

Daily Digest

HIGHLIGHTS

Senate agreed to the conference report to accompany H.R. 2997, Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act.

House agreed to the conference report to accompany H.R. 2647, National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2010.

Senate

Chamber Action

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Measures Introduced: Ten bills and two resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 1763–1772, and S. Res. 309–310. **Page S10318**

Measures Passed:

145th Anniversary of the Entry of Nevada into the Union: Senate agreed to S. Res. 309, recognizing and celebrating the 145th anniversary of the entry of Nevada into the Union as the 36th State. **Page S10326**

National Day on Writing: Senate agreed to S. Res. 310, expressing support for the designation of October 20, 2009, as the National Day on Writing. **Page S10327**

Measures Considered:

Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies

Appropriations Act—Agreement: Senate continued consideration of H.R. 2847, making appropriations for the Departments of Commerce and Justice, and Science, and Related Agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2010, taking action on the following amendments proposed thereto: **Pages S10265–80, S10284–S10307, S10328**

Rejected:

By 33 yeas to 64 nays (Vote No. 317), McCain Amendment No. 2626, to eliminate funding for Public Telecommunications Facilities, Planning and Construction. **Pages S10265–68, S10271–72**

By 33 yeas to 65 nays (Vote No. 319), Ensign motion to recommit the bill to the Committee on Appropriations, with instructions to report the same

back to the Senate with changes that reduce the aggregate level of appropriations in the Act for fiscal year 2010, excluding amounts provided for the Bureau of the Census, by \$3,411,000,000 from the level currently in the Act. **Pages S10272–73, S10284**

Pending:

Vitter/Bennett Amendment No. 2644, to provide that none of the funds made available in this Act may be used for collection of census data that does not include a question regarding status of United States citizenship. **Page S10265**

Johanns Amendment No. 2393, prohibiting the use of funds to fund the Association of Community Organizations for Reform Now (ACORN). **Page S10265**

Levin/Coburn Amendment No. 2627, to ensure adequate resources for resolving thousands of offshore tax cases involving hidden accounts at offshore financial institutions. **Page S10265**

Durbin Modified Amendment No. 2647, to require the Comptroller General to review and audit Federal funds received by ACORN. **Page S10265**

Begich/Murkowski Amendment No. 2646, to allow tribes located inside certain boroughs in Alaska to receive Federal funds for their activities. **Page S10271**

Ensign Modified Amendment No. 2648, to provide additional funds for the State Criminal Alien Assistance Program by reducing corporate welfare programs. **Page S10272**

Shelby/Feinstein Amendment No. 2625, to provide danger pay to Federal agents stationed in dangerous foreign field offices. **Page S10280**

Leahy Amendment No. 2642, to include nonprofit and volunteer ground and air ambulance crew members and first responders for certain benefits.

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Graham Amendment No. 2669, to prohibit the use of funds for the prosecution in Article III courts of the United States of individuals involved in the September 11, 2001, terrorist attacks.

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

Chair sustained a point of order against Bunning Amendment No. 2653, to require that all legislative matters be available and fully scored by CBO 72 hours before consideration by any subcommittee or committee of the Senate or on the floor of the Senate, as being in violation of Rule XVI, paragraph 4, of the Standing Rules of the Senate, which prohibits legislation on an appropriation bill, and the amendment thus fell.

Pages S10265, S10272

A motion was entered to close further debate on the committee-reported amendment in the nature of a substitute, and, in accordance with the provisions of Rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, and pursuant to the unanimous-consent agreement of Thursday, October 8, 2009, a vote on cloture will occur at 5:30 p.m., on Tuesday, October 13, 2009.

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A motion was entered to close further debate on the bill, and, in accordance with the provisions of Rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, a vote on cloture will occur on Tuesday, October 13, 2009.

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A unanimous-consent-time agreement was reached providing that Senate resume consideration of the bill at approximately 3 p.m., on Tuesday, October 13, 2009, with the hour prior to the vote on the motion to invoke cloture on the committee-reported amendment in the nature of a substitute, be for debate with the time equally divided and controlled between Senators Mikulski and Shelby, or their designees; provided further, that the filing deadline for first-degree amendments be 3 p.m. on Tuesday, October 13, 2009.

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Conference Reports:

Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act Conference Report: By 76 yeas to 22 nays (Vote No. 318), Senate agreed to the conference report to accompany 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.

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Energy and Water Development and Related Agencies Appropriations Act Conference Report—Cloture: Senate began consideration of the conference report to accompany H.R. 3183, making appropriations for energy and water development and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2010.

