

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S4009–S4109

Measures Introduced: Fourteen bills and six resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 744–757, S. Res. 92–96, and S. Con. Res. 15. **Pages S4062–63**

Measures Reported:

Special Report entitled “Report on the Activities of the Committee on the Judiciary of the United States Senate During the 110th Congress, Pursuant to Rule XXVI of the Standing Rules of the United States Senate”. (S. Rept. No. 111–11)

Special Report entitled “Legislative Activities Report”. (S. Rept. No. 111–12)

Special Report entitled “Report on the Activities of the Committee on Finance of the United States Senate During the 110th Congress, Pursuant to Rule XXVI of the Standing Rules of the United States Senate”. (S. Rept. No. 111–13)

S. Res. 9, commemorating 90 years of U.S.-Polish diplomatic relations, during which Poland has proven to be an exceptionally strong partner to the United States in advancing freedom around the world.

S. Res. 20, celebrating the 60th anniversary of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization.

S. Res. 56, urging the Government of Moldova to ensure a fair and democratic election process for the parliamentary elections on April 5, 2009.

S. Res. 90, expressing the sense of the Senate regarding the Fifth Summit of the Americas, held in Port of Spain, Trinidad and Tobago, April 17, 18, and 19, 2009. **Page S4061**

Measures Passed:

National Auctioneers Day: Committee on the Judiciary was discharged from further consideration of S. Res. 86, designating April 18, 2009, as “National Auctioneers Day”, and the resolution was then agreed to. **Page S4104**

Financial Literacy Month: Senate agreed to S. Res. 94, designating April 2009 as “Financial Literacy Month”. **Pages S4104–05**

Congratulating the University of Iowa Men’s Wrestling Team: Senate agreed to S. Res. 95, con-

gratulating the University of Iowa men’s wrestling team for winning the 2009 National Collegiate Athletic Association Division I Wrestling Championship. **Pages S4105–06**

Congratulating the Morningside College Women’s Basketball Team: Senate agreed to S. Res. 96, congratulating the Morningside College women’s basketball team for winning the 2009 National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics (NAIA) Division II championship. **Page S4106**

Measures Considered:

Budget Resolution—Agreement: Senate continued consideration of S. Con. Res. 13, setting forth the congressional budget for the United States Government for fiscal year 2010, revising the appropriate budgetary levels for fiscal year 2009, and setting forth the appropriate budgetary levels for fiscal years 2011 through 2014, taking action on the following amendments proposed thereto: **Pages S4009–55**

Adopted:

By 54 yeas to 43 nays (Vote No. 116), Boxer Amendment No. 749, to require that certain legislation relating to clean energy technologies not increase electricity or gasoline prices or increase the overall burden on consumers. **Pages S4017–26, S4029**

By 89 yeas to 8 nays (Vote No. 117), Thune Amendment No. 731, to amend the deficit-neutral reserve fund for climate change legislation to require that such legislation does not increase electricity or gasoline prices. **Pages S4026–30**

Rejected:

By 43 yeas to 54 nays (Vote No. 118), Gregg Amendment No. 739, to prohibit the consideration of any budget resolution, or amendment thereto, or conference report thereon, that shows an increase in the public debt, for the period of the current fiscal year through the next 10 years, equal to or greater than the debt accumulated from 1789 to January, 20, 2009. **Pages S4013–17, S4030**

Pending:

Johanns Amendment No. 735, to prohibit the use of reconciliation in the Senate for climate change legislation involving a cap and trade system. **Page S4009**

Lieberman Amendment No. 763, to protect the American people from potential spillover violence from Mexico by providing \$550 million in additional funding for the Department of Homeland Security and the Department of Justice and supporting the Administration's efforts to combat drug, gun, and cash smuggling by the cartels, by providing: \$260 million for Customs and Border Protection to hire, train, equip, and deploy additional officers and canines and conduct exit inspections for weapons and cash; \$130 million for Immigration and Customs Enforcement to hire, train, equip and deploy additional investigators; \$50 million to Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives to hire, train, equip, and deploy additional agents and inspectors; \$20 million for the Human Smuggling and Trafficking Center; \$10 million for the Office of International Affairs and the Management Directorate at DHS for oversight of the Merida Initiative; \$30 million for Operation Stonegarden; \$10 million to the Office of National Drug Control Policy for the High Intensity Drug Trafficking Areas program, to support state and local law enforcement participation in the HIDTA program along the southern border; \$20 million to DHS for tactical radio communications; and \$20 million for upgrading the Traveler Enforcement Communications System. **Pages S4030–33**

Alexander Amendment No. 747, to create run-away debt point of order against consideration of a budget resolution that projects the ratio of public debt to GDP for any fiscal year in excess of 90% to ensure the continued viability of US dollar and prevent doubling or tripling the debt burden on future generations. **Pages S4033–37**

Sessions Amendment No. 772, to restore the budget discipline of the Federal Government by freezing nondefense discretionary spending for fiscal years 2010 and 2011, and limiting the growth of nondefense discretionary spending to one percent annually for fiscal years 2012, 2013, and 2014. **Pages S4037–55**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that the order of Monday, March 31, 2009, with respect to Senator Conrad, or his designee, to offer a side-by-side to Amendment No. 735 (listed above), remain in effect. **Page S4037**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the resolution at 10:00 a.m., on Wednesday, April 1, 2009, and that the statutory time remaining be 20 hours, with each side controlling 10 hours; provided further, that for the duration of the debate, all time during quorum calls be charged equally to both sides. **Page S4106**

Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

Ines R. Triay, of New Mexico, to be an Assistant Secretary of Energy (Environmental Management).

Lawrence E. Strickling, of Illinois, to be Assistant Secretary of Commerce for Communications and Information.

Hilary Chandler Tompkins, of New Mexico, to be Solicitor of the Department of the Interior.

Thomas E. Perez, of Maryland, to be an Assistant Attorney General. **Page S4109**

Nomination Withdrawn: Senate received notification of withdrawal of the following nomination:

Jonathan Z. Cannon, of Virginia, to be Deputy Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency, which was sent to the Senate on March 11, 2009. **Page S4109**

Messages from the House: **Page S4060**

Measures Referred: **Page S4060**

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Authorities for Committees to Meet: **Pages S4103–04**

Privileges of the Floor: **Page S4104**

Record Votes: Three record votes were taken today. (Total—118) **Pages S4029, S4030**

Adjournment: Senate convened at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 8:47 p.m., until 10 a.m. on Wednesday, April 1, 2009. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S4106.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

FEDERAL SCHOOL MEAL PROGRAMS

Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry: Committee concluded a hearing to examine Federal school meal programs, focusing on nutrition for kids in schools, after receiving testimony from Pat Cooper, Early Childhood and Family Learning Foundation, New Orleans, Louisiana; Nancy Huehnergath, New York State Healthy Eating and Physical Activity Alliance, Chappaqua; Byron V. Garrett, National Parent Teacher Association, Chicago, Illinois; Reginald M. Felton, National School Boards Association, Alexandria, Virginia; Karen Ehrens, North Dakota Dietetic Association, Bismarck, on behalf of the