

Friday, October 1, 2010

# Daily Digest

## HIGHLIGHTS:

See Résumé of Congressional Activity.

## Senate

### *Chamber Action*

Senate met at 11:30:00 a.m. in pro forma session, and recessed at 11:30:28 a.m. until 11 a.m., on Tuesday, October 5, 2010.

### *Committee Meetings*

*(Committees not listed did not meet)*

#### **BUSINESS MEETING**

*Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs:* On Thursday, September 30, 2010, Committee ordered favorably reported the following business items:

S. 118, to amend section 202 of the Housing Act of 1959, to improve the program under such section for supportive housing for the elderly, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute; and

S. 1481, to amend section 811 of the Cranston-Gonzalez National Affordable Housing Act to improve the program under such section for supportive housing for persons with disabilities, with an amendment.

#### **WALL STREET REFORM AND CONSUMER PROTECTION**

*Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs:* On Thursday, September 30, 2010, committee concluded a hearing to examine implementing the Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act, after receiving testimony from Neal Wolin, Deputy Secretary, and John Walsh, Acting Comptroller of the Currency, both of the Department of the Treasury; Ben S. Bernanke, Chairman, Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System; Sheila C. Bair, Chairman, Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation; Mary L. Schapiro, Chairman, United States Securities and Exchange Commission; and Gary Gensler, Chairman, Commodity Futures Trading Commission.

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#### **ROLE OF STRATEGIC MINERALS IN CLEAN ENERGY TECHNOLOGY**

*Committee on Energy and Natural Resources:* On Thursday, September 30, 2010, Subcommittee on Energy concluded a hearing to examine the role of strategic minerals in clean energy technologies and other applications, including S. 3521, to provide for the reestablishment of a domestic rare earths materials production and supply industry in the United States, after receiving testimony from David Sandalow, Assistant Secretary for Policy and International Affairs, Office of Policy and International Affairs, Department of Energy; Roderick Eggert, Colorado School of Mines, Golden; Preston Rufe, Formation Capital Corporation, Salmon, Idaho; Peter Brehm, Infinia Corporation, Kennewick, Washington.

#### **FEDERAL INVESTMENT IN FOR-PROFIT EDUCATION**

*Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions:* On Thursday, September 30, 2010, committee concluded a hearing to examine the Federal investment in for-profit education, focusing on if students are succeeding, after receiving testimony Lauren Asher, The Institute for College Access and Success, Oakland, California; Arnold Mitchem, Council for Opportunity in Education, Washington, D.C.; Danielle Johnson, Tama, Iowa; and Kathleen Bittel, Acme, Pennsylvania.

#### **EARTHQUAKE PREPAREDNESS**

*Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs:* On Thursday, September 30, 2010, Ad Hoc Subcommittee on State, Local, and Private Sector Preparedness and Integration concluded a hearing to examine earthquake preparedness, focusing on what the United States can learn from the 2010 Chilean and Haitian earthquakes, after receiving testimony from William Carwile, III, Associate Administrator, Office of Response and Recovery, Federal Emergency

Management Agency, Department of Homeland Security; Dirk W. Dijkerman, Acting Assistant Administrator, Bureau of Democracy, Conflict, and Humanitarian Assistance, and Carol Chan, Director, Office of U.S. Foreign Disaster Assistance, both of the U.S. Agency for International Development; Cristobal Lira, Chilean Ministry of Interior, Santiago, Chile; James Wilkinson, Central United States Earthquake Consortium, Memphis, Tennessee; Ellis Stanley, Sr., Dewberry, Los Angeles, California; Reginald DesRoches, Georgia Institute of Technology School of Civil and Environmental Engineering, Atlanta.

## DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

*Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs:* On Thursday, September 30, 2010, Subcommittee on Oversight of Government Management, the Federal Workforce, and the District of Columbia concluded a hearing to examine implementation, improvement, sustainability, focusing on management matters at the Department of Homeland Security, after receiving testimony from Jane Holl Lute, Deputy Secretary of Homeland Security; and Cathleen A. Berrick, Managing Director, Homeland Security and Justice Issues, Government Accountability Office.

