

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S1907–S1944

Measures Introduced: Fifteen bills and four resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 659–673, and S. Res. 111–114. **Page S1933**

Measures Reported:

Special Report entitled “Report on the Activities of the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs during the 111th Congress”. (S. Rept. No. 112–7) **Pages S1932–33**

Measures Passed:

Airport and Airway Extension Act: Senate passed H.R. 1079, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to extend the funding and expenditure authority of the Airport and Airway Trust Fund, to amend title 49, United States Code, to extend the airport improvement program. **Page S1943**

Honoring Geraldine A. Ferraro: Senate agreed to S. Res. 114, honoring Congresswoman Geraldine A. Ferraro, the first woman selected by a major political party as its candidate for Vice President of the United States, and extending the condolences of the Senate on her death. **Page S1943**

Measures Considered:

SBIR/STTR Reauthorization Act—Agreement: Senate continued consideration of S. 493, to reauthorize and improve the SBIR and STTR programs, taking action on the following amendments proposed thereto: **Pages S1913–14, S1922–27**

Pending:

McConnell Amendment No. 183, to prohibit the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency from promulgating any regulation concerning, taking action relating to, or taking into consideration the emission of a greenhouse gas to address climate change. **Pages S1913, S1923–27**

Vitter Amendment No. 178, to require the Federal Government to sell off unused Federal real property. **Page S1913**

Inhofe (for Johanns) Amendment No. 161, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to repeal the expansion of information reporting requirements

to payments made to corporations, payments for property and other gross proceeds, and rental property expense payments. **Page S1913**

Cornyn Amendment No. 186, to establish a bipartisan commission for the purpose of improving oversight and eliminating wasteful government spending. **Page S1913**

Paul Amendment No. 199, to cut \$200,000,000,000 in spending in fiscal year 2011. **Page S1913**

Sanders Amendment No. 207, to establish a point of order against any efforts to reduce benefits paid to Social Security recipients, raise the retirement age, or create private retirement accounts under title II of the Social Security Act. **Page S1913**

Hutchison Amendment No. 197, to delay the implementation of the health reform law in the United States until there is final resolution in pending lawsuits. **Page S1913**

Coburn Amendment No. 184, to provide a list of programs administered by every Federal department and agency. **Page S1913**

Pryor Amendment No. 229, to establish the Patriot Express Loan Program under which the Small Business Administration may make loans to members of the military community wanting to start or expand small business concerns. **Page S1914**

Landrieu Amendment No. 244 (to Amendment No. 183), to change the enactment date. **Page S1914**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the bill at approximately 10:30 a.m., on Wednesday, March 30, 2011. **Page S1943**

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Adjournment: Senate convened at 10 a.m. and adjourned, as a further mark of respect to the memory

of the late Geraldine A. Ferraro, in accordance with S. Res. 114, at 7:03 p.m., until 9:30 a.m. on Wednesday, March 30, 2011. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S1944.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION AND FUTURE YEARS DEFENSE PROGRAM

Committee on Armed Services: Committee concluded a hearing to examine U.S. European Command and U.S. Strategic Command in review of the Defense Authorization request for fiscal year 2012 and the Future Years Defense Program, after receiving testimony from Admiral James G. Stavridis, USN, Commander, United States European Command, and Supreme Allied Commander, Europe, and General C. Robert Kehler, USAF, Commander, United States Strategic Command, both of the Department of Defense.

DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE EFFICIENCIES INITIATIVES

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Readiness and Management Support concluded a hearing to examine Department of Defense efficiencies initiatives, after receiving testimony from Robert F. Hale, Under Secretary of Defense, Comptroller, Joseph Westphal, Under Secretary of the Army, Robert O. Work, Under Secretary of the Navy, and Erin C. Conaton, Under Secretary of the Air Force, all of the Department of Defense.

HOUSING FINANCE SYSTEM

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: Committee concluded a hearing to examine public proposals for the future of the housing finance system, after receiving testimony from Michael D. Berman, Mortgage Bankers Association, and Janneke Ratcliffe, Center for American Progress Action Fund, both of Washington, D.C.; Arnold Kling, George Mason University Mercatus Center, Alexandria, Virginia; and Mark Zandi, Moody's Analytics, Atlanta, Georgia.

DISEASE CLUSTERS

Committee on Environment and Public Works: Committee concluded an oversight hearing to examine disease clusters and environmental health, including S. 76, to direct the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency to investigate and address cancer and disease clusters, including in infants and children, after receiving testimony from Trevor Schaefer, Trevor's Trek Foundation, Boise, Idaho;

Erin Brockovich, Brockovich Research and Consulting, Agora Hills, California; Richard B. Belzer, Regulatory Checkbook, Mt. Vernon, Virginia; and Gina M. Solomon, Natural Resources Defense Council, San Francisco.

NOMINATION

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nomination of Suzan D. Johnson Cook, of New York, to be Ambassador at Large for International Religious Freedom, Department of State, after the nominee, who was introduced by Senator Gillibrand, testified and answered questions in her own behalf.

STRENGTHENING THE SENIOR EXECUTIVE SERVICE

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: Subcommittee on Oversight of Government Management, the Federal Workforce, and the District of Columbia concluded a hearing to examine strengthening the Senior Executive Service, focusing on a review of challenges facing the government's Leadership Corps, after receiving testimony from Nancy H. Kichak, Associate Director, Employee Services, U.S. Office of Personnel Management; and Carol Bonosaro, Senior Executives Association (SEA), and Max Stier, Partnership for Public Service, both of Washington, D.C.

DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE COST OVERRUNS

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: Subcommittee on Federal Financial Management, Government Information, Federal Services, and International Security concluded a hearing to examine tools to prevent Department of Defense cost overruns, focusing on trends in Nunn-McCurdy breaches and tools to manage weapon systems acquisition costs, after receiving testimony from Frank Kendall, Principal Deputy Under Secretary for Acquisition, Technology and Logistics, Richard P. Burke, Deputy Director, Cost Assessment, Office of the Secretary, Cost Assessment and Program Evaluation, and John J. Young Jr., former Under Secretary of Defense for Acquisition, Technology and Logistics, San Francisco, California, all of the Department of Defense; Michael J. Sullivan, Director, Acquisition and Sourcing Management, Government Accountability Office; and Moshe Schwartz, Specialist in Defense Acquisition, Congressional Research Service, Library of Congress.

MUSLIM AMERICANS' CIVIL RIGHTS

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on the Constitution, Civil Rights and Human Rights concluded a hearing to examine protecting the civil rights of