Daily Digest

HIGHLIGHTS

The House passed H.R. 3082, Military Construction and Veterans Affairs Appropriations Act, 2010.

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S7333–S7375

Measures Introduced: Six bills were introduced, as follows: S. 1438–1443. **Page S7359**

Measures Passed:

Capitol Visitor Center Engraving: Senate agreed to H. Con. Res. 131, directing the Architect of the Capitol to engrave the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag and the National Motto of "In God We Trust" in the Capitol Visitor Center. **Page S7372**

Role of Slave Labor in Construction of U.S. Capitol: Senate agreed to H. Con. Res. 135, directing the Architect of the Capitol to place a marker in Emancipation Hall in the Capitol Visitor Center which acknowledges the role that slave labor played in the construction of the United States Capitol. **Page S7372**

Judicial Survivors Protection Act: Senate passed S. 1107, to amend title 28, United States Code, to provide for a limited 6-month period for Federal judges to opt into the Judicial Survivors' Annuities System and begin contributing toward an annuity for their spouse and dependent children upon their death. **Pages S7272–73**

Foreign Evidence Request Efficiency Act: Committee on the Judiciary was discharged from further consideration of S. 1289, to improve title 18 of the United States Code, and the bill was then passed. **Pages S7373–74**

Groves Nomination—Cloture: Senate began consideration of the nomination of Robert M. Groves, of Michigan, to be Director of the Census. **Page S7336**

A motion was entered to close further debate on the nomination, and, in accordance with the provisions of rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, and pursuant to the unanimous-consent agreement of Friday, July 10, 2009, a vote on cloture will occur at 5:30 p.m., on Monday, July 13, 2009. **Page S7336**

A unanimous-consent-time agreement was reached providing at 4:30 p.m., on Monday, July 13, 2009, Senate resume consideration of the nomination, there be one hour of debate prior to a vote on the motion to invoke cloture thereon, with the time divided as follows: Senator Collins, Shelby, and Vitter with 15 minutes each, Senators Lieberman and Carper with 15 minutes equally divided; provided that at 5:30 p.m., Senate vote on the motion to invoke cloture; that if cloture is invoked, all post-cloture time be yielded back, and Senate vote on confirmation of the nomination. **Page S7336**

Nominations Confirmed: Senate confirmed the following nominations:

Raphael William Bostic, of California, to be an Assistant Secretary of Housing and Urban Development.

Peter Silva Silva, of California, to be an Assistant Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency.

David H. Stevens, of Virginia, to be an Assistant Secretary of Housing and Urban Development.

Victor M. Mendez, of Arizona, to be Administrator of the Federal Highway Administration.

Phyllis Corrine Borzi, of Maryland, to be an Assistant Secretary of Labor.

Christopher William Dell, of New Jersey, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Kosovo.

Charles H. Rivkin, of California, to be Ambassador to France, and to serve concurrently and without additional compensation as Ambassador to Monaco.

Nicole Lurie, of Maryland, to be Medical Director in the Regular Corps of the Public Health Service, subject to qualifications therefor as provided by law and regulations, and to be Assistant Secretary for

Preparedness and Response, Department of Health and Human Services.

Gordon S. Heddell, of the District of Columbia, to be Inspector General, Department of Defense.

Louis B. Susman, of Illinois, to be Ambassador to the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland.

Laurie Susan Fulton, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to Denmark.

Timothy J. Roemer, of Indiana, to be Ambassador to India.

Gordon Gray, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Tunisia.

Richard J. Schmierer, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to the Sultanate of Oman.

Mark Henry Gitenstein, of the District of Columbia, to be Ambassador to Romania.

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Messages from the House: **Page S7359**

Measures Referred: **Page S7359**

Measures Placed on the Calendar: **Page S7359**

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Additional Statements: **Pages S7359**

Text of H.R. 2892 as Previosuly Passed: **Pages S7361–72**

Adjournment: Senate convened at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 1:37 p.m., until 11 a.m. on Monday, July 13, 2009. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today's Record on page S7374.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

No committee meetings were held.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 14 public bills, H.R. 3167–3169, 3171–3181; 1 private bill, H.R. 3182; and 11 resolutions, H. Con. Res. 164; and H. Res. 624–633, were introduced.

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Additional Cosponsors: **Pages H8008–10**

Reports Filed: Reports were filed today as follows:

H.R. 860, to reauthorize the Coral Reef Conservation Act of 2000, with an amendment (H. Rept. 111–196);

H.R. 129, to authorize the conveyance of certain National Forest System lands in the Los Padres National Forest in California, with an amendment (H. Rept. 111–197);

H.R. 1442, to provide for the sale of the Federal Government's reversionary interest in approximately 60 acres of land in Salt Lake City, Utah, originally conveyed to the Mount Olivet Cemetery Association under the Act of January 23, 1909, with an amendment (H. Rept. 111–198);

H.R. 409, to provide for the conveyance of certain Bureau of Land Management land in the State of Nevada to the Las Vegas Motor Speedway, with an amendment (H. Rept. 111–199);

H.R. 509, to reauthorize the Marine Turtle Conservation Act of 2004, with an amendment (H. Rept. 111–200);

H.R. 2188, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior, through the United States Fish and Wildlife Service, to conduct a Joint Venture Program to protect, restore, enhance, and manage migratory bird populations, their habitats, and the ecosystems they rely on, through voluntary actions on public and private lands, with an amendment (H. Rept. 111–201); and

H.R. 3170, making appropriations for financial services and general government for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2010 (H. Rept. 111–202).

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Speaker: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein she appointed Representative Weiner to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. **Page H7949**

Chaplain: The prayer was offered by the Guest Chaplain, Dr. Alan Keiran, Office of the Senate Chaplain, Washington, DC. **Page H7949**

Military Construction and Veterans Affairs Appropriations Act, 2010: The House passed H.R. 3082, making appropriations for military construction, the Department of Veterans Affairs, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2010, by a yea-and-nay vote of 415 yeas to 3 nays, Roll No. 529. **Pages H7960–92**

Agreed to:

Edwards (TX) amendment (No. 1 printed in H. Rept. 111–195) that increases by $1,000,000 funds