

# Daily Digest

## HIGHLIGHTS

See Résumé of Congressional Activity.

## Senate

### Chamber Action

*Routine Proceedings, pages S8641–S8707*

**Measures Introduced:** Fourteen bills and three resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 1556–1569, and S. Res. 234–236. **Page S8681**

#### Measures Passed:

**National Childhood Cancer Awareness Day:** Committee on the Judiciary was discharged from further consideration of S. Res. 200, designating September 12, 2009, as “National Childhood Cancer Awareness Day”, and the resolution was then agreed to. **Page S8699**

**National Save for Retirement Week:** Senate agreed to S. Res. 234, supporting the goals and ideals of National Save for Retirement Week 2009. **Pages S8699–S8700**

**National Airborne Day:** Senate agreed to S. Res. 235, designating August 16, 2009, as “National Airborne Day”. **Page S8700**

**Anniversary of the Abolition of Slavery in the British Empire:** Senate agreed to S. Res. 236, commemorating the 175th anniversary of the abolition of slavery in the British Empire on August 1, 1834. **Pages S8700–01**

#### Measures Considered:

**Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration Appropriations Act:** Senate resumed consideration of H.R. 2997, making appropriations for Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies programs for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2010, taking action on the following amendments proposed thereto: **Pages S8647–63**

##### Adopted:

Kohl Amendment No. 2233 (to Amendment No. 1908), to provide the Food and Drug Administration the ability to collect user fees as authorized by the

Family Smoking Prevention and Tobacco Control Act. **Page S8650**

Kohl (for Tester) Amendment No. 2230 (to Amendment No. 1908), to clarify a provision relating to funding for a National Animal Identification Program. **Pages S8647, S8650–51**

Brownback/Brown Modified Amendment No. 2229 (to Amendment No. 1908), to establish within the Food and Drug Administration 2 review groups to recommend solutions for the prevention, diagnosis, and treatment of rare diseases and neglected diseases of the developing world. **Pages S8647, S8651**

Brownback (for Chambliss/Harkin) Modified Amendment No. 2253 (to Amendment No. 1908), to require a report on the status of the reorganization of the Foreign Agricultural Service and future plans to modify office structures. **Page S8656**

Kohl/Brownback Amendment No. 2289 (to Amendment No. 1908), to ensure the compliance of the United States regarding obligations under international trade agreements. **Page S8660**

Brownback (for Chambliss) Amendment No. 2254 (to Amendment No. 1908), to prohibit the use of funds to assess greenbook charges to agencies or to use previously assessed funds. **Page S8660**

Brownback (for Vitter) Amendment No. 2255 (to Amendment No. 1908), to require the Commissioner of Food and Drugs to conduct a study on imported seafood. **Page S8660**

Kohl (for Landrieu) Modified Amendment No. 2259 (to Amendment No. 1908), to require a report on increasing the participation of rural small businesses in tourism activities. **Page S8661**

##### Rejected:

By 41 yeas to 55 nays (Vote No. 256), McCain Amendment No. 1910 (to Amendment No. 1908), to strike a setaside for certain grants authorized under the Rural Electrification Act. **Pages S8647–48, S8657–58, S8661–62**

##### Pending:

Kohl/Brownback Amendment No. 1908, in the nature of a substitute. **Pages S8647–63**

Kohl (for Murray/Baucus) Amendment No. 2225 (to Amendment No. 1908), to allow State and local governments to participate in the conservation reserve program. **Page S8647**

Kohl (for Nelson (FL)) Amendment No. 2226 (to Amendment No. 1908), to prohibit funds made available under this Act from being used to enforce a travel or conference policy that prohibits an event from being held in a location based on a perception that the location is a resort or vacation destination. **Pages S8647, S8659**

McCain Amendment No. 1912 (to Amendment No. 1908), to strike a provision relating to certain watershed and flood prevention operations. **Page S8648**

McCain Amendment No. 2030 (to Amendment No. 1908), to prohibit funding for an earmark. **Pages S8648–50**

Johanns/Nelson (NE) Amendment No. 2241 (to Amendment No. 1908), to provide funding for the tuberculosis program of the Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service. **Pages S8653–54**

Brownback (for Barrasso) Amendment No. 2240 (to Amendment No. 1908), to require the Secretary of Agriculture to conduct a State-by-State analysis of the impacts on agricultural producers of the American Clean Energy and Security Act of 2009 (H.R. 2452, as passed by the House of Representatives on June 26, 2009). **Pages S8658–59**

Coburn Amendment No. 2243 (to Amendment No. 1908), to eliminate double-dipped stimulus funds for the Rural Business-Cooperative Service account. **Page S8659**

Coburn Amendment No. 2244 (to Amendment No. 1908), to support the proposal of the President to eliminate funding in the bill for digital conversion efforts of the Department of Agriculture that are duplicative of existing Federal efforts. **Page S8659**

Coburn Amendment No. 2245 (to Amendment No. 1908), to strike a provision providing \$3,000,000 for specialty cheeses in Vermont and Wisconsin. **Page S8659**