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A motion was entered to close further debate on the conference report, and, in accordance with the provisions of Rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, a vote on cloture will occur on Tuesday, October 13, 2009.

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A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that the cloture vote on the conference report occur upon disposition of H.R. 2847, provided that if cloture is not invoked on the substitute amendment to H.R. 2847, then a motion to reconsider the vote by which cloture was not invoked on the substitute be considered entered; that the cloture vote on the bill be delayed to occur upon reconsideration, and that upon reconsideration and cloture is not invoked on the substitute, then the cloture motion on the bill be withdrawn; provided further, that if cloture has not been invoked as specified above, then the vote on the motion to invoke cloture on the conference report to accompany H.R. 3183, occur one hour after the Senate convenes on Wednesday, October 14, 2009.

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Appointments:

United States-China Interparliamentary Group: The Chair, on behalf of the President pro tempore, pursuant to 22 U.S.C. 276n, as amended, appointed the following Senator as Chairman of the United States-China Interparliamentary Group conference during the 111th Congress: Senator Murray.

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President's Export Council: The Chair, pursuant to Executive Order 12131, renewed by Executive Order 13446, reappointed and appointed the following Members to the President's Export Council:

Reappointment:

Senator Cornyn.

Appointment:

Senators Crapo and Enzi.

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Senators Kennedy and Martinez Tributes—Agreement: A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that the deadline for the tributes to Senators Kennedy and Martinez to be submitted to the Congressional Record be extended until Wednesday, October 14, 2009.

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Message from the President: Senate received the following message from the President of the United States:

Transmitting, pursuant to law, a message relative to the World Trade Organization waiver required by The Clean Diamond Trade Act; which was referred to the Committee on Finance. (PM-32) **Page S10316**

Nominations Confirmed: Senate confirmed the following nominations:

Bartholomew Chilton, of Maryland, to be a Commissioner of the Commodity Futures Trading Commission for a term expiring April 13, 2013. (Prior to this action, Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry was discharged from further consideration.)

Edward M. Avalos, of New Mexico, to be Under Secretary of Agriculture for Marketing and Regulatory Programs. (Prior to this action, Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry was discharged from further consideration.)

Jill Sommers, of Kansas, to be a Commissioner of the Commodity Futures Trading Commission for a term expiring April 13, 2014. (Prior to this action, Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry was discharged from further consideration.)

Kenneth Albert Spearman, of Florida, to be a Member of the Farm Credit Administration Board, Farm Credit Administration for the remainder of the term expiring May 21, 2010. (Prior to this action, Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry was discharged from further consideration.)

Kenneth Albert Spearman, of Florida, to be a Member of the Farm Credit Administration Board, Farm Credit Administration for a term expiring May 21, 2016.

Edward M. Avalos, of New Mexico, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Commodity Credit Corporation. (Prior to this action, Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry was discharged from further consideration.)

Scott D. O'Malia, of Michigan, to be a Commissioner of the Commodity Futures Trading Commission for the remainder of the term expiring April 13, 2010 vice Walter Lukken, resigned. (Prior to this action, Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry was discharged from further consideration.)

Scott D. O'Malia, of Michigan, to be a Commissioner of the Commodity Futures Trading Commission for a term expiring April 13, 2015. (Prior to this action, Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry was discharged from further consideration.)

Harris D. Sherman, of Colorado, to be Under Secretary of Agriculture for Natural Resources and Environment. (Prior to this action, Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry was discharged from further consideration.)

Harris D. Sherman, of Colorado, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Commodity Credit

Corporation. (Prior to this action, Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry was discharged from further consideration.)

Army nomination in the rank of general.

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Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

Neil G. McBride, of Tennessee, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Tennessee Valley Authority for a term expiring May 18, 2013.

David Huebner, of California, to be Ambassador to New Zealand, and to serve concurrently and without additional compensation as Ambassador to Samoa.

David Daniel Nelson, of Minnesota, to be Ambassador to the Oriental Republic of Uruguay.

2 Army nominations in the rank of general.

1 Navy nomination in the rank of admiral.

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Messages from the House:

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Authorities for Committees to Meet:

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Record Votes: Three record votes were taken today. (Total—319) **Pages S10271-72, S10284**

Adjournment: Senate convened at 9:30 a.m. and adjourned at 9:18 p.m., until 10 a.m. on Friday, October 9, 2009. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today's Record on page S10328.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Armed Services: Committee ordered favorably reported the nomination of Lieutenant General David M. Rodriguez, USA, for reappointment to the grade of lieutenant general and to be Commander, International Security Assistance Force Joint Command.

