

Tuesday, October 25, 2011

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

The Senate stands in recess until 11 a.m., on Thursday, October 27, 2011.

Committee Meetings

No committee meetings were held.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 7 public bills, H.R. 3254–3260; and 2 resolutions, H. Res. 447, 449 were introduced. **Page H7068**

Additional Cosponsors: **Pages H7068–69**

Reports Filed: Reports were filed today as follows:

H.J. Res. 70, to grant the consent of Congress to an amendment to the compact between the States of Missouri and Illinois providing that bonds issued by the Bi-State Development Agency may mature in not to exceed 40 years, with an amendment (H. Rept. 112–259);

H.R. 2146, to amend title 31, United States Code, to require accountability and transparency in Federal spending, and for other purposes, with an amendment (H. Rept. 112–260); and

H. Res. 448, providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 2576) to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to modify the calculation of modified adjusted gross income for purposes of determining eligibility for certain healthcare-related programs, and providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 674) to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to repeal the imposition of 3 percent withholding on certain payments made to vendors by government entities (H. Rept. 112–261). **Page H7068**

Speaker: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he appointed Representative Fitzpatrick to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. **Page H7011**

Recess: The House recessed at 11:12 a.m. and reconvened at 12 noon. **Page H7018**

Chaplain: The prayer was offered by the guest chaplain, Reverend Morris Matthis, Christ United Methodist Church, Sugarland, Texas. **Page H7019**

Committee Resignation: Read a letter from Representative Fleischmann, wherein he resigned from the Committee on Natural Resources. **Pages H7023–24**

Suspensions: The House agreed to suspend the rules and pass the following measures:

Granting the congressional gold medal to the Montford Point Marines: H.R. 2447, to grant the congressional gold medal to the Montford Point Marines, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ yea-and-nay vote of 422 yeas with none voting “nay”, Roll No. 804 and

Pages H7024–30, H7043–44

Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation Business Travel Cards Act of 2011: H.R. 2042, to require the Secretary of Homeland Security, in consultation with the Secretary of State, to establish a program to issue Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation Business Travel Cards. **Pages H7034–36**

Suspension—Proceedings Postponed: The House debated the following measure under suspension of the rules. Further proceedings were postponed:

National Baseball Hall of Fame Commemorative Coin Act: H.R. 2527, amended, to require the Secretary of the Treasury to mint coins in recognition and celebration of the National Baseball Hall of Fame. **Pages H7030–34**

Southeast Arizona Land Exchange and Conservation Act of 2011—Rule for Consideration: The House agreed to H. Res. 444, the rule that is providing for consideration of H.R. 1904, to facilitate the efficient extraction of mineral resources in southeast Arizona by authorizing and directing an exchange of Federal and non-Federal land, by a yea-and-nay vote of 245 yeas to 178 nays, Roll No. 803,

after the previous question was ordered without objection. **Pages H7036–43**

Committee Election: The House agreed to H. Res. 447, electing a certain Member to a certain standing committee of the House of Representatives. **Page H7051**

Presidential Message: Read a message from the President wherein he notified Congress that the national emergency declared with respect to the situation in or in relation to the Democratic Republic of the Congo, and the related measures blocking the property of certain persons contributing to the conflict in that country, are to continue in effect beyond October 27, 2011—referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs and ordered to be printed (H. Doc. 112–67). **Page H7024**

Quorum Calls—Votes: Two yea-and-nay votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H7042–43 and H7043–44. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 7:14 p.m.

Committee Meetings

MILITARY RETIREMENT REFORM

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Military Personnel held a hearing on military retirement reform. Testimony was heard from Jo Ann Rooney, Principal Deputy Under Secretary of Defense for Personnel and Readiness; Vee Penrod, Deputy Assistance Secretary of Defense for Military Personnel Policy; and public witnesses.

GOVERNMENT-RUN STUDENT LOANS

Committee on Education and the Workforce: Subcommittee on Higher Education and Workforce Training held a hearing on “Government-Run Student Loans: Ensuring the Direct Loan Program is Accountable to Students and Taxpayers.” Testimony was heard from James W. Runcie, Chief Operating Officer, Office of Federal Student Aid, Department of Education; and public witnesses.

LEGISLATIVE MEASURES

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Energy and Power, hearing on H.R. 1633, the “Farm Dust Regulation Prevention Act of 2011.” Testimony was heard from Rep. Noem; Rep. Hurt; Gina McCarthy, Assistant Administrator for Air and Radiation, Environmental Protection Agency; and public witnesses.

INTERNET GAMING

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Commerce, Manufacturing, and Trade held a hearing

entitled “Internet Gaming: Is there a Safe Bet?” Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

INSURANCE OVERSIGHT

Committee on Financial Services: Subcommittee on Insurance, Housing and Community Opportunity held a hearing entitled “Insurance Oversight: Policy Implications for U.S. Consumers, Businesses and Jobs, Part 2.” Testimony was heard from Michael McRaith, Director, Federal Insurance Office, Department of the Treasury.

EUROZONE CRISIS

Committee on Financial Services: Subcommittee on International Monetary Policy and Trade held a hearing entitled “The Eurozone Crisis and Implications for the United States.” Testimony was heard from Charles Collyns, Assistant Secretary for International Finance, Department of the Treasury; and public witnesses.

DEPLOYMENT OF U.S. FORCES IN CENTRAL AFRICA

Committee on Foreign Affairs: Full Committee held a hearing entitled “Deployment of U.S. Forces in Central Africa and Implementation of The Lord’s Resistance Army Disarmament and Northern Uganda Recovery Act.” Testimony was heard from Donald Yamamoto, Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary of State for African Affairs, Department of State; and Alexander Vershbow, Assistant Secretary of Defense for International Security Affairs, Department of Defense.

POST KATRINA EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT REFORM ACT

Committee on Homeland Security: Subcommittee on Emergency Preparedness, Response, and Communications held a hearing entitled “Five Years Later: An Assessment of the Post Katrina Emergency Management Reform Act.” Testimony was heard from W. Craig Fugate, Administrator, Federal Emergency Management Agency, Department of Homeland Security.

LEGISLATIVE MEASURES

Committee on the Judiciary: Full Committee held a hearing on H.R. 3010, the “Regulatory Accountability Act of 2011.” Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on the Judiciary: Full Committee began markup of the following: H.R. 822, the “National Right-to-Carry Reciprocity Act of 2011”; H.R. 420, the “Veterans’ Heritage Firearms Act of 2011”; H.R. 10, the “Regulations From the Executive in Need of