

Daily Digest

HIGHLIGHT

See *Résumé of Congressional Activity*.

Senate

Chamber Action

The Senate was not in session today. It will next meet at 2 p.m. on Monday, April 4, 2011.

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

No committee meetings were held.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 34 public bills, H.R. 1307–1340; and 3 resolutions, H. Res. 197–199 were introduced. **Pages H2265–68**

Additional Cosponsors: **Pages H2268–69**

Reports Filed: Reports were filed today as follows:

H.R. 910, to amend the Clean Air Act 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, and for other purposes, with an amendment (H. Rept. 112–50) and

H.J. Res. 37, disapproving the rule submitted by the Federal Communications Commission with respect to regulating the Internet and broadband industry practices (H. Rept. 112–51). **Page H2265**

FAA Reauthorization and Reform Act of 2011: The House passed H.R. 658, to amend title 49, United States Code, to authorize appropriations for the Federal Aviation Administration for fiscal years 2011 through 2014, to streamline programs, create efficiencies, reduce waste, and improve aviation safety and capacity, and to provide stable funding for the national aviation system, by a recorded vote of 223 ayes to 196 noes, Roll No. 220. Consideration of the measure began yesterday, March 31st.

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Rejected the Loretta Sanchez motion to recommit the bill to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure with instructions to report the same back to the House forthwith with an amendment, by a ye-a-and-nay vote of 184 yeas to 235 nays, Roll No. 219. **Pages H2235–37**

Agreed to:

Shuster amendment (No. 24 printed in H. Rept. 112–46) that was debated on March 31st that improves Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) rule-making activities by requiring the Agency to recognize that the United States aviation industry is composed of a variety of different segments with different operating characteristics and requiring the FAA to tailor regulations to address the unique characteristics of each industry segment. The amendment also requires the FAA to conduct appropriate cost/benefit studies on all proposed regulations and only enact regulations upon a finding that the costs are justified by the benefits (by a recorded vote of 215 ayes to 209 noes, Roll No. 218). **Pages H2234–35**

Rejected:

Pearce amendment (No. 27 printed in H. Rept. 112–46) that was debated on March 31st that sought to authorize an equitable transfer of land and property, in the form of a road, between Dona Ana County in New Mexico and Verde Corporate Realty Services. Dona Ana County would continue to use the land for airport purposes (by a recorded vote of 207 ayes to 215 noes, Roll No. 214); **Page H2232**

Schiff amendment (No. 29 printed in H. Rept. 112-46) that was debated on March 31st that sought to allow airports that meet specific requirements—already had at least a partial curfew in effect before the 1990 Airport Noise and Control Act (ANCA)—to implement mandatory nighttime curfews. Would define a nighttime curfew (10 p.m. to 7 a.m.), establish the process for implementing and administering the curfew and is not intended to open the door to any further exemptions from ANCA (by a recorded vote of 178 ayes to 243 noes, Roll No. 215);

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Sessions amendment (No. 20 printed in H. Rept. 112-46) that was debated on March 31st that sought to prevent any funds from this act to be used to administer or enforce Davis Bacon (by a recorded vote of 183 ayes to 238 noes, Roll No. 216); and

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LaTourette amendment (No. 21 printed in H. Rept. 112-46) that was debated on March 31st that sought to strike section 903, which repeals a National Mediation Board (NMB) rule, finalized last year, which provides for union representation elections among airline and railroad workers covered by the Railway Labor Act (by a recorded vote of 206 ayes to 220 noes, Roll No. 217).

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H. Res. 189, the rule providing for consideration of the bill, was agreed to yesterday, March 31st.

Government Shutdown Prevention Act of 2011: The House passed H.R. 1255, to prevent a shutdown of the government of the United States, by a recorded vote of 221 ayes to 202 noes with 1 voting “present”, Roll No. 224.

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Rejected the Walz motion to recommit the bill to the Committee on House Administration with instructions to report the same back to the House forthwith with an amendment, by a yea-and-nay vote of 188 yeas to 237 nays, Roll No. 223.

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H. Res. 194, the rule providing for consideration of the bill, was agreed to by a recorded vote of 229 ayes to 187 noes, Roll No. 222, after the previous question was ordered by a yea-and-nay vote of 230 yeas to 187 nays, Roll No. 221.

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A point of order was raised against the consideration of H. Res. 194 and it was agreed to proceed with consideration of the resolution by a yea-and-nay vote of 219 yeas to 172 nays, Roll No. 213.

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Meeting Hour: Agreed that when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet on Monday, April 4th, when it shall convene at noon for morning hour debate and 2 p.m. for legislative business.

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Quorum Calls—Votes: Four yea-and-nay votes and eight recorded votes developed during the pro-

ceedings of today and appear on pages H2222, H2232, H2233, H2233-34, H2234, H2235, H2236-37, H2237, H2238, H2238-39, H2250 and H2250-51. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 9 a.m. and adjourned at 4:48 p.m.

Committee Meetings

AGRICULTURE, RURAL DEVELOPMENT, FDA

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies held a hearing on USDA FY 2012 Budget Request. Testimony was heard from Kevin Concannon, USDA Undersecretary for Food, Nutrition, and Consumer Services.

COMMERCE, JUSTICE, AND SCIENCE

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies held a hearing on National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration—FY 2012 Budget Request. Testimony was heard from Jane Lubchenco, Under Secretary of Commerce for Oceans and Atmosphere and NOAA Administrator.

FINANCIAL SERVICES AND GENERAL GOVERNMENT

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Financial Services and General Government held a hearing on OPM—FY 2012 Budget. Testimony was heard from John Berry, Director, OPM.

HOMELAND SECURITY

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Homeland Security held a hearing on Terrorist Travel—Programs and Funding. Testimony was heard from Kevin K. McAleena, Deputy Assistant Commissioner, Customs and Border Protection; Joe Salvator, Deputy Assistant Administrator, Transportation Security Administration; Timothy Healy, Director, Terrorist Screening Center; John Woods, Deputy Assistant Director (National Security Division), Office of Investigations, Immigration and Customs Enforcement; and Geoff O’Connell, Principal Deputy Director, National Counterterrorism Center. This was a CLASSIFIED and CLOSED hearing.

LABOR, HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES, EDUCATION

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, Education and Related Agencies held a hearing on Health Reform. Testimony was heard from Andrew Sherrill, Director, Education, Workforce, and Income Security, GAO; and public witnesses.