

Daily Digest

HIGHLIGHTS

Senate passed H.R. 2892, Department of Homeland Security Appropriations Act.

The House passed H.R. 2997, Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2010.

The House passed H.R. 3081, Making appropriations for the Department of State, foreign operations, and related programs for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2010.

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S7277–S7332

Measures Introduced: Nineteen bills were introduced, as follows: S. 1419–1437. **Pages S7317–18**

Measures Reported:

Special Report entitled “Further Revised Allocation to Subcommittees of Budget Totals from the Concurrent Resolution, Fiscal Year 2010”. (S. Rept. No. 111–42)

S. 1432, making appropriations for financial services and general government for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2010. (S. Rept. No. 111–43)

S. 1434, making appropriations for the Department of State, foreign operations, and related programs for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2010. (S. Rept. No. 111–44)

S. 1436, making appropriations for energy and water development and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2010. (S. Rept. No. 111–45) **Page S7317**

Measures Passed:

Department of Homeland Security Appropriations Act: By 84 yeas to 6 nays (Vote No. 229), Senate passed H.R. 2892, making appropriations for the Department of Homeland Security for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2010, as amended, after taking action on the following amendments proposed thereto: **Pages S7288–S7311**

Adopted:

Vitter Modified Amendment No. 1375 (to Amendment No. 1373), to prohibit amounts made available under this Act from being used to amend

the final rule to hold employers accountable if they hire illegal aliens. **Pages S7288–89**

Murray (for Tester) Amendment No. 1459 (to Amendment No. 1373), to condition funding for the National Bio and Agro-defense Facility. **Pages S7301–02**

Murray (for Kyl/McCain) Modified Amendment No. 1455 (to Amendment No. 1373), to require the Secretary of Homeland Security to submit a detailed report to Congress regarding the utilization and potential expansion of Operation Streamline programs. **Pages S7301–02**

Murray (for Rockefeller) Amendment No. 1401 (to Amendment No. 1373), to amend title 46, United States Code, to ensure that the prohibition on disclosure of maritime transportation security information is not used inappropriately to shield certain other information from public disclosure. **Pages S7303–04**

Murray (for Cornyn) Amendment No. 1447 (to Amendment No. 1373), to clarify the definition of switchblade knives. **Pages S7303–04**

Murray (for Bennet) Amendment No. 1457 (to Amendment No. 1373), to protect taxpayers by improving financial accountability at the Department of Homeland Security. **Pages S7303–04**

Murray (for Lincoln) Modified Amendment No. 1463 (to Amendment No. 1373), to make a technical correction to the Federal Deposit Insurance Act. **Pages S7303–04**

Murray (for Lieberman/Graham) Amendment No. 1456 (to Amendment No. 1373), to provide that certain photographic records relating to the treatment of any individual engaged, captured, or detained after September 11, 2001, by the Armed

Forces of the United States in operations outside the United States shall not be subject to disclosure under section 552 of title 5, United States Code (commonly referred to as the Freedom of Information Act), to amend section 552(b)(3) of title 5, United States Code (commonly referred to as the Freedom of Information Act) to provide that statutory exemptions to the disclosure requirements of that Act shall specifically cite to the provision of that Act authorizing such exemptions, to ensure an open and deliberative process in Congress by providing for related legislative proposals to explicitly state such required citations.

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Murray (for Sanders) Modified Amendment No. 1454 (to Amendment No. 1373), to require the Secretary of Homeland Security to submit to Congress a report on reducing the travel time between locations in the United States and locations in Ontario and Quebec by intercity passenger rail.

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Murray (for Landrieu) Amendment No. 1466 (to Amendment No. 1373), to require a report from the Federal Emergency Management Agency relative to housing and the Post-Katrina Emergency Management Reform Act.

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Murray (for Landrieu) Amendment No. 1465 (to Amendment No. 1373), to authorize the temporary reemployment of administrative law judge annuitants for disputes relating to certain public assistance applications under the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act.

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Murray (for Gregg) Amendment No. 1464 (to Amendment No. 1373), to protect the privacy of personal information provided by United States travelers who participated in the Registered Traveler program.

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Hatch Modified Amendment No. 1428 (to Amendment No. 1373), to amend the Immigration and Nationality Act to extend the religious workers and Conrad-30 visa programs, to protect orphans and widows with pending or approved visa petitions.

Pages S7288, S7292, S7305

By 55 yeas to 36 nays (Vote No. 225), Vitter Amendment No. 1467 (to Amendment No. 1458), to prevent funds from being used to prevent individuals from importing prescription drugs under certain circumstances.

Pages S7302, S7307

Murray (for Dodd) Amendment No. 1458 (to Amendment No. 1373), to provide additional funds for FIRE grants under section 33 of the Federal Fire Prevention and Control Act of 1974.

Pages S7302, S7307

Coburn Amendment No. 1433 (to Amendment No. 1373), to prohibit the payment of bonuses to government contractors for poor performance.

Pages S7307–08

By 67 yeas to 24 nays (Vote No. 226), Murray Amendment No. 1468 (to Amendment No. 1373), to prohibit certain funds from being used for certain efforts.

