

Daily Digest

HIGHLIGHTS

Senator-Elect Mark Steven Kirk, of Illinois, was administered the oath of Office by the Vice President.

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S8207–S8255

Measures Introduced: Seven bills were introduced, as follows: S. 3979–3985. **Page S8244**

Measures Reported:

S. 3517, to amend title 38, United States Code, to improve the processing of claims for disability compensation filed with the Department of Veterans Affairs, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. (S. Rept. No. 111–354)

S. 3302, to amend title 49, United States Code, to establish new automobile safety standards, make better motor vehicle safety information available to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration and the public, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. **Page S8244**

Measures Passed:

American Diabetes Month: Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions was discharged from further consideration of S. Res. 676, supporting the goals and ideals of American Diabetes Month, and the resolution was then agreed to. **Page S8250**

100th Anniversary of the Weeks Law: Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry was discharged from further consideration of S. Res. 679, commemorating the 100th anniversary of the Weeks Law, and the resolution was then agreed to. **Pages S8250–51**

Measures Considered: FDA Food Safety Modernization Act—Agreement: Senate resumed consideration of S. 510, to amend the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act with respect to the safety of the food supply, after taking action on the following amendment and motions proposed thereto: **Pages S8219–26, S8227–39**

Pending:

Reid (for Harkin) Amendment No. 4715, in the nature of a substitute. **Page S8219**

Coburn Motion to suspend Rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, for the purposes of proposing and considering Coburn Amendment No. 4696. **Pages S8232–39**

Coburn Motion to suspend Rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, for the purposes of proposing and considering Coburn Amendment No. 4697. **Pages S8232–39**

During consideration of this measure today, Senate also took the following action: By 69 yeas to 26 nays (Vote No. 252), three-fifths of those Senators duly chosen and sworn, having voted in the affirmative, Senate agreed to the motion to close further debate on Reid (for Harkin) Amendment No. 4715 (listed above). **Page S8229**

By 61 yeas to 35 nays (Vote No. 253), two-thirds of those Senators duly chosen and sworn, not having voted in the affirmative, Senate rejected the motion to suspend Rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, including any germaneness requirements, for the purposes of proposing and considering Johanns Amendment No. 4702. **Page S8230**

By 44 yeas to 53 nays (Vote No. 254), two-thirds of those Senators duly chosen and sworn, not having voted in the affirmative, Senate rejected the motion to suspend Rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, for the purposes of proposing and considering Baucus Modified Amendment No. 4713. **Page S8231**

A unanimous-consent-time agreement was reached providing that at 9 a.m., on Tuesday, November 30, 2010, after any Leader time, Senate continue consideration of the bill, with 2 minutes of debate, equally divided and controlled between Senators Coburn and Inouye, prior to the vote on or in relation to the Coburn motion regarding earmarks No. 4697; that upon disposition of that motion; there be 2 minutes of debate, equally divided and controlled in the usual form; that the Senate then vote with respect

to the Coburn motion regarding a substitute amendment No. 4696; provided further that any other provisions of the previous order remain in effect; provided further that prior to passage of the bill, the Budget Committee pay-go statement be read into the Record; further that after the first vote, the succeeding votes be limited to 10 minutes each.

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Appointments:

Public Safety Officer Medal of Valor Review Board: The Chair, on behalf of the Majority Leader, pursuant to Public Law 107–12, appointed the following individual as a member of the Public Safety Officer Medal of Valor Review Board: Albert H. Gillespie of Nevada vice Thomas J. Scotto of New York. Page S8251

Swearing In of Senator Kirk: Senator-Elect Mark Steven Kirk, of Illinois, was sworn in to fill the unexpired term ending January 3, 2011, caused by the resignation of Senator Barack Obama. Page S8227

Morning Business—Agreement: A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that on Tuesday, November 30, 2010, upon disposition of S. 510, Senate proceed to a period of morning business with Senators permitted to speak therein for up to

10 minutes each; provided further, that Senator Dodd be recognized to speak at 4 p.m. Page S8251

Messages from the House: Page S8241

Measures Read the First Time: Pages S8241, S8251

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Additional Statements: Pages S8240–41

Privileges of the Floor: Page S8250

Record Votes: Three record votes were taken today. (Total—254) Pages S8229–31

Adjournment: Senate convened at 2 p.m. and adjourned at 10:01 p.m., until 9 a.m. on Tuesday, November 30, 2010. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S8251.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

No committee meetings were held.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 11 public bills, H.R. 6448–6458; and 6 resolutions, H.J. Res. 100; H. Res. 1734–1735, 1738–1740 were introduced. Pages H7643–44

Additional Cosponsors: Page H7644

Report Filed: A report was filed today as follows:

H. Res. 1736, providing for consideration of the Senate amendments to the bill (H.R. 4783) to accelerate the income tax benefits for charitable cash contributions for the relief of victims of the earthquake in Chile, and to extend the period from which such contributions for the relief of victims of the earthquake in Haiti may be accelerated (H. Rept. 111–660).

H. Res. 1737, in the matter of Representative Charles B. Rangel (H. Rept. 111–661). Page H7628

Speaker: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein she appointed Representative Richardson to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. Page H7617

Member Resignation: Read a letter from Representative Kirk, wherein he resigned as Representative for the Tenth Congressional District of Illinois, effective 4 p.m., Eastern Standard Time, Monday, November 29, 2010. Page H7618

Meeting Hour: Agreed that when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet at 10:30 a.m. tomorrow for morning hour debate. Page H7618

Suspensions: The House agreed to suspend the rules and pass the following measures:

Physician Payment and Therapy Relief Act of 2010: Concurred in the Senate amendments to H.R. 5712, to provide for certain clarifications and extensions under Medicare, Medicaid, and the Children's Health Insurance Program; Pages H7618–21

Lance Corporal Alexander Scott Arredondo, United States Marine Corps Post Office Building Designation Act: H.R. 5877, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 655 Centre Street in Jamaica Plain, Massachusetts, as the "Lance Corporal Alexander Scott Arredondo, United States Marine Corps Post Office Building", by a 2/3