

# Daily Digest

## Senate

### Chamber Action

*Routine Proceedings, pages S3787–S3849*

**Measures Introduced:** Sixteen bills and one resolution were introduced, as follows: S. 1197–1212, and S. Res. 208. **Pages S3812–13**

**Measures Passed:**

*United States and Mongolia Growing Partnership:* Senate agreed to S. Res. 208, expressing the sense of the Senate regarding Mongolian President Tsakhiagiin Elbegdorj's visit to Washington, DC, and its support for the growing partnership between the United States and Mongolia. **Pages S3848–49**

**Measures Considered:**

**Economic Development Revitalization Act—Agreement:** Senate continued consideration of S. 782, to amend the Public Works and Economic Development Act of 1965 to reauthorize that Act, taking action on the following amendments proposed thereto: **Page S3847**

Pending:

DeMint Amendment No. 394, to repeal the Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act. **Page S3847**

Paul Amendment No. 414, to implement the President's request to increase the statutory limit on the public debt. **Page S3847**

Cardin Amendment No. 407, to require the FHA to equitably treat homebuyers who have repaid in full their FHA-insured mortgages. **Page S3847**

Merkley/Snowe Amendment No. 428, to establish clear regulatory standards for mortgage servicers. **Page S3847**

Kohl Amendment No. 389, to amend the Sherman Act to make oil-producing and exporting cartels illegal. **Page S3847**

Hutchison Amendment No. 423, to delay the implementation of the health reform law in the United States until there is final resolution in pending lawsuits. **Page S3847**

Portman Amendment No. 417, to provide for the inclusion of independent regulatory agencies in the application of the Unfunded Mandates Reform Act of 1995 (2 U.S.C. 1501 et seq.). **Page S3847**

Portman Amendment No. 418, to amend the Unfunded Mandates Reform Act of 1995 (2 U.S.C. 1501 et seq.) to strengthen the economic impact analyses for major rules, require agencies to analyze the effect of major rules on jobs, and require adoption of the least burdensome regulatory means. **Page S3847**

McCain Amendment No. 411, to prohibit the use of Federal funds to construct ethanol blender pumps or ethanol storage facilities. **Page S3847**

McCain Amendment No. 412, to repeal the wage rate requirements commonly known as the Davis-Bacon Act. **Page S3847**

Merkley Amendment No. 440, to require the Secretary of Energy to establish an Energy Efficiency Loan Program under which the Secretary shall make funds available to States to support financial assistance provided by qualified financing entities for making qualified energy efficiency or renewable efficiency improvements. **Page S3847**

Coburn Modified Amendment No. 436, to repeal the Volumetric Ethanol Excise Tax Credit. **Page S3847**

Brown (MA)/Snowe Amendment No. 405, to repeal the imposition of withholding on certain payments made to vendors by government entities. **Page S3847**

Inhofe Amendment No. 430, to reduce amounts authorized to be appropriated. **Page S3847**

Inhofe Amendment No. 438, to provide for the establishment of a committee to assess the effects of certain Federal regulatory mandates. **Page S3847**

Merkley Amendment No. 427, to make a technical correction to the HUBZone designation process. **Page S3847**

McCain Amendment No. 441 (to Coburn Modified Amendment No. 436), to prohibit the use of Federal funds to construct ethanol blender pumps or ethanol storage facilities. **Page S3847**

Reid (for Feinstein/Coburn) Amendment No. 476, to repeal the Volumetric Ethanol Excise Tax Credit. **Page S3847**

A unanimous-consent-time agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the bill at approximately 10 a.m., on Thursday, June 16, 2011; that Reid (for Feinstein/Coburn) Amendment No.

476 (listed above), and McCain Amendment No. 411 (listed above), be debated concurrently; that there be up to 4 hours of debate, equally divided between the two Leaders, or their designees; that upon the use or yielding back of time, Senate vote on or in relation to the amendments in the following order: Reid (for Feinstein/Coburn) No. 476; and McCain Amendment No. 411; provided further, that neither of the amendments be divisible; that there be no amendments, points of order or motions in order to either amendment prior to the votes other than budget points of order and the applicable motions to waive; that both amendments be subject to a 60 vote threshold; and that upon disposition of the McCain amendment, the Majority Leader be recognized.

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**Adjournment:** Senate convened at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 7:03 p.m., until 10 a.m. on Thursday, June 16, 2011. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today's Record on page S3849.)

## Committee Meetings

*(Committees not listed did not meet)*

### WALL STREET REFORM AND CONSUMER PROTECTION ACT

*Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine the "Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act" and implementation of Title VII one year later, after receiving testimony from Gary Gensler, Chairman, Commodity Futures Trading Commission; Michael S. Gibson, Senior Associate Director, Division of Research and Statistics, Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System; Brooksley Born, former Commissioner, Financial Crisis Inquiry Commission, and former Chairperson, Commodity Futures Trading Commission; Daniel J. Roth, National Futures Association, and Adam Cooper, Citadel LLC, on behalf of Managed Funds Association, both of Chicago, Illinois; and Charles Conner, National Council of Farm-

er Cooperatives, and John M. Damgard, Futures Industry Association, both of Washington, DC.

### APPROPRIATIONS: DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Department of Defense concluded a hearing to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2012 for the Department of Defense, 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.

### AUTHORIZATION: DEFENSE

*Committee on Armed Services:* Subcommittee on Emerging Threats and Capabilities met in closed session and approved for full committee consideration, those provisions which fall within the jurisdiction of the subcommittee, of the proposed National Defense Authorization Act for fiscal year 2012.

### AUTHORIZATION: DEFENSE

*Committee on Armed Services:* Committee began consideration of the proposed National Defense Authorization Act for fiscal year 2012, but did not complete action thereon, and will meet again on Thursday, June 16, 2011.

### ENHANCING SAFETY AND SOUNDNESS

*Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs:* Subcommittee on Financial Institutions and Consumer Protection concluded a hearing to examine enhancing safety and soundness, focusing on lessons learned and opportunities for continued improvement, after receiving testimony from Michael R. Foley, Senior Associate Director, Division of Banking Supervision and Regulation, Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System; Christopher J. Spoth, Senior Deputy Director, Division of Risk Management Supervision, Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation; David K. Wilson, Deputy Comptroller, Credit and Market Risk, Office of the Comptroller of the Currency; Salvatore Marranca, Cattaraugus County Bank, Little Valley, New York, on behalf of the Independent Community Bankers of America; and Frank A. Suellentrop, Legacy Bank, Colwich, Kansas.

### CLEAN AIR ACT AND PUBLIC HEALTH

*Committee on Environment and Public Works:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine the "Clean Air Act" and public health, after receiving testimony from Lisa P. Jackson, Administrator, United States Environmental Protection Agency; Sarah Bucic, Delaware City, on behalf of the American Nurses