

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S10793–S10867

Measures Introduced: Seventy-three bills and two resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 1941–2013, and S. Res. 326–327. **Pages S10850–51**

Measures Reported:

Report to accompany S. 1692, to extend the sunset of certain provisions of the USA PATRIOT Act and the authority to issue national security letters. (S. Rept. No. 111–92) **Page S10850**

Measures Passed:

George Bush Intercontinental Airport 40th Anniversary: Senate agreed to S. Res. 326, recognizing the 40th anniversary of the George Bush Intercontinental Airport in Houston, Texas. **Page S10865**

National Domestic Violence Awareness Month 2009: Senate agreed to S. Res. 327, supporting the goals and ideals of National Domestic Violence Awareness Month 2009 and expressing the sense of the Senate that Congress should continue to raise awareness of domestic violence in the United States and its devastating effects on families and communities, and support programs designed to end domestic violence. **Pages S10865–66**

Measures Considered:

Unemployment Compensation Extension Act: Senate continued consideration of the motion to proceed to consideration of H.R. 3548, to amend the Supplemental Appropriations Act, 2008 to provide for the temporary availability of certain additional emergency unemployment compensation. **Pages S10807–47**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that on Thursday, October 29, 2009, any time during morning business, adjournment or recess of the Senate count post-cloture. **Page S10866**

Appointments:

Congressional-Executive Commission on the People's Republic of China: The Chair, on behalf of the President of the Senate, and after consultation with the Republican Leader, pursuant to Public Law 106–286, appointed the following Member to serve

on the Congressional-Executive Commission on the People's Republic of China: Senator LeMieux.

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Nominations Confirmed: Senate confirmed the following nominations:

Gladys Commons, of Virginia, to be an Assistant Secretary of the Navy.

Christine H. Fox, of Virginia, to be Director of Cost Assessment and Program Evaluation, Department of Defense.

1 Air Force nomination in the rank of general.

36 Army nominations in the rank of general.

8 Coast Guard nominations in the rank of admiral.

3 Navy nominations in the rank of admiral.

Routine lists in the Air Force, Army, Coast Guard, Marine Corps, and Navy.

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Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

Philip E. Coyle III, of California, to be an Associate Director of the Office of Science and Technology Policy.

Lawrence G. Romo, of Texas, to be Director of the Selective Service.

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Adjournment: Senate convened at 9:30 a.m. and adjourned at 8:06 p.m., until 9:30 a.m. on Thursday, October 29, 2009. (For Senate's program, see

the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S10866.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

MARKET STRUCTURE ISSUES

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: Subcommittee on Securities, Insurance, and Investment concluded a hearing to examine dark pools, flash orders, high frequency trading, and other market structure issues, after receiving testimony from Senator Kaufman; James Brigagliano, Co-Acting Director, Division of Trading and Markets, United States Securities and Exchange Commission; Frank Hatheway, NASDAQ OMX, Washington, D.C.; William O'Brien, Direct Edge, Jersey City, New Jersey; Christopher Nagy, TD Ameritrade, Omaha, Nebraska; Daniel Mathisson, Credit Suisse, Robert C. Gasser, Investment Technology Group, and Adam C. Sussman, TABB Group, all of New York, New York; and Peter Driscoll, Security Traders Association, Chicago, Illinois.

COMBATING DISTRACTED DRIVING

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Committee concluded a hearing to examine combating distracted driving, focusing on managing behavioral and technological risks, after receiving testimony from Senator Schumer; Ray LaHood, Secretary of Transportation; and Julius Genachowski, Chairman, Federal Communications Commission.

NATURAL GAS IN MITIGATING CLIMATE CHANGE

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the role of natural gas in mitigating climate change, after receiving testimony from Richard Newell, Administrator, Energy Information Administration, Department of Energy; Lamar McKay, BP America Inc., and Jack Fusco, Calpine Corporation, both of Houston, Texas; David Wilks, Xcel Energy Inc., Minneapolis, Minnesota; Edward Stones, Dow Chemical Company, Washington, D.C.; and Dennis McConaghy, TransCanada Pipelines, Limited, Calgary, Canada.

CLIMATE CHANGE

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Subcommittee on National Parks concluded a hearing to examine current and expected impacts of climate change on units of the National Park System, after receiving testimony from Jonathan B. Jarvis, Director, National Park Service, Department of the Interior; Reed F. Noss, University of Central Florida, Orlando; Iliff McMahan, Jr., Cocke County Mayor,

Newport, Tennessee; and Steven Williams, Wildlife Management Institute, Gardners, Pennsylvania.

CLEAN ENERGY JOBS AND AMERICAN POWER ACT

Committee on Environment and Public Works: Committee continued hearings to examine S. 1733, to create clean energy jobs, promote energy independence, reduce global warming pollution, and transition to a clean energy economy, after receiving testimony from former Senator John Warner; Kathleen Hicks, Deputy Under Secretary of Defense for Strategy, Plans, and Forces; Mayor Michael A. Nutter, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania; Peter Brehm, Infinia Corporation, Kennewick, Washington, on behalf of the Solar Energy Industries Association; Dan W. Reicher, Google, Mountain View, California; David Foster, Blue Green Alliance, Minneapolis, Minnesota; Kate Gordon, Apollo Alliance, San Francisco, California; Bill Klesse, Valero Energy Corporation, San Antonio, Texas, on behalf of the National Petrochemical and Refiners Association; Brett A. Vassey, Virginia Manufacturers Association, Richmond; Vice Admiral Dennis McGinn, USN, (Ret.), Center for Naval Analysis, Alexandria, Virginia; Captain Andrew Sloan, USA (Ret.), Truman National Security Project, and Lieutenant Colonel James Jay Carafano (Ret.), Heritage Foundation, both of Washington, D.C.; David Crane, NRG Energy Inc., Princeton, New Jersey; Ralph Izzo, Public Service Enterprise Group, Newark, New Jersey; Kevin S. Law, Long Island Power Authority, Uniondale, New York; Nathaniel O. Keohane, Environmental Defense Fund, New York, New York; Joel Bluestein, ICF International, Arlington, Virginia; Barry Hart, Association of Missouri Electric Cooperatives, Jefferson City; Dustin Johnson, South Dakota Public Utilities Commission, Pierre; Shari T. Wilson, Maryland Department of the Environment, Baltimore; Ronald E. Young, Elsinore Valley Municipal Water Agency, Sacramento, on behalf of the California Association of Sanitation Agencies and National Association of Clean Water Agencies; Peter C. Frumhoff, Union of Concerned Scientists, Cambridge, Massachusetts; Larry J. Schweiger, National Wildlife Federation, Reston, Virginia; Fawn Sharp, Quinault Indian Nation, Taholah, Washington; James T. Sims, Western Business Roundtable, Lakewood, Colorado; and Major General Robert H. Scales, (Ret.), Dayton, Maryland.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: Committee ordered favorably reported the nominations of Rafael Borrás, of Maryland, to be