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Grassley Amendment No. 1415 (to Amendment No. 1373), to authorize employers to voluntarily verify the immigration status of existing employees.

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Reid (for Byrd/Inouye) Amendment No. 1373, in the nature of a substitute.

Pages S7288–S7311

Rejected:

By 36 yeas to 59 nays (Vote No. 223), Kyl/McCain Amendment No. 1432 (to Amendment No. 1373), to strike the earmark for the City of Whitefish Emergency Operations Center.

Pages S7288, S7289–90

By 35 yeas to 61 nays (Vote No. 224), McCain Amendment No. 1378 (to Amendment No. 1373), to strike the appropriation for the Advanced Training Center.

Pages S7289, S7290–92, S7296–97

By 31 yeas to 60 nays (Vote No. 227), Coburn Amendment No. 1434 (to Amendment No. 1373), to prohibit no bid contracts be requiring the use of competitive procedures to award contracts and grants funded under this Act.

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By 32 yeas to 58 nays (Vote No. 228), Sanders Amendment No. 1430 (to Amendment No. 1373), to increase funding for firefighter assistance grants and recruitment and retention grants.

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Senate insisted on its amendment, requested a conference with the House thereon, and the Chair was authorized to appoint the following conferees on the part of the Senate: Senators Byrd, Inouye, Leahy, Mikulski, Murray, Landrieu, Lautenberg, Tester, Specter, Voinovich, Cochran, Gregg, Shelby, Brownback, and Murkowski.

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Senator Coleman Tributes—Agreement: A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that the tributes to Senator Coleman in the Congressional Record be printed as a Senate document and that Senators be permitted to submit statements for inclusion until Friday, August 7, 2009.

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Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

Christopher P. Bertram, of the District of Columbia, to be an Assistant Secretary of Transportation.

Philip D. Murphy, of New Jersey, to be Ambassador to the Federal Republic of Germany.

Francis S. Collins, of Maryland, to be Director of the National Institutes of Health.

Sherry Glied, of New York, to be an Assistant Secretary of Health and Human Services.

Craig Becker, of Illinois, to be a Member of the National Labor Relations Board for the term of five years expiring December 16, 2009.

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Brian Hayes, of Massachusetts, to be a Member of the National Labor Relations Board for the term of five years expiring December 16, 2012.

Mark Gaston Pearce, of New York, to be a Member of the National Labor Relations Board for the term of five years expiring August 27, 2013.

James A. Leach, of Iowa, to be Chairperson of the National Endowment for the Humanities for a term of four years.

Rolena Klahn Adorno, of Connecticut, to be a Member of the National Council on the Humanities for a term expiring January 26, 2014.

1 Army nomination in the rank of general.

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Nomination Discharged: The following nomination were discharged from further committee consideration and placed on the Executive Calendar:

Gordon S. Heddell, of the District of Columbia, to be Inspector General, Department of Defense, which was sent to the Senate on June 1, 2009, from the Senate Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

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Record Votes: Seven record votes were taken today. (Total—229) Pages S7390, S7397, S7307–11

Adjournment: Senate convened at 9:31 a.m. and adjourned at 10:08 p.m., until 10 a.m. on Friday, July 10, 2009. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S7332.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

APPROPRIATIONS: ENERGY AND WATER DEVELOPMENT, FINANCIAL SERVICES AND GENERAL GOVERNMENT, AND STATE, FOREIGN OPERATIONS, AND RELATED AGENCIES

Committee on Appropriations: Committee ordered favorably reported the following bills:

S. 1432, making appropriations for Financial Services and General Government for fiscal year 2010;

S. 1434, making appropriations for Department of State, Foreign Operations, and Related Agencies for fiscal year 2010; and

S. 1436, making appropriations for Energy and Water Development for fiscal year 2010.

NOMINATIONS

Committee on Armed Services: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of General James E. Cartwright, for reappointment as the Vice Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff and reappointment to the grade of general, of the Marine Corps, and Admiral Robert F. Willard, for reappointment to the grade of admiral and to be Commander, Pacific Command, of the Navy, who was introduced by Senator Inouye, after the nominees testified and answered questions on their own behalf.

NOMINATIONS

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of Wilma A. Lewis, of the Virgin Islands, to be Assistant Secretary, and Robert V. Abbey, of Nevada, to be Director of the Bureau of Land Management, who was introduced by Senator Ensign, both of the Department of the Interior, and Richard G. Newell, of North Carolina, to be Administrator of the Energy Information Administration, Department of Energy, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

U.S. ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY OVERSIGHT

Committee on Environment and Public Works: Subcommittee on Clean Air and Nuclear Safety concluded an oversight hearing to examine the Environmental Protection Agency's clean air regulations, one year after the CAIR and CAMR federal court decisions, focusing on key issues the Environmental Protection Agency faces in regulating mercury emissions from power plants, after receiving testimony from Regina McCarthy, Assistant Administrator, Office of Air and Radiation, Environmental Protection Agency; John B. Stephenson, Director, Natural Resources