

Daily Digest

HIGHLIGHTS

Senate passed S. 386, Fraud Enforcement and Recovery Act.

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S4765–S4830

Measures Introduced: Nineteen bills and three resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 903–921, S. Res. 115–116, and S. Con. Res. 20. **Pages S4806–07**

Measures Passed:

Fraud Enforcement and Recovery Act: By 92 yeas to 4 nays (Vote No. 171), Senate passed S. 386, to improve enforcement of mortgage fraud, securities fraud, financial institution fraud, and other frauds related to federal assistance and relief programs, for the recovery of funds lost to these frauds, as amended. **Pages S4774–81**

Budget Resolution Conference Report—Agreement:

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that at approximately 10:30 a.m., on Wednesday, April 29, 2009, Senate will begin the statutory debate time with respect to the conference report to accompany 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, notwithstanding the receipt of papers from the House of Representatives; provided further, that when the Senate receives a message from the House of Representatives regarding S. Con. Res. 13, Senate proceed to consideration of the conference report. **Page S4830**

Nomination Confirmed: Senate confirmed the following nomination:

By 65 yeas 31 nays (Vote No. EX. 172), Kathleen Sebelius, of Kansas, to be Secretary of Health and Human Services. **Pages S4766–74, S4782–95, S4830**

Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

Paul N. Stockton, of California, to be an Assistant Secretary of Defense.

Rebecca M. Blank, of Maryland, to be Under Secretary of Commerce for Economic Affairs.

Laurie I. Mikva, of Illinois, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Legal Services Corporation for a term expiring July 13, 2010.

Robert S. Litt, of Maryland, to be General Counsel of the Office of the Director of National Intelligence. **Page S4830**

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Record Votes: Two record votes were taken today. (Total—172) **Pages S4777, S4795**

Adjournment: Senate convened at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 6:54 p.m., until 9:30 a.m. on Wednesday, April 29, 2009. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S4830.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

SWINE FLU

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, Education, and Related Agencies concluded a hearing to examine public

health response to swine flu, after receiving testimony from Rear Admiral Anne Schuchat, Interim Deputy Director, Science and Public Health Program, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention; Anthony Fauci, Director, National Institute for Allergy and Infectious Diseases, National Institutes of Health, Department of Health and Human Services; John R. Clifford, Deputy Administrator, National Animal Health and Policy Program, Department of Agriculture; and Paul Jarris, Association of State and Territorial Health Officials, Arlington, Virginia.

NOMINATIONS

Committee on Armed Services: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of Raymond Edwin Mabus, Jr., of Mississippi, to be Secretary, who was introduced by Senators Cochran and Wicker, and Robert O. Work, of Virginia, to be Under Secretary, both of the Department of the Navy, Elizabeth Lee King, of the District of Columbia, to be Assistant Secretary for Legislative Affairs, who was introduced by Senator Reed, Michael Nacht, of California, to be Assistant Secretary for Global Strategic Affairs, and Wallace C. Gregson, of Colorado, to be Assistant Secretary for Asian and Pacific Security Affairs, who was introduced by Senator Webb, all of the Department of Defense, Donald Michael Remy, of Virginia, to be General Counsel, who was introduced by Senator Landrieu, and Jo-Ellen Darcy, of Maryland, to be Assistant Secretary for Civil Works, who was introduced by Senator Baucus, both of the Department of the Army, and Ines R. Triay, of New Mexico, to be Assistant Secretary for Environmental Management, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: Committee ordered favorably reported the nominations of Ronald C. Sims, of Washington, to be Deputy Secretary, Peter A. Kovar, of Maryland, to be Assistant Secretary for Congressional and Intergovernmental Affairs, Helen R. Kanovsky, of Maryland, to be General Counsel, and John D. Trasvina, of California, to be Assistant Secretary for Fair Housing and Equal Opportunity, all of the Department of Housing and Urban Development, David S. Cohen, of Maryland, to be Assistant Secretary of the Treasury for Terrorist Financing, and Fred P. Hochberg, of New York, to be President of the Export-Import Bank of the United States.

FORMALDEHYDE IN TEXTILES AND CONSUMER PRODUCTS

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Subcommittee on Consumer Protection, Product Safety, and Insurance concluded a hearing to examine form-

aldehyde in textiles and consumer products, after receiving testimony from Senator Casey; Ruth A. Etzel, American Academy of Pediatrics, and Phillip Wakelyn, Wakelyn Associates, LLC, both of Washington, D.C.; and David Brookstein, Philadelphia University School of Engineering and Textiles, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

FUTURE OF NATIONAL SURFACE TRANSPORTATION POLICY

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Subcommittee on Surface Transportation and Merchant Marine Infrastructure, Safety and Security concluded a hearing to examine the future of national surface transportation policy, after receiving testimony from Ray LaHood, Secretary of Transportation; Ned S. Holmes, Texas Transportation Commission, Houston; Steve Heminger, National Surface Transportation Policy and Revenue Study Commission, Oakland, California; and Anne P. Canby, Surface Transportation Policy Partnership, and James Corless, Transportation for America, both of Washington, D.C.

