

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

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Measures Introduced: Twenty-three bills and four resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 188–210, S.J. Res. 3, S. Res. 26–27, and S. Con. Res. 4.

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Measures Passed:

Tragedy in Tucson Resolution: By a unanimous vote of 97 yeas (Vote No. 1), Senate agreed to S. Res. 14, honoring the victims and heroes of the shooting on January 8, 2011 in Tucson, Arizona.

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Small Business Act and the Small Business Investment Act: Senate passed H.R. 366, to provide for an additional temporary extension of programs under the Small Business Act and the Small Business Investment Act of 1958.

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Recognizing the Anniversary of the Earthquake in Haiti: Senate agreed to S. Res. 26, recognizing the anniversary of the tragic earthquake in Haiti on January 12, 2010, honoring those who lost their lives in that earthquake, and expressing continued solidarity with the Haitian people.

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Appointments:

Ronald Reagan Centennial Commission: The Chair, on behalf of the Republican Leader, pursuant to Public Law 111–25, announced the appointment of the following individual to serve as a member of the Ronald Reagan Centennial Commission for the life of the commission:

The Honorable Orrin Hatch of Utah vice Robert Bennett.

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Congressional Budget Office: For the information of the Senate, the Chair made the following announcement:

The President Pro Tempore of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives, pursuant to the provisions of Section 201(a)(2) of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974, have appointed Dr. Douglas W. Elmendorf as Director of the Congressional Budget Office for the term expiring January 3, 2015.

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Rules Change Resolutions—Agreement: A unanimous-consent-time agreement was reached providing that at a time to be determined by the Majority Leader after consultation with the Republican Leader, the Senate proceed to the consideration of the following resolutions, en bloc: A Wyden-Grassley-McCaskill resolution relative to “secret holds” which is at the desk; A Udall (CO) resolution regarding waiving the reading of an amendment, which is at the desk; S. Res. 8 (Harkin); S. Res. 10 (Udall (NM)) with a substitute amendment which is at the desk; and S. Res. 21 (Merkley) with a substitute amendment which is at the desk; that there be up to 8 hours of debate equally divided between the two Leaders, or their designees, for the purpose of debating these resolutions concurrently; that upon the use or yielding back of time, the substitute amendment to S. Res. 10 be agreed to and the substitute amendment to S. Res. 21 be agreed to; the Senate then vote on or in relation to the resolutions in the order listed above, with no intervening action or debate; that the following resolutions be subject to a 60 vote threshold for adoption: Wyden-Grassley-McCaskill resolution; and Udall (CO) resolution; that the following remaining resolutions be subject to a threshold of two-thirds of those voting for adoption: S. Res. 8; S. Res. 10, as amended; and S. Res. 21, as amended; that there be no amendments, motions, or points of order in order to any of these resolution prior to the vote on or in relation to the resolution, except for the substitute amendments to S. Res. 10 and S. Res. 21, listed above; provided further, that if a resolution fails to achieve the listed threshold for adoption, it be returned to its previous status.

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Message from the President: Senate received the following message from the President of the United States:

Transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on the continuation of the national emergency that was declared in Executive Order 13396 on February 7, 2006, with respect to the situation in or in relation to Côte d’Ivoire; which was referred to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs. (PM–3)

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Removal of Injunction of Secrecy: The injunction of secrecy was removed from the following treaty:

Protocol Amending Tax Convention with Swiss Confederation (Treaty Doc. No. 112-1).

The treaty was transmitted to the Senate today, considered as having been read for the first time, and referred, with accompanying papers, to the Committee on Foreign Relations and ordered to be printed.

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Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

Henry F. Floyd, of South Carolina, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Fourth Circuit.

Michael Charles Green, of New York, to be United States District Judge for the Western District of New York.

Ramona Villagomez Manglona, of the Northern Mariana Islands, to be Judge for the District Court for the Northern Mariana Islands for a term of ten years.

J. Paul Oetken, of New York, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of New York.

Nelva Gonzales Ramos, of Texas, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of Texas.

V. Natasha Perdew Silas, of Georgia, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of Georgia.

Linda T. Walker, of Georgia, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of Georgia.

Donald B. Verrilli, Jr., of the District of Columbia, to be Solicitor General of the United States.

Eric L. Hirschhorn, of Maryland, to be Under Secretary of Commerce for Export Administration.

Mario Cordero, of California, to be a Federal Maritime Commissioner for the term expiring June 30, 2014.

Philip E. Coyle III, of California, to be an Associate Director of the Office of Science and Technology Policy.

Scott C. Doney, of Massachusetts, to be Chief Scientist of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration.

Rebecca F. Dye, of North Carolina, to be a Federal Maritime Commissioner for the term expiring June 30, 2015.

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

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

Michael F. Mundaca, of New York, to be an Assistant Secretary of the Treasury.

Michael W. Punke, of Montana, to be a Deputy United States Trade Representative, with the Rank of Ambassador.