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# House of Representatives

## *Chamber Action*

The House was not in session today. The House is scheduled to meet at 2 p.m. on Monday, November 15, 2010, pursuant to the provisions of H. Con. Res. 321.

## *Committee Meetings*

### DOD BUDGET INITIATIVES

*Committee on the Budget:* On September 30, the Committee held a hearing on Defense Department Budget initiatives. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

### COMBATING HUMAN TRAFFICKING

*Committee on Foreign Affairs:* On September 30, the Committee held a hearing on Out of the Shadows: The Global Fight Against Human Trafficking. Testimony was heard from Luis CdeBaca, Ambassador-at-Large, Office to Monitor and Combat Trafficking in Persons, Department of State; and public witnesses.

### CAMBODIA DEBT FORGIVENESS

*Committee on Foreign Affairs:* On September 30, the Subcommittee on Asia, The Pacific and The Global Environment held a hearing on Cambodia's Small Debt: When Will the U.S. Forgive? Testimony was heard from Joseph Y. Yun, Deputy Assistant Secretary, Bureau of East Asian and Pacific Affairs, Department of State.

### DOMESTIC NUCLEAR DETECTION OFFICE

*Committee on Homeland Security:* On September 30, the Subcommittee on Emerging Threats, Cybersecurity, and Science and Technology held a hearing entitled

“The Domestic Nuclear Detection Office: Can It Overcome Past Problems and Chart a New Direction?” Testimony was heard from Warren M. Stern, Director, Domestic Nuclear Detection Office, Department of Homeland Security.

### IMMIGRATION AND THE ECONOMY

*Committee on the Judiciary:* On September 30, the Subcommittee on Immigration, Citizenship, Refugees, Border Security, and International Law held a hearing on the Role of Immigration in Strengthening America's Economy. Testimony was heard from Michael R. Bloomberg, Mayor, New York City; and public witnesses.

### JOHNSON AND JOHNSON RECALL

*Committee on Oversight and Government Reform:* On September 30, the Committee held a hearing to examine the circumstances surrounding the recall of over 135 million bottles of infant and children's medicines produced by Johnson & Johnson/McNeil Consumer Healthcare. Testimony was heard from Joshua M. Sharfstein, M.D. Principal Deputy Commissioner, FDA, Department of Health and Human Services; and the following officials of Johnson & Johnson: William C. Weldon, Chairman and Chief Executive Officer; and Colleen Goggins, Worldwide Chairman, Consumer Group.

### USDA BIOTECH POLICY

*Committee on Oversight and Government Reform:* On September 30, the Subcommittee on Domestic Policy held a hearing entitled, “Are ‘Superweeds’ an Outgrowth of USDA Biotech Policy? (Part II).” Testimony was heard from Ann Wright, Deputy Under

Secretary, USDA; Jim Jones, Principle Deputy Assistant Administrator, Office of Chemical Safety and Pollution Prevention, EPA; and public witnesses.

#### **HEALTH IT STANDARDS**

*Committee on Science and Technology:* On September 30, the Subcommittee on Technology and Innovation held a hearing on Standards for Health IT: Meaningful Use and Beyond. Testimony was heard from David Blumenthal, National Coordinator, Health Information Technology, Office of the National Coordinator, Department of Health and Human Services; Kathleen M. Roberts, Associate Director, Federal and Industrial Relations, Information Technology Laboratory, National Institute of Standards and Technology, Department of Commerce; and public witnesses.

#### **CONGRESSIONAL WORKPLACE: SAFETY CONCERNS AND FUTURE PLANS**

*Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure:* On September 30, the Subcommittee on Economic Development, Public Buildings, and Emergency Manage-

ment held a hearing on The Congressional Workplace; Safety Concerns and Future Plans. Testimony was heard from Stephen T. Ayers, Architect of the Capitol; the following officials of the Office of Compliance: Tamara E. Chrisler, Executive Director; and Peter Ames Eveleth, General Counsel; and public witnesses.

#### **GREEN INFRASTRUCTURE LOW IMPACT DEVELOPMENT**

*Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure:* On September 30, the Subcommittee on Water Resources and Environment held a hearing on impact of Green Infrastructure and Low Impact Development on the Nation's Water Quality, Economy and Communities. Testimony was heard from Representative Schwartz, Adam Ortiz, Mayor, Edmonston, State of Maryland; and public witnesses.