MORTGAGE MARKET AND HOUSING ENTERPRISES

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the future of the mortgage market and the housing enterprises, focusing on the current financial crisis and weaknesses in the United States financial regulatory system, after receiving testimony from Edward J. DeMarco, Acting Director, Federal Housing Finance Agency; William B. Shear, Director, Financial Markets and Community Investment, Government Accountability Office; Peter J. Wallison, American Enterprise Institute, and Andrew Jakabovics, Center for American Progress Action Fund, both of Washington, D.C.; and Susan M. Wachter, University of Pennsylvania Wharton School, Philadelphia.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: On September 24, 2009, committee announced the following subcommittee assignments:

Subcommittee on Aviation Operations, Safety and Security: Senators Dorgan (Chair), Inouye, Kerry, Boxer, Nelson (FL), Cantwell, Lautenberg, Pryor, McCaskill, Klobuchar, Warner, Begich, Snowe, Ensign, DeMint, Thune, Wicker, LeMieux, Isakson, Vitter, Brownback, and Johanns.

Subcommittee on Communications, Technology and the Internet: Senators Kerry (Chair), Inouye, Dorgan, Nelson (FL), Cantwell, Lautenberg, Pryor, McCaskill, Klobuchar, Udall (NM), Warner, Begich, Ensign, Snowe, DeMint, Thune, Wicker, LeMieux, Isakson, Vitter, Brownback, and Johanns.

Subcommittee on Competitiveness, Innovation and Export Promotion: Senators Klobuchar (Chair), Kerry, Dorgan, McCaskill, Udall (NM), Warner, Begich, LeMieux, Ensign, DeMint, Thune, Brownback, and Johanns.

Subcommittee on Consumer Protection, Product Safety, and Insurance: Senators Pryor (Chair), Dorgan, Boxer, Nelson (FL), McCaskill, Klobuchar, Udall (NM), Wicker, Snowe, DeMint, Thune, Isakson, and Vitter.

Subcommittee on Oceans, Atmosphere, Fisheries, and Coast Guard: Senators Cantwell (Chair), Inouye, Kerry, Boxer, Lautenberg, Begich, Snowe, Wicker, LeMieux, Isakson, and Vitter.

Subcommittee on Science and Space: Senators Nelson (FL), Inouye, Kerry, Boxer, Pryor, Udall (NM), Warner, Vitter, Snowe, Ensign, Thune, Isakson, and Johanns.

Subcommittee on Surface Transportation and Merchant Marine Infrastructure, Safety and Security: Senators Lautenberg (Chair), Inouye, Kerry, Dorgan, Boxer, Cantwell, Pryor, Udall (NM), Warner, Begich, Thune,

Snowe, Ensign, DeMint, Wicker, Isakson, Vitter, Brownback, and Johanns.

Senators Rockefeller and Hutchison are ex-officio members of the subcommittees.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Committee ordered favorably reported the nominations of Joseph G. Pizarchik, of Pennsylvania, to be Director of the Office of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement, Department of the Interior, Jose Antonio Garcia, of Florida, to be Director of the Office of Minority Economic Impact, Department of Energy, and John R. Norris, of the District of Columbia, to be a Member of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission for the remainder of the term expiring June 30, 2012.

NOMINATIONS

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of Marcia K. McNutt, of California, to be Director of the United States Geological Survey, Department of the Interior, who was introduced by Representative Farr, and Arun Majumdar, of California, to be Director of the Advanced Research Projects Agency-Energy, Department of Energy, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

PUBLIC LANDS AND FOREST LEGISLATION

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Subcommittee on Public Lands and Forests concluded a hearing to examine S. 522, to resolve the claims of the Bering Straits Native Corporation and the State of Alaska to land adjacent to Salmon Lake in the State of Alaska and to provide for the conveyance to the Bering Straits Native Corporation of certain other public land in partial satisfaction of the land entitlement of the Corporation under the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act, S. 865 and H.R. 1442, bills to provide for the sale of the Federal Government's reversionary interest in approximately 60 acres of land in Salt Lake City, Utah, originally conveyed to the Mount Olivet Cemetery Association under the Act of January 23, 1909, S. 881, to provide for the settlement of certain claims under the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act, S. 940, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to convey to the Nevada System of Higher Education certain Federal land located in Clark and Nye counties, Nevada, S. 1272, to provide for the designation of the Devil's Staircase Wilderness Area in the State of Oregon, to designate segments of Wasson and Franklin Creeks in the State of Oregon as wild or recreation rivers, and S. 1689, to designate certain land as components of the National Wilderness Preservation System and

the National Landscape Conservation System in the State of New Mexico, after receiving testimony from Senators Udall (NM) and Begich; Marcilynn A. Burke, Deputy Director, Bureau of Land Management, Department of the Interior; Jay Jensen, Deputy Under Secretary of Agriculture for Forestry, Natural Resources and Environment; Oscar Vasquez Butler, Dona Ana County Board of Commissioners, and Jerry G. Schickedanz, People for Preserving our Western Heritage, both of Las Cruces, New Mexico; and Byron Mallott, Sealaska Corporation, and Bob Claus, Southeast Alaska Conservation Council, both of Juneau, Alaska.