Islam A. Siddiqui, of Virginia, to be Chief Agricultural Negotiator, Office of the United States Trade Representative, with the rank of Ambassador.

Juan F. Vasquez, of Texas, to be a Judge of the United States Tax Court for a term of fifteen years.

Richard Sorian, of New York, to be an Assistant Secretary of Health and Human Services.

Timothy Charles Scheve, of Pennsylvania, to be a Member of the Internal Revenue Service Oversight Board for a term expiring September 14, 2015.

Matthew J. Bryza, of Illinois, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Azerbaijan (Recess Appointment).

Robert Stephen Ford, of Vermont, to be Ambassador to the Syrian Arab Republic (Recess Appointment).

Norman L. Eisen, of the District of Columbia, to be Ambassador to the Czech Republic (Recess Appointment).

George Albert Krol, of New Jersey, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Uzbekistan.

Francis Joseph Ricciardone, Jr., of Massachusetts, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Turkey (Recess Appointment).

David Lee Carden, of New York, to be Representative of the United States of America to the Association of Southeast Asian Nations, with the rank of Ambassador.

Katherine M. Gehl, of Wisconsin, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Overseas Private Investment Corporation for a term expiring December 17, 2013.

Roberto R. Herencia, of Illinois, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Overseas Private Investment Corporation for a term expiring December 17, 2012.

Matthew Maxwell Taylor Kennedy, of California, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Overseas Private Investment Corporation for a term expiring December 17, 2012.

Paul M. Tiao, of Maryland, to be Inspector General, Department of Labor.

Agnes Gund, of New York, to be a Member of the National Council on the Arts for a term expiring September 3, 2016.

John A. Lancaster, of New York, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the United States Institute of Peace for the remainder of the term expiring September 19, 2011.

John A. Lancaster, of New York, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the United States Institute of Peace for a term of four years.

Judith A. Ansley, of Massachusetts, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the United States

Institute of Peace for the remainder of the term expiring September 19, 2011.

Judith A. Ansley, of Massachusetts, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the United States Institute of Peace for a term of four years.

Craig Becker, of Illinois, to be a Member of the National Labor Relations Board for a term of five years expiring December 16, 2014.

Jonathan Andrew Hatfield, of Virginia, to be Inspector General, Corporation for National and Community Service.

Phyllis Nichamoff Segal, of Massachusetts, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Corporation for National and Community Service for a term expiring October 6, 2013.

Lisa M. Quiroz, of New York, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Corporation for National and Community Service for a term expiring February 8, 2014.

John D. Podesta, of the District of Columbia, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Corporation for National and Community Service for a term expiring October 6, 2014.

Matthew Francis McCabe, of Pennsylvania, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Corporation for National and Community Service for a term expiring October 6, 2013.

Marguerite W. Kondracke, of Tennessee, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Corporation for National and Community Service for a term expiring June 10, 2014.

Jane D. Hartley, of New York, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Corporation for National and Community Service for a term expiring October 6, 2014.

Richard Christman, of Kentucky, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Corporation for National and Community Service for the remainder of the term expiring October 6, 2012.

Rafael Borrás, of Maryland, to be Under Secretary for Management, Department of Homeland Security.

William J. Boarman, of Maryland, to be Public Printer (Recess Appointment).

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

Heather A. Higginbottom, of the District of Columbia, to be Deputy Director of the Office of Management and Budget.

Katharine G. Abraham, of Iowa, to be a Member of the Council of Economic Advisers.

David S. Cohen, of Maryland, to be Under Secretary for Terrorism and Financial Crimes.

3 Air Force nominations in the rank of general.

9 Army nominations in the rank of general.

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Record Votes: One record vote was taken today. (Total—1) Page S259

Adjournment: Senate convened at 9:30 a.m. and adjourned, in accordance with S. Res. 14, at 8:29 p.m., until 10:30 a.m. on Thursday, January 27, 2011. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today's Record on page S292.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

NATIONAL COMMISSION ON THE BP DEEPWATER HORIZON OIL SPILL AND OFFSHORE DRILLING

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the report and recommendations, including any recommendations for legislative action, issued by the National Commission on the BP Deepwater Horizon Oil Spill and Offshore Drilling, after receiving testimony from former Senator Bob Graham, Miami Lakes, Florida, and William K. Reilly, San Francisco, California, both Co-Chairs, National Commission on the BP Deepwater Horizon Oil Spill and Offshore Drilling.

TRANSPORTATION'S ROLE IN THE ECONOMY AND JOB CREATION

Committee on Environment and Public Works: Committee concluded a hearing to examine transportation's role in supporting the economy and job creation, after receiving testimony from Susan Martinovich, Nevada Department of Transportation, Carson City, on behalf of the American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials (AASHTO); Raymond J. Poupore, National Construction Alliance II (NCA II), Washington, D.C.; Wayne Johnson, Owens Corning, Toledo, Ohio, on behalf of the National Industrial Transportation League (NITL); and William Dorey, Watsonville,