John Andrew Ross, of Missouri, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Missouri.

Denise Ellen O’Donnell, of New York, to be Director of the Bureau of Justice Assistance.

Elisebeth Collins Cook, of Illinois, to be a Member of the Privacy and Civil Liberties Oversight Board for a term expiring January 29, 2014.

James Xavier Dempsey, of California, to be a Member of the Privacy and Civil Liberties Oversight Board for a term expiring January 29, 2016.

6 Air Force nominations in the rank of general.

4 Army nominations in the rank of general.

1 National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration nomination in the rank of admiral.

2 Navy nominations in the rank of admiral.


Messages from the House:

Measures Referred:

Executive Communications:

Additional Cosponsors:

Statements on Introduced Bills/Resolutions:

Additional Statements:

Amendments Submitted:

Record Votes: Two record votes were taken today. (Total—299)

Adjournment: Senate convened at 9 a.m. and adjourned sine die, pursuant to the provisions of H. Con. Res. 336, at 8:03 p.m., until 12 noon on Wednesday, January 5, 2011, for the convening of the 112th Congress. (For Senate’s program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today’s Record on page S11070.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

No committee meetings were held.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 1 public bill, H.R. 6570; and 4 resolutions, H.J. Res. 106–107; and H. Res. 1783–1784 were introduced.

Additional Cosponsors:

Reports Filed: There were no reports filed today.

Chaplain: The prayer was offered by the guest chaplain, Monsignor Stephen J. Rossetti, Catholic University of America, Washington, DC.

Ike Skelton National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2011: Agreed by unanimous consent that the Senate amendment to H.R. 6523, to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2011 for military activities of the Department of Defense, for military construction, and for defense activities of the Department of Energy and to prescribe military personnel strengths for such fiscal year, be considered. Pages H8944–45

Recess: The House recessed at 11:25 a.m. and reconvened at 3:50 p.m.

Meeting Hour: Agreed that when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet at 11 a.m. on Friday, December 24, 2010, unless it sooner has received a message from the Senate transmitting its concurrence in H. Con. Res. 336, in which case the House shall stand adjourned sine die pursuant to that concurrent resolution.

Order of Procedure: The House agreed by unanimous consent that it be in order at any time to take from the Speaker’s table H.R. 847, with the Senate amendment thereto, and to consider in the House, without intervention of any point of order except those arising under clause 10 of rule XXI, a motion offered by the chair of the Committee on Energy and Commerce or his designee that the House concur in the Senate amendment; that the Senate amendment be considered as read; that the motion be debatable for 30 minutes equally divided and controlled by the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on Energy and Commerce; and that the previous question be considered as ordered on the motion to final adoption without intervening motion.

James Zadroga 9/11 Health and Compensation Act of 2010: The House concurred in the Senate amendment to H.R. 847, to amend the Public Health Service Act to extend and improve protections and services to individuals directly impacted by the terrorist attack in New York City on September 11, 2001, by a yea-and-nay vote of 206 yeas to 60 nays, Roll No. 664.
Whistleblower Protection Enhancement Act: The House agreed by unanimous consent to S. 372, amended, to amend chapter 23 of title 5, United States Code, to clarify the disclosures of information protected from prohibited personnel practices, require a statement in nondisclosure policies, forms, and agreements that such policies, forms, and agreements conform with certain disclosure protections, and provide certain authority for the Special Counsel.  

Supporting Olympic Day on June 23, 2010: The House agreed by unanimous consent to H. Res. 1461, to support Olympic Day on June 23, 2010, and to congratulate Team USA and World Fit participants.

Clarifying the National Credit Union Administration authority to make stabilization fund expenditures without borrowing from the Treasury: The House agreed by unanimous consent to S. 4036, to clarify the National Credit Union Administration authority to make stabilization fund expenditures without borrowing from the Treasury.

Celebrating 130 years of United States-Romanian diplomatic relations: The House agreed by unanimous consent to S. Con. Res. 67, to celebrate 130 years of United States-Romanian diplomatic relations, to congratulate the Romanian people on their achievements as a great nation, and to reaffirm the deep bonds of trust and values between the United States and Romania, a trusted and most valued ally.

Removal Clarification Act of 2010: The House agreed by unanimous consent to H.R. 6560, to amend title 28, United States Code, to clarify and improve certain provisions relating to the removal of litigation against Federal officers or agencies to Federal courts.

