Monday, December 8, 2008

Daily Digest

HIGHLIGHTS

See Resume of Congressional Activity.

Senate

Chamber Action

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Measures Introduced: Seven bills and three resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 3718–3724, and S. Res. 721–723. **Page S10812**

Measures Reported:

Reported on Wednesday, November 19, during the adjournment:

Special Report entitled ''Activities of the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs''. (S. Rept. No. 110–524)

S. Res. 707, authorizing the President of the Senate to certify the facts of the failure of Joshua Bolten, as the Custodian of Records at the White House, to appear before the Committee on the Judiciary and produce documents as required by Committee subpoena, with a preamble. (S. Rept. No. 110–522)

S. Res. 708, authorizing the President of the Senate to certify the facts of the failure of Karl Rove to appear and testify before the Committee on the Judiciary and to produce documents as required by Committee subpoena, with a preamble. (S. Rept. No. 110–522)

Report to accompany S. 967, to amend chapter 41 of title 5, United States Code, to provide for the establishment and authorization of funding for certain training programs for supervisors of Federal employees. (S. Rept. No. 110–523)

Report to accompany S. 3477, to amend title 44, United States Code, to authorize grants for Presidential Centers of Historical Excellence. (S. Rept. No. 110–525)

Report to accompany S. 1000, to enhance the Federal Telework Program. (S. Rept. No. 110–526)

S. 1695, to amend the Public Health Service Act to establish a pathway for the licensure of biosimilar biological products, to promote innovation in the life sciences, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute.

Measures Passed:

Collection of Clothing, Toys, Food, and Housewares: Senate agreed to S. Res. 723, to permit the collection of clothing, toys, food, and housewares during the holiday season for charitable purposes in Senate buildings. **Page S10819**

Appointments:

Mickey Leland National Urban Air Toxics Research Center: The Chair, on behalf of the Majority Leader, pursuant to Public Law 101–549, appointed the following individuals to the Board of Directors of the Mickey Leland National Urban Air Toxics Research Center: Jane Delgado, of the District of Columbia, and John Hiatt, of Nevada. **Pages S10818–19**

Advancing America's Priorities Act—Agreement: A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that at approximately 12 noon, on Tuesday, December 9, 2008, Senate resume consideration of the motion to proceed to consideration of S. 3297, to advance America's priorities. **Page S10819**

Nominations Confirmed: Senate confirmed the following nominations:

Neil M. Barofsky, of New York, to be Special Inspector General for the Troubled Asset Relief Program.

(Prior to this action, Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs was discharged from further consideration, the nomination was referred to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs and discharged from further consideration.)

7 Air Force nominations in the rank of general.

6 Army nominations in the rank of general.

1 Navy nomination in the rank of admiral.

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

Routine list in the Foreign Service.

(Prior to this action, Committee on Foreign Relations was discharged from further consideration.)

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Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

Brad Cole, of Illinois, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Corporation for National and Community Service for the remainder of the term expiring October 6, 2012.

Cheryl Feldman Halpern, of New Jersey, to be an Alternate Representative of the United States of America to the Sixty-third Session of the General Assembly of the United Nations.

Roszell Dulany Hunter, of Virginia, to be Executive Vice President of the Overseas Private Investment Corporation.

Routine lists in the Army. **Page S10819**

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Adjournment: Senate convened at 3 p.m. and adjourned at 6:14 p.m., until 10:30 a.m. on Tuesday, December 9, 2008. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S10819.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

USDA FOOD ASSISTANCE AND CHILD NUTRITION PROGRAMS

Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry: Committee concluded a hearing to examine United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) food assistance and child nutrition programs in the economic downturn, focusing on promoting health and fighting hunger, after receiving testimony from Eileen Kennedy, Tufts University Friedman School of Nutrition Science and Policy, Boston, Massachusetts; Mariana Chilton, Drexel University School of Public Health, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania; Mary Kay Fox, Mathematica Policy Research, Cambridge, Massachusetts; and Carolyn L. Duff, Richland County School District One, Columbia, South Carolina, on behalf of the National Association of School Nurses.

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House of Representatives

Chamber Action

The House was not in session today. The House is scheduled to meet at 11 a.m. on Tuesday, December 9, 2008, pursuant to section 2 of H. Con. Res. 440.

Committee Meetings

U.S. ECONOMY—ROLE OF CREDIT DERIVATIVES

Committee on Agriculture: Held a hearing to review the role of credit derivatives in the U.S. economy. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

BRIEFING—MUMBAI/CYBER UPDATE

Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence: Met in executive session to receive a briefing on Mumbai/Cyber Update. The Committee was briefed by departmental witnesses.

NEW PUBLIC LAWS

(For last listing of Public Laws, see DAILY DIGEST, *p. D1271)*

H.R. 6867, to provide for additional emergency unemployment compensation. Signed on November 21, 2008. (Public Law 110–449)

H.R. 5714, to require the Secretary of the Treasury to mint coins in recognition and celebration of the establishment of the United States Army in 1775, to honor the American soldier of both today and yesterday, in wartime and in peace, and to commemorate the traditions, history, and heritage of the United States Army and its role in American society, from the Colonial period to today. Signed on December 1, 2008. (Public Law 110–450)

H.R. 2040, to require the Secretary of the Treasury to mint coins in commemoration of the semicentennial of the enactment of the Civil Rights Act of 1964. Signed on December 2, 2008. (Public Law 110–451)

S. 602, to develop the next generation of parental control technology. Signed on December 2, 2008. (Public Law 110–452)

S. 1193, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to take into trust 2 parcels of Federal land for the benefit of certain Indian Pueblos in the State of New Mexico, and for other purposes. Signed on December 2, 2008. (Public Law 110–453)

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR TUESDAY, DECEMBER 9, 2008

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

No meetings/hearings scheduled.

