then it be withdrawn; provided that the following be the next first-degree amendments in order: Corker amendment, with Senator Carper side-by side to the Corker amendment; provided further, that the filing deadline for first-degree amendments be 12 noon on Tuesday, May 18, 2010.

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Nomination Received: Senate received the following nomination:

John S. Pistole, of Virginia, to be an Assistant Secretary of Homeland Security.

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Record Votes: Two record votes were taken today. (Total—152) **Pages S3809–10, S3810**

Adjournment: Senate convened at 2 p.m. and adjourned at 7:55 p.m., until 10 a.m. on Tuesday, May 18, 2010. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S3847.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

DEEPWATER HORIZON OIL SPILL

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the Gulf Coast disaster, focusing on assessing the nation's response to the Deepwater Horizon oil spill, after receiving testimony from Janet Napolitano, Secretary, and Rear Admiral Peter V. Neffenger, Deputy National Incident Commander, United States Coast Guard, both of the Department of Homeland Security; and Lamar McKay, BP America, Houston, Texas.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: Committee ordered favorably reported the following bills:

S. 3196, to amend the Presidential Transition Act of 1963 to provide that certain transition services shall be available to eligible candidates before the general election;

H.R. 1454, to provide for the issuance of a Multi-national Species Conservation Funds Semipostal Stamp, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;