#### **TRUE COST OF THE WAR**

*Committee on Veterans' Affairs:* On September 30, the Committee held a hearing on the True Cost of the War. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

# Résumé of Congressional Activity

## SECOND SESSION OF THE ONE HUNDRED ELEVENTH CONGRESS

The first table gives a comprehensive résumé of all legislative business transacted by the Senate and House. The second table accounts for all nominations submitted to the Senate by the President for Senate confirmation.

### EXECUTIVE DATA ON LEGISLATIVE ACTIVITY

January 5 through September 30, 2010

	<i>Senate</i>	<i>House</i>	<i>Total</i>
Days in session .....	119	108	..
Time in session .....	874 hrs., 29'	739 hrs., 18'	..
Congressional Record:			
Pages of proceedings .....	7,842	7,398	..
Extensions of Remarks .....	..	1,877	..
Public bills enacted into law .....	24	91	115
Private bills enacted into law .....	..	..	..
Bills in conference .....	1	1	..
Measures passed, total .....	440	752	1,192
Senate bills .....	72	39	..
House bills .....	109	298	..
Senate joint resolutions .....	3	3	..
House joint resolutions .....	3	4	..
Senate concurrent resolutions .....	9	3	..
House concurrent resolutions .....	27	41	..
Simple resolutions .....	217	364	..
Measures reported, total .....	311	257	568
Senate bills .....	217	1	..
House bills .....	80	177	..
Senate joint resolutions .....	1	..	..
House joint resolutions .....	..	..	..
Senate concurrent resolutions .....	1	..	..
House concurrent resolutions .....	..	3	..
Simple resolutions .....	12	76	..
Special reports .....	3	8	..
Conference reports .....	..	2	..
Measures pending on calendar .....	404	92	..
Measures introduced, total .....	1,343	2,832	4,175
Bills .....	1,017	1,983	..
Joint resolutions .....	14	32	..
Concurrent resolutions .....	26	102	..
Simple resolutions .....	286	715	..
Quorum calls .....	5	4	..
Yea-and-nay votes .....	248	377	..
Recorded votes .....	..	184	..
Bills vetoed .....	..	1	..
Vetoes overridden .....	..	..	..

### DISPOSITION OF EXECUTIVE NOMINATIONS

January 5 through September 30, 2010

Civilian nominations, totaling 581 (including 209 nominations carried over from the First Session), disposed of as follows:		
Confirmed .....		386
Unconfirmed .....		165
Withdrawn .....		14
Returned to White House .....		16
Other Civilian nominations, totaling 1615 (including 112 nominations carried over from the First Session), disposed of as follows:		
Confirmed .....		1,038
Unconfirmed .....		577
Air Force nominations, totaling 6,545 (including 759 nominations carried over from the First Session), disposed of as follows:		
Confirmed .....		5,338
Unconfirmed .....		1,207
Army nominations, totaling 6,337 (including 76 nominations carried over from the First Session), disposed of as follows:		
Confirmed .....		6,245
Unconfirmed .....		87
Withdrawn .....		5
Navy nominations, totaling 4,395 (including 8 nominations carried over from the First Session), disposed of as follows:		
Confirmed .....		4,390
Unconfirmed .....		5
Marine Corps nominations, totaling 1194 (including 714 nominations carried over from the First Session), disposed of as follows:		
Confirmed .....		1,192
Unconfirmed .....		2

#### Summary

Total Nominations carried over from First Session .....	1,878
Total Nominations Received this Session .....	18,789
Total Confirmed .....	18,589
Total Unconfirmed .....	2,043
Total Withdrawn .....	19
Total Returned to the White House .....	16

\*These figures include all measures reported, even if there was no accompanying report. A total of 230 written reports have been filed in the Senate, 267 reports have been filed in the House.

*Next Meeting of the SENATE*

11 a.m., Tuesday, October 5

*Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES*

2 p.m., Monday, November 15

Senate Chamber

House Chamber

**Program for Tuesday:** Senate will meet in a pro forma session.

**Program for Monday:** To be announced.



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