Coburn Amendment No. 2248 (to Amendment No. 1908), to prohibit no-bid contracts and grants. **Page S8659**

Coburn Amendment No. 2246 (to Amendment No. 2226), to provide additional transparency and accountability for spending on conferences and meetings of the Department of Agriculture. **Pages S8659–60**

Kohl Amendment No. 2288 (to Amendment No. 2248), to provide requirements regarding the authority of the Secretary of Agriculture and the Commissioner of Food and Drugs to enter into certain contracts. **Page S8660**

Sanders Amendment No. 2276 (to Amendment No. 1908), to modify the amount made available for the Farm Service Agency. **Page S8663**

Sanders Amendment No. 2271 (to Amendment No. 1908), to provide funds for the school community garden pilot program, with an offset. **Page S8663**

During consideration of this measure today, Senate also took the following action:

By 83 yeas to 11 nays (Vote No. 255), three-fifths of those Senators duly chosen and sworn, having voted in the affirmative, Senate agreed to the motion to close further debate on the Kohl/Brownback Amendment No. 1908 (listed above). **Page S8661**

A unanimous-consent-time agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the bill at approximately 10 a.m., on Tuesday, August 4, 2009, and that the time until 10:30 a.m. be equally divided and controlled between the managers and Senator McCain; provided that the filing deadline for second-degree amendment be 10:15 a.m., on Tuesday, August 4, 2009; provided that at 10:30 a.m., Senate vote on or in relation to the following amendments in the order listed; prior to the second vote, there be 2 minutes of debate equally divided and controlled in the usual form, and that the time for the second vote be limited to 10 minutes: McCain Amendment No. 1912 (to Amendment No. 1908) (listed above), and McCain Amendment No. 2030 (to Amendment No. 1908); provided further that no amendment be in order to either amendment prior to the vote, and that following the second vote, Senate recess until 2:15 p.m. **Page S8677**

#### Appointments:

*Ronald Reagan Centennial Commission:* The Chair, on behalf of the Republican Leader, pursuant to Public Law 111–25, announced the appointment of the following individual to serve as a member of the Ronald Reagan Centennial Commission for the life of the commission: Senator Bennett. **Page S8701**

**Nominations Received:** Senate received the following nominations:

Anne M. Northup, of Kentucky, to be a Commissioner of the Consumer Product Safety Commission for a term of seven years from October 27, 2004.

Daniel I. Werfel, of Virginia, to be Controller, Office of Federal Financial Management, Office of Management and Budget.

Terry A. Yonkers, of Maryland, to be an Assistant Secretary of the Air Force.

Routine lists in the Army and Navy.

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**Messages from the House:**

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**Measures Referred:**

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**Measures Read the First Time:**

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Authorities for Committees to Meet:	Page S8699
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Record Votes: Two record votes were taken today. (Total—256)	Pages S8661, S8662

**Adjournment:** Senate convened at 2 p.m. and adjourned at 8:50 p.m., until 10 a.m. on Tuesday, August 4, 2009. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S8701.)

## Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

### CHESAPEAKE BAY PROGRAM

*Committee on Environment and Public Works:* Subcommittee on Water and Wildlife concluded a hearing to examine protecting the Chesapeake Bay, focusing on reauthorizing the Chesapeake Bay Program, after receiving testimony from Pennsylvania State Senator Mike Brubaker, Harrisburg; Virginia State Delegate John A. Cosgrove, Chesapeake; John R. Griffin, Maryland Department of Natural Resources, Annapolis; Collin P. O'Mara, Delaware Department of Natural Resources and Environmental

Control, Dover; George S. Hawkins, District Department of the Environment, and Alan L. Wurtzel, both of Washington, D.C.; Gus R. Douglas, West Virginia Department of Agriculture, Charleston; James M. Tierney, New York State Department of Environmental Conservation, Albany; Brent L. Fults, Chesapeake Bay Nutrient Land Trust, LLC, Richmond, Virginia; Howard J. Gannon III, Envirocorp Labs, Harrington, Delaware; and Marty Mitchell, Mitchell Best Homes, LLC, Rockville, Maryland.

### WASTEFUL CONTRACTOR BONUSES

*Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs:* Subcommittee on Federal Financial Management, Government Information, Federal Services, and International Security concluded a hearing to examine eliminating wasteful contractor bonuses, after receiving testimony from Jeffrey D. Zients, Deputy Director for Management, Office of Management and Budget; John Hutton, Director, Acquisition and Sourcing Manager, Government Accountability Office; Shay D. Assad, Acting Deputy Under Secretary of Defense for Acquisition and Technology; William P. McNally, Assistant Administrator for Procurement, National Aeronautics and Space Administration; Richard K. Gunderson, Acting Chief Procurement Officer, Department of Homeland Security; Edward R. Simpson, Director, Office of Procurement and Assistance Management, Department of Energy; and Alan Chvotkin, Professional Services Council, Arlington, Virginia.

### BUSINESS MEETING

*Committee on Veterans' Affairs:* Committee ordered favorably reported the nomination of Raymond M. Jefferson, of Hawaii, to be Assistant Secretary of Labor for Veterans' Employment and Training.