

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

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Measures Introduced: Twenty-one bills and nine resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 693–713, S.J. Res. 10, and S. Res. 119–126. **Pages S2046–47**

Measures Reported:

Special Report entitled “Report of the Committee on Rules and Administration, United States Senate, during the 111th Congress”. (S. Rept. No. 112–8)

Special Report entitled “Legislative Activities Report of the Committee on Foreign Relations, United States Senate, One Hundred Eleventh Congress”. (S. Rept. No. 112–10)

Special Report entitled “Report on the Activities of the Committee on Finance of the United States Senate During the 111th Congress”. (S. Rept. No. 112–11)

Report to accompany S. Res. 81, authorizing expenditures by committees of the Senate for the periods March 1, 2011, through September 30, 2011, and October 1, 2011, through September 30, 2012, and October 1, 2012, through February 28, 2013. (S. Rept. No. 112–9)

S. 216, to increase criminal penalties for certain knowing and international violations relating to food that is misbranded or adulterated, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute.

S. 222, to limit investor and homeowner losses in foreclosures. **Pages S2045–46**

Measures Passed:

Tesoro Refinery Fire and Explosion Anniversary: Senate agreed to S. Res. 120, recognizing the 1 year anniversary of the April 2, 2010, fire and explosion at the Tesoro refinery in Anacortes, Washington. **Page S2059**

Financial Literacy Month: Senate agreed to S. Res. 121, designating April 2011 as “Financial Literacy Month”. **Pages S2059–60**

Honoring the Life and Legacy of Elizabeth Taylor: Senate agreed to S. Res. 122, honoring the life and legacy of Elizabeth Taylor. **Page S2060**

Celebrating ACHIEVA’s 60th Anniversary Week: Senate agreed to S. Res. 123, commending ACHIEVA on its 60th anniversary of providing strong advocacy for and innovative services to children and adults with disabilities and the families of those children and adults in the State of Pennsylvania and designating the week of March 26 through April 2, 2011, as “Celebrating ACHIEVA’s 60th Anniversary Week”. **Page S2060**

Comprehensive 1099 Taxpayer Protection and Repayment of Exchange Subsidy Overpayments—Agreement: A unanimous-consent-time agreement was reached providing that at 11:00 a.m., on Tuesday, April 5, 2011, Senate begin consideration of H.R. 4, to repeal the expansion of information reporting requirements for payments of \$600 or more to corporations; that the only amendment in order to the bill be an amendment to be offered by Senator Menendez; that there be up to 60 minutes of debate, equally divided between the two Leaders, or their designees, prior to a vote on or in relation to the Menendez amendment; that the amendment not be divisible and no amendments be in order to the amendment prior to the vote; that upon disposition of the amendment, the bill be read a third time, and Senate vote on passage of the bill, as amended, if amended; that the amendment and the bill be subject to a 60 vote threshold.

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Reyna Nomination—Agreement: A unanimous-consent-time agreement was reached providing that at 4:30 p.m., on Monday, April 4, 2011, Senate begin consideration of the nomination of Jimmie V. Reyna, of Maryland, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Federal Circuit; 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 nomination, without intervening action or debate; and that no further motions be in order. **Page S2059**

Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

Gary Locke, of Washington, to be Ambassador to the People’s Republic of China.

Corinne Ann Beckwith, of the District of Columbia, to be an Associate Judge of the District of Columbia Court of Appeals for the term of fifteen years.

Alison J. Nathan, of New York, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of New York.

George Lamar Beck, Jr., of Alabama, to be United States Attorney for the Middle District of Alabama for the term of four years.

David L. McNulty, of New York, to be United States Marshal for the Northern District of New York for the term of four years.

1 Army nomination in the rank of general.

2 Navy nominations in the rank of admiral.

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

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Adjournment: Senate convened at 9:30 a.m. and adjourned at 7:40 p.m., until 2 p.m. on Monday, April 4, 2011. (For Senate’s program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today’s Record on page S2061.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

APPROPRIATIONS: DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Military Construction and Veterans Affairs, and Related Agencies concluded a hearing to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2012 for the Department of Veterans Affairs, after receiving testimony from Eric K. Shinseki, Secretary, Robert A. Petzel, Under Secretary for Health, Veterans Health Administration, Michael Walcoff, Acting Under Secretary for Benefits, Veterans Benefits Administration, Steve L. Muro, Acting Under Secretary for Memorial Affairs, National Cemetery Administration, Roger W.

Baker, Assistant Secretary for Information and Technology, Office of Information and Technology, and W. Todd Grams, Acting Assistant Secretary for Management and Chief Financial Officer, all of the Department of Veterans Affairs.

APPROPRIATIONS: LIBRARY OF CONGRESS AND OPEN WORLD LEADERSHIP CENTER

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Legislative Branch concluded a hearing to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2012 for the Library of Congress (LOC) and Open World Leadership Center, after receiving testimony from James H. Billington, Librarian of Congress, and Robert Dizard, Jr., Chief of Staff, Office of the Librarian, both of the Library of Congress; and John O’Keefe, Executive Director, Open World Leadership Center.

DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION REQUEST AND FUTURE YEARS DEFENSE PROGRAM

Committee on Armed Services: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the Department of the Army in review of the Defense Authorization request for fiscal year 2012 and the Future Years Defense Program, after receiving testimony from John M. McHugh, Secretary of the Army, and General George W. Casey Jr., Chief of Staff of the Army, both of the Department of Defense.

OPERATION ODYSSEY DAWN

Committee on Armed Services: Committee concluded a hearing to examine Operation Odyssey Dawn and the situation in Libya, after receiving testimony from Robert M. Gates, Secretary, and Admiral Michael G. Mullen, USN, Chairman, Joint Chiefs of Staff, both of the Department of Defense.

HYDROPOWER POLICY

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Committee concluded a hearing to examine S. 629, to improve hydropower, S. 630, to promote marine and hydrokinetic renewable energy research and development, and Title I, subtitle D of the American Clean Energy Leadership Act of 2009, after receiving testimony from Michael L. Connor, Commissioner, Bureau of Reclamation, Department of the Interior; Steven G. Chalk, Chief Operating Officer and Acting Deputy Assistant Secretary for Renewable Energy, Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy, Department of Energy; Jeff C. Wright, Director, Office of Energy Projects, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission; John Seebach, American Rivers, and Andrew Munro, National Hydropower Association, both of Washington, D.C., Sean O’Neill, Ocean Renewable Energy Coalition, Darnestown, Maryland; and Michael E. Webber, The University