

# Daily Digest

## Senate

### Chamber Action

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**Measures Introduced:** Nine bills and one resolution were introduced, as follows: S. 565–573, and S. Res. 101. **Page S1600**

#### Measures Reported:

Special Report entitled “Report on the Activities of the Committee on Armed Services, United States Senate, 111th Congress”. (S. Rept. No. 112–2) **Page S1600**

#### Measures Passed:

**World Plumbing Day:** Committee on the Judiciary was discharged from further consideration of S. Res. 100, designating March 11, 2011, as “World Plumbing Day”, and the resolution was then agreed to. **Page S1610**

**Earthquake and Tsunami in Japan:** Senate agreed to S. Res. 101, expressing the sense of the Senate relating to the March 11, 2011, earthquake and tsunami in Japan. **Pages S1610–11**

#### Measures Considered:

**SBIR/STTR Reauthorization Act—Agreement:** Senate resumed consideration of the motion to proceed to consideration of S. 493, to reauthorize and improve the SBIR and STTR programs. **Page S1590**

By 84 yeas to 12 nays (Vote No. 40), three-fifths of those Senators duly chosen and sworn, having voted in the affirmative, Senate agreed to the motion to close further debate on the motion to proceed to consideration of the bill. **Page S1590**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that Senate begin consideration of the bill at 11 a.m., on Tuesday, March 15, 2011. **Page S1611**

**Maiden Speeches—Agreement:** A unanimous-consent-time agreement was reached providing that the following Senators be recognized at the times listed below, as if in morning business, for the purpose of giving their maiden speech to the Senate: Senator Portman following the maiden speech of Senator Coats on Tuesday, March 15, 2011, for up to 15

minutes; and Senator Blumenthal at 12 noon, Wednesday, March 16, 2011, for up to 20 minutes.

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**Nomination Confirmed:** Senate confirmed the following nomination:

By a unanimous vote of 96 yeas (Vote No. EX. 39), James Emanuel Boasberg, of the District of Columbia, to be United States District Judge for the District of Columbia. **Pages S1586–90, S1611**

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

Madelyn R. Creedon, of Indiana, to be an Assistant Secretary of Defense.

Alan F. Estevez, of the District of Columbia, to be Assistant Secretary of Defense for Logistics and Materiel Readiness.

Major General Michael J. Walsh, United States Army, to be a Member and President of the Mississippi River Commission.

Rear Admiral Jonathan W. Bailey, NOAA, to be a Member of the Mississippi River Commission.

Lewis Alan Lukens, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Senegal, and to serve concurrently and without additional compensation as Ambassador to the Republic of Guinea-Bissau.

Paul D. Wohlers, of Washington, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Macedonia.

Ariel Pablos-Mendez, of New York, to be an Assistant Administrator of the United States Agency for International Development.

Dan Arvizu, of Colorado, to be a Member of the National Science Board, National Science Foundation, for a term expiring May 10, 2016.

Alan I. Leshner, of Maryland, to be a Member of the National Science Board, National Science Foundation, for a term expiring May 10, 2016.

Robert C. Granger, of New Jersey, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the National Board for Education Sciences for a term expiring November 28, 2014. **Page S1611**

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