NOMINATIONS

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of William E. Kennard, of the District of Columbia, to be Representative to the European Union, with the rank and status of Ambassador, Cynthia Stroum, of Washington, to be Ambassador to Luxembourg, who was introduced by Senator Cantwell, John F. Tefft, of Virginia, a Career Member of the Senior Foreign Service, Class of Minister-Counselor, to be Ambassador to Ukraine, and Michael C. Polt, of Tennessee, a Career Member of the Senior Foreign Service, Class of Minister-Counselor, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Estonia, all of the Department of State, and James Legarde Hudson, of the District of Columbia, to be United States Director of the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development, who was introduced by Senator Kaufman, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on the Judiciary: Committee ordered favorably reported the following business items:

S. 1692, to extend the sunset of certain provisions of the USA PATRIOT Act and the authority to issue national security letters, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute; and

The nominations of Brendan V. Johnson, to be United States Attorney for the District of South Dakota, Karen Louise Loeffler, to be United States Attorney for the District of Alaska, and Steven Gerard

O'Donnell, to be United States Marshal for the District of Rhode Island, all of the Department of Justice.

RESPONSE TO CERTAIN MILITARY EXPOSURES

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the Department of Defense and Veterans' Affairs response to certain military exposures, after receiving testimony from Senators Wyden and Hagan; Michael R. Peterson, Chief Consultant, Environmental Health Strategic Healthcare Group, Office of Public Health & Environmental Hazards, and Stephen C. Hunt, National Director, Post-Deployment Integrated Care Initiative, both of the Veterans Health Administration, and Bradley G. Mayes, Director, Compensation and Pension Service, Veterans Benefits Administration, all of the Department of Veterans Affairs; and R. Craig Postlewaite, Acting Director, Force Health Protection and Readiness Programs, Office of the Assistant Secretary for Health Affairs, Captain Paul Gillooly, Medical Services Corps, United States Navy (Ret.), Navy/Marine Corps Public Health Center, Major General Eugene G. Payne, Jr., Assistant Deputy Commandant for Installations and Logistics (Facilities), and John J. Resta, Scientific Adviser, U.S. Army Center for Health Promotion & Preventive Medicine, all of the Department of Defense; John R. Nuckols, Colorado State University, Fort Collins; Robert F. Miller, Vanderbilt University Medical Center, Nashville, Tennessee; Charles E. Feigley, University of South Carolina Arnold School of Public Health, Washington, D.C.; Michael Sean Partain, Tallahassee, Florida; Stacy Pennington, Pleasant View, Tennessee; Laurie Paganelli, California, Maryland; Herman Gibb, Arlington, Virginia; and Russell Powell, Moundsville, West Virginia.

INTELLIGENCE

Select Committee on Intelligence: Committee met in closed session to receive a briefing on certain intelligence matters from officials of the intelligence community.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 30 public bills, H.R. 3758–3787; and 10 resolutions, H.

Con. Res. 196–197; and H. Res. 814–821 were introduced. **Pages H11165–67**

Additional Cosponsors:

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Reports Filed: Reports were filed today as follows:

H.R. 481, to revise the authorized route of the North Country National Scenic Trail in northeastern Minnesota to include existing hiking trails along Lake Superior's north shore and in Superior National Forest and Chippewa National Forest, with an amendment (H. Rept. 111–290);

H.R. 1593, to amend the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act to designate a segment of Illabot Creek in Skagit County, Washington, as a component of the National Wild and Scenic Rivers System, with an amendment (H. Rept. 111–291);

H.R. 1641, to amend the National Trails System Act to provide for a study of the Cascadia Marine Trail, with an amendment (H. Rept. 111–292);

H.R. 2806, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to adjust the boundary of the Stephen Mather Wilderness and the North Cascades National Park in order to allow the rebuilding of a road outside of the floodplain while ensuring that there is no net loss of acreage to the Park or the Wilderness (H. Rept. 111–293); and

H.R. 2499, to provide for a federally sanctioned self-determination process for the people of Puerto Rico, with an amendment (H. Rept. 111–294).

