

# Daily Digest

## HIGHLIGHTS

Senate passed H.J. Res. 48, Additional Continuing Appropriations.

Senate agreed to H. Con. Res. 30, Adjournment Resolution.

## Senate

### Chamber Action

*Routine Proceedings, pages S1771–S1878*

**Measures Introduced:** Forty-nine bills and five resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 604–652, and S. Res. 104–108. **Pages S1825–28**

#### Measures Reported:

Special Report entitled “Report of the Select Committee on Intelligence, United States Senate, Covering the Period January 3, 2009, to January 4, 2011”. (S. Rept. No. 112–3)

Special Report entitled “History, Jurisdiction, and a Summary of Activities of the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources during the 111th Congress”. (S. Rept. No. 112–4)

S. 193, to extend the sunset of certain provisions of the USA PATRIOT Act, with amendments. **Pages S1825–26**

#### Measures Passed:

**Additional Continuing Appropriations:** By 87 yeas to 13 nays (Vote No. 44), Senate passed H.J. Res. 48, making further continuing appropriations for fiscal year 2011. **Pages S1788–S1800**

**190th Anniversary of the Independence of Greece:** Committee on Foreign Relations was discharged from further consideration of S. Res. 51, recognizing the 190th anniversary of the independence of Greece and celebrating Greek and American democracy, and the resolution was then agreed to. **Pages S1874–75**

**Elections in Belarus:** Senate agreed to S. Res. 105, to condemn the December 19, 2010, elections in Belarus, and to call for the immediate release of all political prisoners and for new elections that meet international standards. **Pages S1875–77**

**100th Anniversary of the Triangle Shirtwaist Factory Fire Remembrance Week:** Senate agreed to S. Res. 106, recognizing the 100th anniversary of

the Triangle Shirtwaist Company fire in New York City on March 25, 1911, and designating the week of March 21, 2011, through March 25, 2011, as the “100th Anniversary of the Triangle Shirtwaist Factory Fire Remembrance Week”. **Page S1877**

**National Association of Junior Auxiliaries Day:** Senate agreed to S. Res. 107, designating April 4, 2011, as “National Association of Junior Auxiliaries Day”. **Pages S1877–78**

**Adjournment Resolution:** Senate agreed to H. Con. Res. 30, providing for a conditional adjournment of the House of Representatives and a conditional recess or adjournment of the Senate. **Page S1878**

#### Measures Considered:

**SBIR/STTR Reauthorization Act—Agreement:** Senate continued consideration of S. 493, to reauthorize and improve the SBIR and STTR programs, taking action on the following amendments proposed thereto: **Pages S1780–88**

Pending:

McConnell Amendment No. 183, to prohibit the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency from promulgating any regulation concerning, taking action relating to, or taking into consideration the emission of a greenhouse gas to address climate change. **Pages S1780, S1782**

Vitter Amendment No. 178, to require the Federal Government to sell off unused Federal real property. **Page S1780**

Inhofe (for Johans) Amendment No. 161, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to repeal the expansion of information reporting requirements to payments made to corporations, payments for property and other gross proceeds, and rental property expense payments. **Page S1780**

Cornyn Amendment No. 186, to establish a bipartisan commission for the purpose of improving

oversight and eliminating wasteful government spending. **Page S1780**

Paul Amendment No. 199, to cut \$200,000,000,000 in spending in fiscal year 2011. **Page S1780**

Sanders Amendment No. 207, to establish a point of order against any efforts to reduce benefits paid to Social Security recipients, raise the retirement age, or create private retirement accounts under title II of the Social Security Act. **Page S1780**

Hutchison Amendment No. 197, to delay the implementation of the health reform law in the United States until there is final resolution in pending lawsuits. **Page S1780**

Coburn Amendment No. 184, to provide a list of programs administered by every Federal department and agency. **Page S1780**

Pryor Amendment No. 229, to establish the Patriot Express Loan Program under which the Small Business Administration may make loans to members of the military community wanting to start or expand small business concerns. **Page S1781**

Landrieu Amendment No. 244 (to Amendment No. 183), to change the enactment date. **Pages S1781–82**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that Senate resume consideration of the bill at approximately 3 p.m., on Monday, March 28, 2011. **Page S1878**

**Signing Authority—Agreement:** A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that during the adjournment of the Senate, the Majority Leader, Senator Rockefeller, and Senator Webb be authorized to sign duly enrolled bills or joint resolutions. **Page S1878**

**Authorizing Leadership to Make Appointments—Agreement:** A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that, notwithstanding the upcoming recess or adjournment of the Senate, the President of the Senate, the President Pro Tempore and the Majority and Minority Leaders be authorized to make appointments to commissions, committees, boards, conferences, or interparliamentary conferences authorized by law, by concurrent action of the two Houses, or by order of the Senate. **Page S1878**

**D’Agostino Nomination—Agreement:** A unanimous-consent-time agreement was reached providing that at 4:30 p.m., on Monday, March 28, 2011, Senate begin consideration of the nomination of Mae A. D’Agostino, of New York, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of New York; that there be one hour for debate, equally divided in the usual form; that upon the use or yielding back of time, Senate vote on confirmation of the nomina-

tion, without intervening action or debate; and that no further motions be in order. **Pages S1874, S1878**

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

By a unanimous vote of 97 yeas (Vote No. EX. 45), Amy Berman Jackson, of the District of Columbia, to be United States District Judge for the District of Columbia. **Pages S1800–02, S1878**

Michael Vickers, of Virginia, to be Under Secretary of Defense for Intelligence. **Pages S1874, S1878**

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

Richard C. Howorth, of Mississippi, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Tennessee Valley Authority for a term expiring May 18, 2015.

