

# Daily Digest

## HIGHLIGHTS

Senate agreed to the conference report to accompany H.R. 3183, Energy and Water Development and Related Agencies Appropriations Act.

House agreed to the conference report to accompany H.R. 2892, Department of Homeland Security Appropriations Act, 2010.

## Senate

### Chamber Action

*Routine Proceedings, pages S10443–S10497*

**Measures Introduced:** Eight bills were introduced, as follows: S. 1788–1795. **Pages S10486–87**

#### Measures Reported:

S. 369, to prohibit brand name drug companies from compensating generic drug companies to delay the entry of a generic drug into the market, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute.

S. 379, to provide fair compensation to artists for use of their sound recordings, with amendments.

S. 1793, to amend title XXVI of the Public Health Service Act to revise and extend the program for providing life-saving care for those with HIV/AIDS. **Page S10486**

#### Measures Considered:

**Medicare Physicians Fairness Act—Cloture:** Senate began consideration of the motion to proceed to consideration of S. 1776, to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide for the update under the Medicare physician fee schedule for years beginning with 2010 and to sunset the application of the sustainable growth rate formula. **Page S10465**

A motion was entered to close further debate on the motion to proceed to consideration of the bill, 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 15, 2009, a vote on cloture will occur at 5:30 p.m., on Monday, October 19, 2009; provided further, that at 4:30 p.m., on Monday, October 19, 2009, there be 60 minutes of debate, equally divided and controlled between the two Leaders, or their designees, prior to the vote at 5:30 p.m. **Page S10465**

Subsequently, the motion to proceed was withdrawn. **Page S10465**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that Senate resume consideration of the motion to proceed to consideration of the bill at approximately 4:30 p.m., on Monday, October 19, 2009. **Pages S10465, S10495**

#### Conference Reports:

**Energy and Water Development and Related Agencies Appropriations Act Conference Report:** By 80 yeas to 17 nays (Vote No. 322), Senate agreed to 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. **Pages S10462–64**

**Nominations Confirmed:** Senate confirmed the following nominations:

Brendan V. Johnson, of South Dakota, to be United States Attorney for the District of South Dakota for the term of four years.

Karen Louise Loeffler, of Alaska, to be United States Attorney for the District of Alaska for the term of four years.

Steven Gerard O'Donnell, of Rhode Island, to be United States Marshal for the District of Rhode Island for the term of four years. **Pages S10495, S10497**

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

Clifford L. Stanley, of Pennsylvania, to be Under Secretary of Defense for Personnel and Readiness.

Jessie Hill Roberson, of Virginia, to be a Member of the Defense Nuclear Facilities Safety Board for a term expiring October 18, 2013.

Joseph F. Bader, of the District of Columbia, to be a Member of the Defense Nuclear Facilities Safety Board for a term expiring October 18, 2012.

Peter Stanley Winokur, of Maryland, to be a Member of the Defense Nuclear Facilities Safety Board for a term expiring October 18, 2014.

Jill Long Thompson, of Indiana, to be a Member of the Farm Credit Administration Board, Farm Credit Administration, for a term expiring May 21, 2014.

Scott Boyer Quehl, of Pennsylvania, to be an Assistant Secretary of Commerce.

Scott Boyer Quehl, of Pennsylvania, to be Chief Financial Officer, Department of Commerce.

Charles P. Blahous III, of Maryland, to be a Member of the Board of Trustees of the Federal Hospital Insurance Trust Fund for a term of four years.

Charles P. Blahous III, of Maryland, to be a Member of the Board of Trustees of the Federal Supplementary Medical Insurance Trust Fund for a term of four years.

Charles P. Blahous III, of Maryland, to be a Member of the Board of Trustees of the Federal Old-Age and Survivors Insurance Trust Fund and the Federal Disability Insurance Trust Fund for a term of four years.

Robert D. Reischauer, of Maryland, to be a Member of the Board of Trustees of the Federal Hospital Insurance Trust Fund for a term of four years.

Robert D. Reischauer, of Maryland, to be a Member of the Board of Trustees of the Federal Old-Age and Survivors Insurance Trust Fund and the Federal Disability Insurance Trust Fund for a term of four years.

Robert D. Reischauer, of Maryland, to be a Member of the Board of Trustees of the Federal Supplementary Medical Insurance Trust Fund for a term of four years.

Anne Slaughter Andrew, of Indiana, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Costa Rica.

Lynnae M. Ruttledge, of Washington, to be Commissioner of the Rehabilitation Services Administration, Department of Education.

Alan C. Kessler, of Pennsylvania, to be a Governor of the United States Postal Service for a term expiring December 8, 2015.

35 Army nominations in the rank of general.

1 Navy nomination in the rank of admiral.

Routine lists in the Air Force, Army, Coast Guard, and Navy. **Pages S10495–97**

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**Record Votes:** One record vote was taken today. (Total—322) **Page S10464**

**Adjournment:** Senate convened at 9:30 a.m. and adjourned at 5:59 p.m., until 2 p.m. on Monday, October 19, 2009. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S10495.)

## Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

### BUSINESS MEETING

*Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation:* On Thursday, October 8, 2009, the following was listed in the Daily Digest:

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.

The following is the correct subcommittee membership:

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

### NOMINATIONS

*Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation:* Committee concluded a hearing 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, who was introduced by Senator Udall (NM), and Paul K. Martin, of Maryland, to be Inspector General, and Elizabeth M. Robinson, of Virginia, to be Chief Financial Officer, who was introduced by Senator Cantwell, both of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.