

# Daily Digest

## HIGHLIGHTS

CORRECTION

Senator Isakson read Washington's Farewell Address.

## Senate

### Chamber Action

*Routine Proceedings, pages S929–S1022*

**Measures Introduced:** Six bills and eight resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 416–421, S.J. Res. 7–9, S. Res. 77–79, and S. Con. Res. 7–8.

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#### Measures Reported:

S. Res. 79, authorizing expenditures by the Committee on Foreign Relations.

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#### Measures Passed:

*Death of Former Senator James Albertus McClure of Idaho:* Senate agreed to S. Res. 78, relative to the death of James Albertus McClure, former United States Senator for the State of Idaho.

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*Recognizing Women Serving in the United States Armed Forces:* Senate agreed to S. Con. Res. 8, recognizing women serving in the United States Armed Forces.

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#### Measures Considered:

*Patent Reform Act—Agreement:* Senate began consideration of S. 23, to amend title 35, United States Code, to provide for patent reform, agreeing to the committee reported amendments, and taking action on the following amendments proposed thereto:

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Pending:

Leahy Amendment No. 114, to improve the bill.

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Vitter/Toomey Amendment No. 112, to require that the Government prioritize all obligations on the debt held by the public in the event that the debt limit is reached.

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Bennet Amendment No. 116, to reduce the fee amounts paid by small entities requesting prioritized examination under Three-Track Examination.

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Bennet Amendment No. 117, to establish additional USPTO satellite offices. **Pages S956–57**

Lee Amendment No. 115, to express the sense of the Senate in support of a balanced budget amendment to the Constitution. **Page S957**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the bill at approximately 11 a.m., on Tuesday, March 1, 2011.

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*Reduce Federal Spending—Cloture:* Senate began consideration of the motion to proceed to consideration of H.R. 359, to reduce Federal spending and the deficit by terminating taxpayer financing of presidential election campaigns and party conventions.

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A motion was entered to close further debate on the motion to proceed to consideration of the bill, and, in accordance with the provisions of Rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, a vote on cloture will occur on Wednesday, March 2, 2011.

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Subsequently, the motion to proceed was withdrawn.

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*Washington's Farewell Address:* Senator Isakson performed the traditional reading of Washington's Farewell Address.

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*Authorizing Expenditures—Agreement:* A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that the Rules Committee be discharged from further consideration of S. Res. 70, authorizing expenditures by the Committee on Rules and Administration, and the resolution be placed on the Calendar. **Page S1022**

**Nominations Confirmed:** Senate confirmed the following nominations:

Amy Totenberg, of Georgia, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of Georgia.

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By a unanimous vote of 90 yeas (Vote No. EX. 26), Steve C. Jones, of Georgia, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of Georgia.

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

Carl Shapiro, of California, to be a Member of the Council of Economic Advisers.

Routine lists in the Air Force, Army, and Navy.

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**Record Votes:** One record vote was taken today. (Total—26) Pages S955–56

**Adjournment:** Senate convened at 2 p.m. and adjourned, as a further mark of respect to the memory of the late former Senator James Albertus McClure, in accordance with S. Res. 78, at 7:02 p.m., until 10 a.m. on Tuesday, March 1, 2011. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today's Record on page S1022.)

## Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

### BUSINESS MEETING

*Committee on Foreign Relations:* Committee ordered favorably reported an original resolution authorizing expenditures by the committee; and

The nominations of Sue Kathrine Brown, of Texas, to be Ambassador to Montenegro, Daniel L. Shields III, of Pennsylvania, to be Ambassador to Brunei Darussalam, 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, and Pamela L. Spratlen, of California, to be Ambassador to the Kyrgyz Republic, all of the Department of State, and Eric G. Postel, of Wisconsin, to be an Assistant Administrator of the United States Agency for International Development, and a routine list in the Foreign Service.

Also, committee adopted its rules of procedure for the 112th Congress and announced the following subcommittee assignments:

*Subcommittee on International Operations and Organizations, Human Rights, Democracy and Global Women's Issues:* Senators Boxer (Chair), Menendez, Casey, Shaheen, Durbin, DeMint, Inhofe, Isakson, and Barrasso.

*Subcommittee on Western Hemisphere, Peace Corps, and Global Narcotics Affairs:* Senators Menendez (Chair), Boxer, Webb, Shaheen, Udall (NM), Rubio, Lee, DeMint, Isakson, and Barrasso.

*Subcommittee on International Development and Foreign Assistance, Economic Affairs, and International Environmental Protection:* Senators Cardin (Chair), Menendez, Coons, Durbin, Udall (NM), Corker, Rubio, Risch, and Inhofe.

*Subcommittee on Near Eastern and South and Central Asian Affairs:* Senators Casey (Chair), Boxer, Menendez, Cardin, Coons, Udall (NM), Risch, Corker, Lee, Rubio, and Isakson.

*Subcommittee on East Asian and Pacific Affairs:* Senators Webb (Chair), Boxer, Casey, Shaheen, Coons, Inhofe, Risch, Barrasso, and Rubio.

*Subcommittee on European Affairs:* Senators Shaheen (Chair), Cardin, Casey, Webb, Durbin, Barrasso, Risch, Corker, and DeMint.

*Subcommittee on African Affairs:* Senators Coons (Chair), Cardin, Webb, Durbin, Udall (NM), Isakson, Inhofe, Lee, and Corker.

*Senators Kerry and Lugar are ex officio members of each subcommittee.*