House

Committee on Oversight and Government, hearing on The Role of Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac in the Financial Crisis; followed by a mark up of a Committee Report regarding President Bush's assertion of executive privilege in response to the Committee subpoena to Attorney General Michael Mukasey, 10 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

Select Committee on Energy Independence and Global Warming, hearing entitled ''The Energy Independence Implications of the Auto Bailout Proposal,'' 10 a.m., 2175 Rayburn.

CONGRESSIONAL PROGRAM AHEAD

Week of December 9 through December 13, 2008

Senate Chamber

On *Tuesday,* at 12 noon, Senate will resume consideration of S. 3297, Advancing America's Priorities Act.

During the balance of the week, Senate may consider any cleared legislative and executive business.

Senate Committees

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: December 10, to hold hearings to examine investment in clean energy and natural resources projects and programs to create jobs and stimulate the economy, 9:30 p.m., SD–366.

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: December 10, to hold hearings to examine prevention and public health, 10 a.m., SD–192.

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: December 11, to hold hearings to examine a report from the Commission on the Prevention of Weapons of Mass Destruction, Proliferation, and Terrorism, 10 a.m., SH–216.

Resume of Congressional Activity

SECOND SESSION OF THE ONE HUNDRED TENTH CONGRESS

The first table gives a comprehensive resume of all legislative business transacted by the Senate and House. The second table accounts for all nominations submitted to the Senate by the President for Senate confirmation.

DATA ON LEGISLATIVE ACTIVITY

January 3 through November 30, 2008

	Senate	*House*	*Total*
Days in session	171	116	..
Time in session	957 hrs., 33′	881 hrs., 48′	..
Congressional Record:			
Pages of proceedings	10,777	10,857	..
Extensions of Remarks	..	2,336	..
Public bills enacted into law	94	176	..
Private bills enacted into law	..	..	..
Bills in conference	4	5	..
Measures passed, total	571	990	1,561
Senate bills	108	93	..
House bills	175	424	..
Senate joint resolutions	4	4	..
House joint resolutions	4	3	..
Senate concurrent resolutions	23	6	..
House concurrent resolutions	38	94	..
Simple resolutions	219	366	..
Measures reported,* total	452	398	850
Senate bills	295	4	..
House bills	127	288	..
Senate joint resolutions	3	1	..
House joint resolutions	1	..	..
Senate concurrent resolutions	2	..	..
House concurrent resolutions	2	5	..
Simple resolutions	22	100	..
Special reports	7	8	..
Conference reports	1	4	..
Measures pending on calendar	661	89	..
Measures introduced, total	1,555	3,187	4,742
Bills	1,193	2,377	..
Joint resolutions	18	26	..
Concurrent resolutions	42	164	..
Simple resolutions	302	620	..
Quorum calls	3	2	..
Yea-and-nay votes	214	468	..
Recorded votes	..	213	..
Bills vetoed	..	4	..
Vetoes overridden	3	3	..

* These figures include all measures reported, even if there was no accompanying report. A total of 272 reports have been filed in the Senate, a total of 409 reports have been filed in the House.

DISPOSITION OF EXECUTIVE NOMINATIONS

January 3 through November 30, 2008

Civilian nominations, totaling 504 (including 180 nominations carried over from the First Session), disposed of as follows:	
Confirmed	268
Unconfirmed	196
Withdrawn	40
Other Civilian nominations, totaling 2,970 (including 8 nominations carried over from the First Session), disposed of as follows:	
Confirmed	2,959
Unconfirmed	11
Air Force nominations, totaling 5,929 (including 5 nominations carried over from the First Session), disposed of as follows:	
Confirmed	5,904
Unconfirmed	24
Withdrawn	1
Army nominations, totaling 6,355 (including 19 nominations carried over from the First Session), disposed of as follows:	
Confirmed	5,640
Unconfirmed	714
Withdrawn	1
Navy nominations, totaling 4,723 (including 3 nominations carried over from the First Session), disposed of as follows:	
Confirmed	4,665
Unconfirmed	57
Withdrawn	1
Marine Corps nominations, totaling 1,566 (including 1 nomination carried over from the First Session), disposed of as follows:	
Confirmed	1,557
Unconfirmed	9

Summary

Total nominations carried over from the First Session	216
Total nominations received this Session	21,831
Total confirmed	20,993
Total unconfirmed	1,011
Total withdrawn	43
Total returned to the White House	0

Next Meeting of the SENATE

10:30 a.m., Tuesday, December 9

Senate Chamber

Program for Tuesday: After the transaction of any morning business (not to extend beyond 12 noon), Senate will resume consideration of the motion to proceed to consideration of S. 3297, Advancing America's Priorities Act.

Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

11 a.m., Tuesday, December 9

House Chamber

Program for Tuesday: To be announced.

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