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Speaker: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein she appointed Representative Serrano to act as Speaker Pro Tempore for today.

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Chaplain: The prayer was offered by the Guest Chaplain, Rev. Todd Jones, First Presbyterian Church, Nashville, Tennessee.

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Suspension—Proceedings Resumed: The House agreed to suspend the rules and agree to the following measure which was debated on Tuesday, October 6th:

Recognizing that country music has made a tremendous contribution to American life and culture: H. Res. 650, to recognize that country music has made a tremendous contribution to American life and culture and to declare country music to be a uniquely American art form, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ ye-and-nay vote of 421 yeas with none voting “nay”, Roll No. 766.

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Suspensions—Proceedings Resumed: The House agreed to suspend the rules and pass the following measures which were debated on Wednesday, October 7th:

Proclaiming Casimir Pulaski to be an honorary citizen of the United States posthumously: H.J. Res. 26, to proclaim Casimir Pulaski to be an honorary citizen of the United States posthumously, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ ye-and-nay vote of 422 yeas with none voting “nay”, Roll No. 767;

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Service Members Home Ownership Tax Act of 2009: H.R. 3590, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to modify the first-time homebuyers credit in the case of members of the Armed Forces and certain other Federal employees, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ ye-and-nay vote of 416 yeas with none voting “nay”, Roll No. 768; and

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Providing for the concurrence by the House in the Senate amendment to H.R. 1016, with amendment: H. Res. 804, to provide for the concurrence by the House in the Senate amendment to H.R. 1016, with amendment, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ ye-and-nay vote of 419 yeas to 1 “nay”, Roll No. 771.

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Recess: The House recessed at 1:31 p.m. and reconvened at 2:47 p.m.

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National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2010—Conference Report: The House agreed to the conference report to accompany H.R. 2647, to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2010 for military activities of the Department of Defense, for military construction, and for defense activities of the Department of Energy, to prescribe military personnel strengths for such fiscal year, to provide special pays and allowances to certain members of the Armed Forces, and to expand concurrent receipt of military retirement and VA disability benefits to disabled military retirees, by a recorded vote of 281 yeas to 146 noes, Roll No. 770.

Pages H11115–25, H11127–42

Rejected the McKeon motion to recommit the conference report on the bill H.R. 2647 to the committee of conference with instructions to the managers on the part of the House by a ye-and-nay vote of 208 yeas to 216 nays with 2 voting “present”, Roll No. 769.

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H. Res. 808, the rule providing for consideration of the conference report, was agreed to by a recorded vote of 234 yeas to 188 noes, Roll No. 765.

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Agreed to the Slaughter amendment to the rule by voice vote, after agreeing to order the previous question by a ye-and-nay vote of 237 yeas to 187 nays, Roll No. 764.

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Pursuant to the provisions of H. Res. 808, as amended, H. Con. Res. 196, making corrections in the enrollment of the bill H.R. 2647, is adopted.

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Meeting Hour: Agreed that when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet at 10 a.m. tomorrow, and further, when the House adjourns on that day, it adjourn to meet at 12:30 p.m. on Tuesday, October 13th for morning hour debate.

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Presidential Message: Read a message from the President wherein he certified that an applicable

waiver, within the meaning of the Clean Diamond Trade Act (Public Law 108–19), granted by the World Trade Organization has been in effect since January 1, 2003, and will remain in effect through December 31, 2012—referred to the Committees on Ways and Means and Foreign Affairs and ordered to be printed (H. Doc. 111–67). **Pages H11143–44**

Senate Messages: Messages received from the Senate today appear on pages H11113 and H11156.

Senate Referrals: S. 942 was referred to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform and the Committee on Armed Services.

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Quorum Calls—Votes: Six yea-and-nay votes and two recorded votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H11124, H11124–25, H11125, H11126, H11126–27, H11140–41, H11141–42 and H11142. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 6:35 p.m.

Committee Meetings

DEFENSE RAPID ACQUISITION PROCESS

Committee on Armed Services: Defense Acquisition Reform Panel held a hearing on the Department of Defense's Rapid Acquisition Process: Is It a Model for Improving Acquisition? Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Defense: BG Michael Brogan, USMC, Commander, Marine Corps Systems Command; and Tom Dee, Director, Joint Rapid Acquisition Cell, Office of the Under Secretary, Acquisition, Technology and Logistics; Mike Sullivan, Director, Acquisition and Sourcing Management, GAO; and Dov Zakheim, former Under Secretary (Comptroller), Department of Defense.

