

Daily Digest

HIGHLIGHTS

House and Senate met in a Joint Meeting to receive the Honorable Julia Gillard, Prime Minister of Australia.

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S1415–S1513

Measures Introduced: Twenty-two bills and two resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 516–537, and S. Res. 96–97. **Pages S1501–02**

Measures Reported:

S. 493, to reauthorize and improve the SBIR and STTR programs, with amendments. **Page S1501**

Measures Passed:

National Asbestos Awareness Week: Committee on the Judiciary was discharged from further consideration of S. Res. 63, designating the first week of April 2011 as “National Asbestos Awareness Week,” and the resolution was then agreed to. **Page S1512**

Affirming the Importance of Exercise and Physical Activity: Senate agreed to S. Res. 97, affirming the importance of exercise and physical activity as key components of a healthy lifestyle, including in combating obesity, reducing chronic disease, and lowering health care costs. **Pages S1512–13**

Measures Failed:

Full-Year Continuing Appropriations Act: By 44 yeas to 56 nays (Vote No. 36), Senate failed to pass H.R. 1, making appropriations for the Department of Defense and the other departments and agencies of the Government for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2011. Pursuant to the unanimous-consent agreement of Tuesday, March 8, 2011, requiring 60 affirmative votes for passage of the bill, and the bill was returned to the calendar, after taking action on the following amendment proposed thereto: **Pages S1422–91**

Rejected:

By 42 yeas to 58 nays (Vote No. 37), Reid (for Inouye) Amendment No. 149, in the nature of a substitute. (Pursuant to the unanimous-consent agreement of Tuesday, March 8, 2011, providing

that the amendment, having failed to achieve 60 affirmative votes, the amendment was not agreed to.)

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Maiden Speeches—Agreement: A unanimous-consent-time agreement was reached providing that the following Senators be recognized, as if in morning business, at the times listed below, for the purpose of giving their maiden speeches to the Senate: Senator Moran, at 10:30 a.m., on Thursday, March 10, 2011 for up to 15 minutes; and Senator Coats, at 2:15 p.m., on Tuesday, March 15, 2011 for up to 30 minutes. **Page S1513**

Cogburn Nomination—Agreement: A unanimous-consent-time agreement was reached providing that at 2:15 p.m., on Thursday, March 10, 2011, Senate begin consideration of the nomination of Max Oliver Cogburn, Jr., of North Carolina, to be United States District Judge for the Western District of North Carolina; that there be 15 minutes of debate, equally divided and controlled in the usual form; that upon the use or yielding back of time, Senate vote on confirmation of the nomination, without intervening action or debate; and that no further motions be in order. **Page S1513**

Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

Steve Six, of Kansas, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Tenth Circuit.

William Francis Kuntz, II, of New York, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of New York.

Ronald W. Sharpe, of the Virgin Islands, to be United States Attorney for the District of the Virgin Islands for the term of four years.

Robert William Matheison, of Virginia, to be United States Marshal for the Eastern District of Virginia for the term of four years.

Juan Mattos Jr., of New Jersey, to be United States Marshal for the District of New Jersey for the term of four years.

1 Air Force nomination in the rank of general.
 1 Army nomination in the rank of general.
 1 Marine Corps nomination in the rank of general.
 3 Navy nominations in the rank of admiral.
 Routine lists in the Army and Navy. **Page S1513**

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Record Votes: Two record votes were taken today. (Total—37) **Page S1491**

Adjournment: Senate convened at 9:30 a.m. and adjourned at 7:02 p.m., until 10 a.m. on Thursday, March 10, 2011. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today's Record on page S1513.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

SOCIAL SECURITY ADMINISTRATION FUNDING

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, Education, and Related Agencies concluded a hearing to examine funding for the Social Security Administration in fiscal years 2011 and 2012, after receiving testimony from Michael J. Astrue, Commissioner, Social Security Administration; W. Lee Hammond, AARP, and Marty Ford, Consortium for Citizens with Disabilities, both of Washington, D.C.; and Joe Dirago, National Council of Social Security Management Associations, Inc., Newburgh, New York.

APPROPRIATIONS: DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies concluded a hearing to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2012 for the Department of the Interior, after receiving testimony from Ken Salazar, Secretary, David Hayes, Deputy Secretary, and Pam K. Haze, Deputy Assistant Secretary, Office of Budget, Finance, Performance and Acquisition, all of the Department of the Interior.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Armed Services: Committee announced the following subcommittee assignments for the 112th Congress:

Subcommittee on AirLand: Senators Lieberman (Chair), Nelson (NE), McCaskill, Manchin, Gillibrand, Blumenthal, Brown (MA), Inhofe, Sessions, Wicker, and Vitter.

Subcommittee on Emerging Threats and Capabilities: Senators Hagan (Chair), Reed, Udall (CO), Manchin, Shaheen, Gillibrand, Portman, Chambliss, Brown (MA), Graham, and Cornyn.

Subcommittee on Personnel: Senators Webb (Chair), Lieberman, Akaka, McCaskill, Hagan, Begich, Blumenthal, Graham, Chambliss, Brown (MA), Ayotte, Collins, and Vitter.

Subcommittee on Readiness and Management Support: Senators McCaskill (Chair), Akaka, Nelson (NE), Webb, Udall (CO), Begich, Manchin, Shaheen, Ayotte, Inhofe, Chambliss, Portman, Collins, Graham, and Cornyn.

Subcommittee on Seapower: Senators Reed (Chair), Akaka, Webb, Hagan, Blumenthal, Wicker, Sessions, Ayotte, and Collins.

Subcommittee on Strategic Forces: Senators Nelson (NE) (Chair), Lieberman, Reed, Udall (CO), Begich, Shaheen, Gillibrand, Sessions, Inhofe, Wicker, Portman, Cornyn, and Vitter.

Senators Levin and McCain serve as ex-officio members of all subcommittees.

THE STATE OF THE HOUSING MARKET

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the state of the housing market, after receiving testimony from Susan M. Wachter, University of Pennsylvania Wharton School, Philadelphia; Mark A. Calabria, Cato Institute, and David Crowe, National Association of Home Builders (NAHB), both of Washington, DC; Ron Phipps, National Association of Realtors, Warwick, Rhode Island; and Jeffrey Lubell, Center for Housing Policy, Weybridge, Vermont.

SPENDING IN THE TAX CODE

Committee on the Budget: Committee concluded a hearing to examine distribution and efficiency of spending in the tax code, after receiving testimony from Robert Greenstein, Center on Budget and Policy Priorities, Robert S. McIntyre, Citizens for Tax Justice, and Scott Hodge, Tax Foundation, all of Washington, DC.