

# Daily Digest

## HIGHLIGHTS

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## Senate

### Chamber Action

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**Measures Introduced:** Eight bills were introduced, as follows: S. 3766–3773. **Pages S7033–34**

#### Measures Reported:

Reported on Thursday, September 2, during the adjournment:

S. 3765, to amend title 38, United States Code, to improve Servicemembers' Group Life Insurance and Veterans' Group Life Insurance and to modify the provision of compensation and pension to surviving spouses of veterans in months of the deaths of the veterans. (S. Rept. No. 111–282)

S. 3073, to amend the Federal Water Pollution Control Act to protect and restore the Great Lakes, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. (S. Rept. No. 111–283)

S. 3539, to amend the Federal Water Pollution Control Act to establish a grant program to assist in the restoration of San Francisco Bay, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. (S. Rept. No. 111–284)

S. 3234, to improve employment, training, and placement services furnished to veterans, especially those serving in Operation Iraqi Freedom and Operation Enduring Freedom, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. (S. Rept. No. 111–285)

S. 3325, to amend title 38, United States Code, to authorize the waiver of the collection of copayments for telehealth and telemedicine visits of veterans, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. (S. Rept. No. 111–286)

S. 3486, to amend title 38, United States Code, to repeal the prohibition on collective bargaining with respect to matters and questions regarding compensation of employees of the Department of Veterans Affairs other than rates of basic pay. (S. Rept. No. 111–287)

S. 3609, to extend the temporary authority for performance of medical disability examinations by

contract physicians for the Department of Veterans Affairs. (S. Rept. No. 111–288)

Reported on Monday, September 13:

S. 3084, to increase the competitiveness of United States businesses, particularly small and medium-sized manufacturing firms, in interstate and global commerce, foster job creation in the United States, and assist United States businesses in developing or expanding commercial activities in interstate and global commerce by expanding the ambit of the Hollings Manufacturing Extension Partnership program and the Technology Innovation Program to include projects that have potential for commercial exploitation in nondomestic markets, providing for an increase in related resources of the Department of Commerce, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. (S. Rept. No. 111–289) **Page S7033**

#### Measures Passed:

**National Aerospace Week:** Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation was discharged from further consideration of H. Con. Res. 292, supporting the goals and ideals of National Aerospace Week, and the resolution was then agreed to.

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#### Small Business Lending Fund Act—Agreement:

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that at 10 a.m., on Tuesday, September 14, 2010, Senate resume consideration of H.R. 5297, to create the Small Business Lending Fund Program to direct the Secretary of the Treasury to make capital investments in eligible institutions in order to increase the availability of credit for small businesses, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide tax incentives for small business job creation, with the time until 11 a.m., equally divided and controlled between the two Leaders, or their designees.

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**Nomination Confirmed:** Senate confirmed the following nomination:

By 71 yeas, 21 nays (Vote No. EX. 230), Jane Branstetter Stranch, of Tennessee, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Sixth Circuit.

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**Nominations Received:** Senate received the following nominations:

Robert Neil Chatigny, of Connecticut, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Second Circuit.

Goodwin Liu, of California, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Ninth Circuit.

Louis B. Butler, Jr., of Wisconsin, to be United States District Judge for the Western District of Wisconsin.

Edward Milton Chen, of California, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of California.

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

Elizabeth Ann Hagen, of Virginia, to be Under Secretary of Agriculture for Food Safety (Recess Appointment).

Peter A. Diamond, of Massachusetts, to be a Member of the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System for the unexpired term of fourteen years from February 1, 2000.

Samuel Epstein Angel, of Arkansas, to be a Member of the Mississippi River Commission for a term of nine years.

Alan D. Bersin, of California, to be Commissioner of Customs, Department of Homeland Security.

Donald M. Berwick, of Massachusetts, to be Administrator of the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services.

Jeffrey Alan Goldstein, of New York, to be an Under Secretary of the Treasury.

Richard Soriano, of New York, to be an Assistant Secretary of Health and Human Services (Recess Appointment).

Mari Carmen Aponte, of the District of Columbia, to be Ambassador to the Republic of El Salvador (Recess Appointment).

Cameron Munter, of California, to be Ambassador to the Islamic Republic of Pakistan.

Pamela Ann White, of Maine, to be Ambassador to the Republic of The Gambia.

Thomas M. Beck, of Virginia, to be a Member of the National Mediation Board for a term expiring July 1, 2013.

Marsha Ternus, of Iowa, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the State Justice Institute for a term expiring September 17, 2012.

Winslow Lorenzo Sargeant, of Wisconsin, to be Chief Counsel for Advocacy, Small Business Administration (Recess Appointment).

8 Air Force nominations in the rank of general.

2 Army nominations in the rank of general.

2 Marine Corps nominations in the rank of general.

1 Navy nomination in the rank of admiral.

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**Measures Read the First Time:** **Pages S7027, S7048**

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**Record Votes:** One record vote was taken today. (Total—EX. 230) **Page S7016**

**Adjournment:** Senate convened at 2:30 p.m. and adjourned at 6:55 p.m., until 10:00 a.m. on Tuesday, September 14, 2010. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S7049.)

## Committee Meetings

*(Committees not listed did not meet)*

### IMPEACHMENT TRIAL: PORTEOUS

*Impeachment Trial Committee (Porteous):* Committee began hearings to examine the Articles Against Judge G. Thomas Porteous, Jr., after receiving testimony from Representatives Schiff and Goodlatte; Jacob Amato, River Ridge, Louisiana; Robert Creely, Harahan, Louisiana; and Joseph Mole, New Orleans, Louisiana.

Committee will meet again on Tuesday, September 14.