Honoring the 50th anniversary of the Freedom Rides: The House agreed by unanimous consent to H. Res. 1779, to honor the 50th anniversary of the Freedom Rides.

Real Estate Jobs and Investment Act of 2010: The House agreed by unanimous consent to concur in the Senate amendments to H.R. 5901, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to exempt certain stock of real estate investment trusts from the tax on foreign investment in United States real property interests.

Making a technical correction to a cross-reference in the final regulations issued by the Office of Compliance to implement the Veterans Employment Opportunities Act of 1998: The House agreed by unanimous consent to H. Res. 1783, to make a technical correction to a cross-reference in the final regulations issued by the Office of Compliance to implement the Veterans Employment Opportunities Act of 1998 that apply to the House of Representatives and employees of the House of Representatives.

Amending the Federal Water Pollution Control Act to clarify Federal responsibility for stormwater pollution: The House agreed by unanimous consent to S. 3481, to amend the Federal Water Pollution Control Act to clarify Federal responsibility for stormwater pollution.

Extending certain expiring provisions providing enhanced protections for servicemembers relating to mortgages and mortgage foreclosure: The House agreed by unanimous consent to S. 4058, to extend certain expiring provisions providing enhanced protections for servicemembers relating to mortgages and mortgage foreclosure.

Authorizing leases of up to 99 years for lands held in trust for Ohkay Owingeh Pueblo: The House agreed by unanimous consent to S. 3903, to authorize leases of up to 99 years for lands held in trust for Ohkay Owingeh Pueblo.

Committee to Notify the President: The House agreed to H. Res. 1784, providing for a committee of two Members to be appointed by the House to join a similar committee appointed by the Senate, to wait upon the President to inform him that the two Houses have completed their business of the session and are ready to adjourn, unless the President has some other communication to make to them. Subsequently, the Speaker appointed Majority Leader Hoyer and Minority Leader Boehner to the committee.

Extension of Remarks: Agreed that the Chairman and ranking minority Member of each standing committee and each subcommittee be permitted to extend their remarks in the Record, up to and including the Record's last publication, and to include a summary of the work of that committee or subcommittee.

Also agreed that Members may have until publication of the last edition of the Congressional Record authorized for the Second Session of the One Hundred Eleventh Congress by the Joint Committee on Printing to revise and extend their remarks and to include brief, related extraneous material on any matter occurring before the adjournment of the Second Session Sine Die.

Board of Directors of the Vietnam Education Foundation—Appointment: The Chair announced the Speaker's appointment of the following Member
of the House to the Board of Directors of the Vietnam Education Foundation: Upon the recommendation of the Majority Leader: Representative Loretta Sanchez of California.

National Advisory Committee on Institutional Quality and Integrity—Appointment: The Chair announced the Speaker's appointment of the following member on the part of the House to the National Advisory Committee on Institutional Quality and Integrity for a term of six years: Upon the recommendation of the Majority Leader: Dr. George T. French of Fairfield, AL.

Omnibus Trade Act of 2010: The House agreed by unanimous consent to concur in the Senate amendment to H.R. 6517, to extend trade adjustment assistance and certain trade preference programs, to amend the Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States to modify temporarily certain rates of duty.

Advisory Committee on Student Financial Assistance—Appointment: The Chair announced the Speaker's appointment of the following member on the part of the House to the Advisory Committee on Student Financial Assistance for a term of four years: Upon the recommendation of the Majority Leader: Ms. Deborah Stanley of Bowie, MD.

Senate Messages: Messages received from the Senate by the Clerk and subsequently presented to the House today and a message received from the Senate today appear on pages H8944, H8946–47, H8974, H8982.

Senate Referrals: S. 3903, S. 4053, and S. 4058 were held at the desk.

Quorum Calls—Votes: One yea-and-nay vote developed during the proceedings of today and appears on pages H8965. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment Sine Die: The House met at 11 a.m. and in accordance with the provisions of H. Con. Res. 336, the House adjourned sine die at 6 p.m. until 12 noon on Wednesday, January 5, 2011 for the Convening of the First Session of the 112th Congress.

Committee Meetings
No committee meetings were held.

Joint Meetings
No committee meetings were held.

NEW PUBLIC LAWS
(For last listing of Public Laws, see DAILY DIGEST, p. D1233)


H.R. 3082, making appropriations for military construction, the Department of Veterans Affairs, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2010. Signed on December 22, 2010. (Public Law 111–322)