IMPROVING CHILD NUTRITION

Committee on Education and Labor: Subcommittee on Healthy Families and Communities held a hearing to Examine Innovative Practices to Improve Child Nutrition. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Communications, Technology, and the Internet approved for full Committee action the following bills: H.R. 1147, amended, Local Community Radio Act of 2009; H.R. 1084, amended, Commercial Advertisement Loudness Mitigation Act; H.R. 1258, as amended, Truth in Caller ID Act of 2009; and H.R. 3633, To allow the funding for the interoperable

emergency communications grant program established under the Digital Television Transition and Public Safety Act of 2005 to remain available until expended through fiscal year 2012, and for other purposes.

CREDIT CARD REFORM

Committee on Financial Services: Held a hearing on the following bills: H.R. 2382, Credit Card Interchange Fees Act of 2009; and H.R. 3639, Expedited CARD Reform for Consumers Act of 2009. Testimony was heard from Representatives Welch and Shuster; and public witnesses.

FEDERAL HOUSING ADMINISTRATION CAPITAL RESERVES

Committee on Financial Services: Subcommittee on Housing and Community Opportunity held a hearing entitled "The Future of the Federal Housing Administration's Capital Reserves: Assumptions, Predictions and Implications for Homebuyers." Testimony was heard from David Stevens, Assistant Secretary, Housing and Federal Housing Administration Commissioner, Department of Housing and Urban Development; and public witnesses.

SUPREME COURT CIVIL RIGHTS DECISIONS

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Constitution, Civil Rights and Civil Liberties held a hearing on Civil Rights Under Fire: Recent Supreme Court Decisions. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

HEALTH INSURANCE ANTITRUST ENFORCEMENT ACT OF 2009

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Courts and Competition Policy held a hearing on H.R. 3596, Health Insurance Industry Antitrust Enforcement Act of 2009. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

HIGH-RISK, HIGH-REWARD RESEARCH

Committee on Science and Technology: Subcommittee on Research and Science Education held a hearing on Investing in High-Risk, High-Reward Research. Testimony was heard from James Collins, Assistant Director, Biological Sciences, NSF; and public witnesses.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Small Business: Subcommittee on Finance and Tax held a hearing on the following bills: H.R. 3723, Small Business Credit Expansion and Loan Markets Stabilization Act; H.R. 3739, Job Creation and Economic Development Through CDC Modernization Act of 2009; H.R. 3737, Small Business Microlending Expansion Act of 2009; H.R. 3740,

Small Business Investment Company Modernization and Improvement Act of 2009; H.R. 3722, Enhanced New Markets and Expanded Investment in Renewable Energy for Small Manufacturers Act of 2009; H.R. 3014, Small Business Health Information Technology Financing Act; H.R. 3738, Small Business Early Stage Investment Act of 2009; and H.R. 3743, Small Business Disaster Readiness and Reform Act of 2009.

VETERANS MEASURES

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: Subcommittee on Disability Assistance and Memorial Affairs held a hearing on the following bills: H.R. 761, to amend title 38, United States Code, to provide for the eligibility of parents of certain deceased veterans for interment in national cemeteries; H.R. 3485, Veterans Pensions Protection Act; H.R. 2243, Surviving Spouses' Benefit Improvement Act of 2009; H.R. 3544, National Cemeteries Expansion Act of 2009; and draft legislation. Testimony was heard from Representative Frank of Massachusetts; the following officials of the Department of Veterans Affairs: Steve L. Muro, Acting Under Secretary, Memorial Affairs, National Cemetery Administration; James P. Terry, Chairman, Board of Veterans' Appeals; and Thomas Pamperin, Deputy Director, Policy and Procedures, Compensation and Pension Service, Veterans Benefit Administration; representatives of veterans organizations; and public witnesses.

VETERANS MEASURES

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: Subcommittee on Economic Opportunity approved for full Committee action the following bills: H.R. 2696, amended, Servicemembers' Rights Protection Act; H.R. 1182, Military Spouses Residence Relief Act; H.R. 2416, To require the Department of Veterans Affairs to use purchases of goods or services through the Federal supply schedules for the purpose of meeting certain contracting goals for participation by small business concerns owned and controlled by veterans, including veterans with service-connected disabilities; H.R. 2461, Veterans Small Business Verification Act; H.R. 2614, Veterans' Advisory Committee on Education Reauthorization Act of 2009; H.R. 2874, amended, Helping Active Duty Deployed Act of 2009; and H.R. 1168, amended, Veterans Retraining Act of 2009.