Anthony Bryk, of California, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the National Board for Education Sciences for a term expiring November 28, 2015.

Lisa O. Monaco, of the District of Columbia, to be an Assistant Attorney General.

Myrna Perez, of Texas, to be a Member of the Election Assistance Commission for the remainder of the term expiring December 12, 2011.

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Gineen Maria Bresso, of Florida, to be a Member of the Election Assistance Commission for a term expiring December 12, 2013. **Page S1878**

**Messages from the House:** **Page S1823**

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**Amendments Submitted:** **Pages S1854–73**

**Authorities for Committees to Meet:** **Pages S1873–74**

**Privileges of the Floor:** **Page S1874**

**Record Votes:** Two record votes were taken today. (Total—45) **Pages S1800, S1802**

**Adjournment:** Senate convened at 9:30 a.m. and adjourned, pursuant to the provisions of H. Con. Res. 30, at 6:40 p.m., until 2 p.m. on Monday, March 28, 2011. (For Senate’s program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today’s Record on page S1878.)

## Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

### APPROPRIATIONS: FOOD AND DRUG ADMINISTRATION

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies concluded a hearing to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2012 for the Food and Drug Administration, after receiving testimony from Peggy Hamburg, Commissioner, Food and Drug Administration, Department of Health and Human Services.

### APPROPRIATIONS: GOVERNMENT ACCOUNTABILITY OFFICE, GOVERNMENT PRINTING OFFICE, CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Legislative Branch concluded a hearing to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2012 for the Government Accountability Office (GAO), the Government Printing Office (GPO), and the Congressional Budget Office (CBO), after receiving testimony from Gene L. Dodaro, Comptroller General, Government Accountability Office; William J. Boarman, Public Printer, Government Printing Office; and Douglas Elmendorf, Director, Congressional Budget Office.

### DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION AND FUTURE YEARS DEFENSE PROGRAM

*Committee on Armed Services:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine the Department of the Air Force in review of the Defense Authorization request for fiscal year 2012 and the Future Years Defense Program, after receiving testimony from Michael B. Donley, Secretary, and General Norton A. Schwartz, USAF, Chief of Staff, both of the Air Force, Department of Defense.

### DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION AND FUTURE YEARS DEFENSE PROGRAM

*Committee on Armed Services:* Subcommittee on Readiness and Management Support concluded a hearing to examine military construction, environmental, and base closure programs in review of the Defense Authorization request for fiscal year 2012 and the Future Years Defense Program, after receiving testimony from Dorothy Robyn, Deputy Under Secretary for Installations and Environment, Katherine G. Hammack, Assistant Secretary of the Army for Installations and Environment, Jackalyne Pfannenstiel, Assistant Secretary of the Navy for Energy, Installations and Environment, and Terry A. Yonkers, Assistant Secretary of the Air Force for Installations,

Environment and Logistics, all of the Department of Defense.

### TROUBLED ASSET RELIEF PROGRAM

*Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs:* Committee concluded an oversight hearing to examine the Troubled Asset Relief Program (TARP), focusing on evaluating returns on taxpayer investments and the status of programs and implementation of the Government Accountability Office recommendations, after receiving testimony from former Senator Ted Kaufman, Chair, Congressional Oversight Panel; Timothy G. Massad, Acting Assistant Secretary for Financial Stability, and Neil Barofsky, Special Inspector General, Troubled Asset Relief Program, both of the Department of the Treasury; and Thomas J. McCool, Director, Applied Research and Methods, Government Accountability Office.

### NOMINATION

*Committee on the Budget:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nomination of Heather A. Higginbottom, of the District of Columbia, to be Deputy Director of the Office of Management and Budget, Executive Office of the President, after the nominee, who was introduced by Senator Kerry, testified and answered questions in her own behalf.

### FEDERAL RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT INVESTMENT

*Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation:* Subcommittee on Science and Space concluded a hearing to examine investing in Federal research and development, after receiving testimony from John P. Holdren, Director, Office of Science and Technology Policy, Executive Office of the President of the United States; Patrick D. Gallagher, Under Secretary of Commerce for Standards and Technology; Subra Suresh, Director, National Science Foundation; and Waleed Abdalati, Chief Scientist, National Aeronautics and Space Administration.

### BUSINESS MEETING

*Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation:* Committee ordered favorably reported the nominations of Kathryn D. Sullivan, of Ohio, to be an Assistant Secretary of Commerce, Frances M.D. Gulland, of California, to be a Member of the Marine Mammal Commission, Ann D. Begeman, of Virginia, to be a Member of the Surface Transportation Board, Mario Cordero, of California, to be a Federal Maritime Commissioner, Philip E. Coyle III, of California, to be an Associate Director of the Office of Science and Technology Policy, Rebecca F. Dye, of North Carolina, to be a Federal Maritime