CLEAN ENERGY DEPLOYMENT

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Committee concluded a hearing to examine financing for deployment of clean energy and energy efficiency technologies and to enhance United States' competitiveness in this market through the creation of a Clean Energy Deployment Administration within the Department of Energy, after receiving testimony from Matthew Rogers, Senior Advisor for the Recovery and Reinvestment Act, Office of the Secretary, Department of Energy; Dan W. Reicher, Google, Mountain View, California; John Denniston, Kleiner Perkins Caufield & Byers, Menlo Park, California; and Jeanine Hull, Dykema Gossett, and Joseph S. Hezir, EOP Group, Inc., both of Washington, D.C.

NOMINATIONS

Committee on Environment and Public Works: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of Michelle DePass, of New York, and Cynthia J. Giles, of Rhode Island, who was introduced by Senator Whitehouse, each to be an Assistant Administrator, and Mathy Stanislaus, of New Jersey, to be Assistant Administrator for Office of Solid Waste, all of the Environmental Protection Agency, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

WAR POWERS IN THE 21ST CENTURY

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee concluded a hearing to examine war powers in the 21st Century, after receiving testimony from James A. Baker III, and Warren Christopher, both a former Secretary

of State; and Lee H. Hamilton, Woodrow Wilson International Center, Washington, D.C.

NOMINATION

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nomination of Harold Hongju Koh, of Connecticut, to be Legal Adviser of the Department of State, after the nominee, who was introduced by Senators Dodd and Lieberman, testified and answered questions in his own behalf.

CYBER SECURITY

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: Committee concluded a hearing to examine cyber security, focusing on developing a national strategy, after receiving testimony from Stewart A. Baker, Steptoe and Johnson LLP, and James A. Lewis, Center for Strategic and International Studies, both of Washington, D.C.; Alan Paller, SANS Institute, Bethesda, Maryland; and Tom Kellerman, Core Security Technologies, Boston, Massachusetts.

GOVERNMENT AND DIGITAL FUTURE

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: Subcommittee on Federal Financial Management, Government Information, Federal Services, and International Security concluded a hearing to examine advancing America into the 21st Century and a digital future, after receiving testimony from Vivek Kundra, Federal Chief Information Officer and Administrator, and Karen S. Evans, former Administrator, each for Electronic Government and Information Technology, Office of Management and Budget; David A. Powner, Director, Information Technology Management Issues, Government Accountability Office; and Phillip J. Bond, TechAmerica, Washington, D.C.

WORKPLACE SAFETY

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: Subcommittee on Employment and Workplace Safety concluded a hearing to examine introducing meaningful incentives for safe workplaces and meaningful roles for victims and their families, after receiving testimony from Celeste Monforton, George Washington University School of Public Health and

Health Services, Washington, D.C.; James S. Frederick, United Steel, Paper and Forestry, Rubber, Manufacturing, Energy, Allied Industrial and Service Workers International Union, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania; Tammy Miser, United Support and Memorial for Workplace Fatalities, Lexington, Kentucky; and Warren K. Brown, American Society of Safety Engineers, Des Plaines, Illinois.

NATIONAL HEALTH CARE REFORM

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: Committee concluded a hearing to examine individual state experiences with health care reform coverage initiatives in the context of national reform, after receiving testimony from Utah House of Representatives Speaker David Clark, and Brent C. James, Intermountain Healthcare Institute for Health Care Delivery Research, both of Salt Lake City, Utah; Jon Kingsdale, Commonwealth Health Insurance Connector Authority, and Eileen McAnneny, Associated Industries of Massachusetts, both of Boston, Massachusetts; Susan Besio, Vermont Director of Health Care Reform, and Harry Chen, both of Burlington, Vermont; and Ruth Liu, Kaiser Foundation Health Plan and Kaiser Foundation Hospitals, Oakland, California.

VICTIMS OF CRIME ACT

Committee on the Judiciary: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the Victims of Crime Act, focusing on 25 years of protecting and supporting victims, after receiving testimony from Judith A. Rex, Vermont Center for Crime Victim Services, Waterbury; Mary Lou Leary, National Center for Victims of Crime, Washington, D.C.; Keith Perkins, The Never Again Foundation, Chandler, Arizona; Steve Derene, National Association of VOCA Assistance Administrators, Madison, Wisconsin; and Susan S. Russell, Warren, Vermont.

INTELLIGENCE

Select Committee on Intelligence: Committee held closed hearings on intelligence matters, receiving testimony from officials of the intelligence community.

Committee recessed subject to the call.