SAFETY NET PROGRAMS RESPONSE DURING RECESSION

Committee on Ways and Means: Subcommittee on Income Security and Family Support held a hearing to evaluate the response of "safety net" programs during the recession. Testimony was heard from Chip Rogers, Senate Majority Leader, Legislature, State of

Georgia; Ismael Ahmed, Director, Department of Human Services, State of Michigan; Virginia T. Lodge, Commissioner, Department of Human Services, State of Tennessee; and public witnesses.

BRIEFING—AFGHANISTAN CENTER OF EXCELLENCE

Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence: Met in executive session to receive a briefing on Afghanistan Center of Excellence. The Committee was briefed by departmental witnesses.

Joint Meetings

No joint committee meetings were held.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR FRIDAY, OCTOBER 9, 2009

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: Subcommittee on Economic Policy, to hold hearings to examine restoring credit to manufacturers, 9:30 a.m., SD-538.

House

No Committee meetings are scheduled.

CONGRESSIONAL PROGRAM AHEAD

Week of October 12 through October 17, 2009

Senate Chamber

On *Tuesday*, at approximately 3 p.m., Senate will resume consideration of H.R. 2847, Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, and vote on the motion to invoke cloture on the committee-reported amendment in the nature of a substitute at 5:30 p.m.

Upon completion of H.R. 2847, Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, Senate will resume consideration of the conference report to accompany H.R. 3183, Energy and Water Development and Related Agencies Appropriations Act.

During the balance of the week, Senate may consider any cleared legislative and executive business.

Senate Committees

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: October 14, Subcommittee on Financial Institutions, to hold hearings to examine the state of the banking industry, 2:30 p.m., SD-538.

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: October 14, to hold hearings to examine combating distracted

driving, focusing on managing behavioral and technological risks, 2:30 p.m., SR-253.

October 15, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine the nominations of Erroll G. Southers, of California, to be Assistant Secretary of Homeland Security, Patrick Gallagher, of Maryland, to be Director of the National Institute of Standards and Technology, Department of Commerce, and Elizabeth M. Robinson, of Virginia, to be Chief Financial Officer, National Aeronautics and Space Administration, 2:30 p.m., SR-253.

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: October 14, to hold hearings to examine energy and related economic effects of global climate change legislation, 10 a.m., SD-366.

Committee on Finance: October 13, business meeting to resume consideration of an original bill entitled “America’s Healthy Future Act of 2009”, 10 a.m., SH-216.

Committee on Foreign Relations: October 15, Subcommittee on International Operations and Organizations, Human Rights, Democracy and Global Women’s Issues, to hold hearings to examine, 2:30 p.m., SD-419.

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: October 14, business meeting to consider any pending nominations, 10 a.m., SD-430.

October 15, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine equal health care for equal premiums, focusing on women, 10:30 a.m., SD-430.

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: October 14, to hold hearings to examine the past, present, and future of policy czars, 10 a.m., SD-342.

October 14, Subcommittee on Oversight of Government Management, the Federal Workforce, and the District of Columbia, with the Special Committee on Aging, to hold joint hearings to examine the cost of federal long-term care insurance, 2:30 p.m., SD-342.

Committee on the Judiciary: October 14, to hold hearings to examine prohibiting price fixing and other anti-competitive conduct in the health insurance industry, 10 a.m., SD-226.

October 15, Full Committee, business meeting to consider S. 448 and H.R. 985, bills to maintain the free flow of information to the public by providing conditions for the federally compelled disclosure of information by certain persons connected with the news media, S. 369, to prohibit brand name drug companies from compensating generic drug companies to delay the entry of a generic drug into the market, and S. 379, to provide fair compensation to artists for use of their sound recordings, and the nominations of Jacqueline H. Nguyen and Dolly M. Gee, both to be a United States District Judge for the Central District of California, and Edward Milton Chen and Richard Seeborg, both to be a United States District Judge for the Northern District of California, 10 a.m., SD-226.

Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship: October 15, to hold hearings to examine health care solutions for America’s small businesses, 10 a.m., SD-628.

Select Committee on Intelligence: October 13, to hold hearings to examine the nomination of David C. Gompert, of Virginia, to be Principal Deputy Director of National In-

telligence, Office of the Director of National Intelligence, 2:30 p.m., SD-106.

October 15, Full Committee, to hold closed hearings to consider certain intelligence matters, 2:30 p.m., S-407, Capitol.

Special Committee on Aging: October 14, with the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs, Subcommittee on Oversight of Government Management, the Federal Workforce, and the District of Columbia, to hold joint hearings to examine the cost of federal long-term care insurance, 2:30 p.m., SD-342.

House Committees

Committee on Armed Services, October 14, hearing on Afghanistan: Getting the Strategy Right, 10 a.m., 210 HVC.

October 15, Defense Acquisition Reform Panel, hearing on Can the Department of Defense Protect Taxpayers: When It Pays Its Contractors? 8 a.m., 1310 Longworth.

Committee on the Budget, October 14, hearing on the Cost of Current Defense Plans: An Analysis of Budget Issues, 10 a.m., 210 Cannon.

Committee on Education and Labor, October 14, Subcommittee on Higher Education, Lifelong Learning, and Competitiveness, hearing on Ensuring Student Eligibility Requirements for Federal Aid, 10 a.m., 2175 Rayburn.

Committee on Energy and Commerce, October 15, Subcommittee on Commerce, Trade and Consumer Protection, hearing on The Minority Business Development Agency: Enhancing the Prospects for Success, 1 p.m., 2322 Rayburn.

October 15, Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations, hearing entitled “Insured But Not Covered: The Problem of Underinsurance,” 1:30 p.m., 2322 Rayburn.

October 16, Subcommittee on Energy and Environment, hearing on H.R. 515, Radioactive Import Deterrence Act, 9:30 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

Committee on Financial Assistance, October 14, to consider the following measures: October 2, Discussion Draft of the Over-the-Counter Derivatives Markets Act of 2009; September 25, Discussion Draft of the Consumer Financial Protection Agency Act of 2009 (to be reported as H.R. 3126, Consumer Financial Protection Agency Act of 2009); H.R. 3763, To amend the Fair Credit Reporting Act to provide for an exclusion from Red Flag Guidelines for certain businesses; and H.R. 3606, Credit CARD Technical Corrections Act of 2009, 10 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.

Committee on Foreign Affairs, October 14, Subcommittee on Asia, The Pacific and The Global Environment, to mark up H. Con. Res. 153, Honoring the 111th anniversary of the independence of the Philippines; followed by a hearing on the Future of APEC (Asian-Pacific Economic Cooperation), 2 p.m., 2172 Rayburn.

October 15, full Committee, hearing on Afghanistan Policy at the Crossroads, 10 a.m., 2172 Rayburn.

October 15, Subcommittee on the Western Hemisphere, to mark up H.R. 2134, Western Hemisphere Drug Policy Commission Act of 2009; followed by a hearing on Assessing U.S. Drug Policy in the Americas, 2 p.m., 2172 Rayburn.

Committee on Homeland Security, October 14, hearing entitled “Diversity at the Department of Homeland Security: Continuing Challenges and New Opportunities,” 10 a.m., 311 Cannon.

Committee on the Judiciary, October 15, hearing on Ramifications of Auto Industry Bankruptcies, Part IV, 10 a.m., 2141 Rayburn.

Committee on Natural Resources, October 15, Subcommittee on Insular Affairs, Oceans and Wildlife, hearing on H.R. 3644, Bay-Watershed Education and Training (B-WET) Regional Program and National Environment Literacy Grant Program Act, 10 a.m., 1324 Longworth.

Committee on Oversight and Government Reform, October 14, hearing at which the Special Inspector General for the Troubled Asset Relief Program will report the results of his audit of bonus payments made to AIG executives, 10 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

Committee on Science and Technology, October 14, Subcommittee on Technology and Innovation, to consider pending business, 10 a.m., 2318 Rayburn.

Committee on Small Business, October 14, hearing entitled “Increasing Access to Capital for Small Businesses, 1 p.m., 2360 Rayburn.

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, October 14, Subcommittee on Railroads, Pipelines, and Hazardous Materials, hearing on High-Speed Rail in the United States: Opportunities and Challenges, 2 p.m., 2167 Rayburn.

Committee on Veterans' Affairs, October 14, hearing on the Update on the State of the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs, 10 a.m., 334 Cannon.

October 15, Subcommittee on Economic Opportunity, hearing on VA Status Report on Post-9/11 G.I. Bill, 2 p.m., 334 Cannon.

October 15, Subcommittee on Health, hearing on Identifying the Causes of Inappropriate Billing Practices by the VA, 10 a.m., 334 Cannon.

Select Committee on Energy Independence and Global Warming, October 15, hearing entitled “Fraudulent Letters Opposing Clean Energy Legislation,” 9:30 a.m., room to be announced.

Joint Meetings

Commission on Security and Cooperation in Europe: October 14, to hold hearings to examine promoting tolerance and understanding in the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe (OSCE) region, focusing on the role of the personal representatives, 10 a.m., SVC-208/209.

Next Meeting of the SENATE

10 a.m., Friday, October 9

Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

10 a.m., Friday, October 9

Senate Chamber

Program for Friday: Senate will meet in a pro forma session.

House Chamber

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