

# Daily Digest

## Senate

### Chamber Action

*Routine Proceedings, pages S12563–S12646*

**Measures Introduced:** Five bills and one resolution were introduced, as follows: S. 2841–2845, and S. Res. 371. **Page S12618**

#### Measures Considered:

**Service Members Home Ownership Tax Act—Agreement:** Senate continued consideration of 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, taking action on the following amendments proposed thereto:

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#### Adopted:

By a unanimous vote of 98 yeas (Vote No. 367), Pryor Amendment No. 2939 (to Amendment No. 2786), to require the Secretary to provide information regarding enrollee satisfaction with qualified health plans offered through an Exchange through the Internet portal. (A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that the amendment, having achieved 60 affirmative votes, be agreed to.)

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#### Withdrawn:

By 43 yeas to 56 nays (Vote No. 368), Gregg Amendment No. 2942 (to Amendment No. 2786), to prevent Medicare from being raided for new entitlements and to use Medicare savings to save Medicare. (A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that the amendment, having failed to achieve 60 affirmative votes, the amendment be withdrawn.)

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#### Pending:

Reid Amendment No. 2786, in the nature of a substitute.

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Nelson (NE) Amendment No. 2962 (to Amendment No. 2786), to prohibit the use of Federal funds for abortions.

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McCain motion to commit the bill to the Committee on Finance, with instructions. **Pages S12603–09**

A unanimous-consent-time agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the bill at approximately 10 a.m., on Tuesday, December 8,

2009, and that following leader remarks, the time until 12:30 p.m. be for debate only with the time equally divided and controlled between the two Leaders, or their designees, with Senators permitted to speak for up to 10 minutes each, and with the Majority controlling the first hour, and the Republicans controlling the next hour. **Page S12646**

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

Bill Delahunt, of Massachusetts, to be a Representative of the United States of America to the Sixty-fourth Session of the General Assembly of the United Nations. (Prior to this action, Committee on Foreign Relations was discharged from further consideration.)

Elaine Schuster, of Florida, to be a Representative of the United States of America to the Sixty-fourth Session of the General Assembly of the United Nations. (Prior to this action, Committee on Foreign Relations was discharged from further consideration.)

Christopher H. Smith, of New Jersey, to be a Representative of the United States of America to the Sixty-fourth Session of the General Assembly of the United Nations. (Prior to this action, Committee on Foreign Relations was discharged from further consideration.)

Wellington E. Webb, of Colorado, to be an Alternate Representative of the United States of America to the Sixty-fourth Session of the General Assembly of the United Nations. (Prior to this action, Committee on Foreign Relations was discharged from further consideration.)

Laura Gore Ross, of New York, to be an Alternate Representative of the United States of America to the Sixty-fourth Session of the General Assembly of the United Nations. (Prior to this action, Committee on Foreign Relations was discharged from further consideration.) **Pages S12645–46**

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**Additional Statements: Page S12615**

**Amendments Submitted: Pages S12620–45**

**Notices of Hearings/Meetings:** Page S12645  
**Record Votes:** Two record votes were taken today.  
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**Adjournment:** Senate convened at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 6:39 p.m., until 10 a.m. on Tuesday, December 8, 2009. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S12646.)

## House of Representatives

### Chamber Action

**Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced:** 4 public bills, H.R. 4213–4216 were introduced. Page H13550

**Additional Cosponsors:** Page H13550

**Reports Filed:** Reports were filed today as follows:

H.R. 1672, to reauthorize the Northwest Straits Marine Conservation Initiative Act to promote the protection of the resources of the Northwest Straits, with an amendment (H. Rept. 111–354);

H.R. 2062, to amend the Migratory Bird Treaty Act to provide for penalties and enforcement for intentionally taking protected avian species, with an amendment (H. Rept. 111–355);

H.R. 3603, to rename the Ocmulgee National Monument, with an amendment (H. Rept. 111–356);

H.R. 3940, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to extend grants and other assistance to facilitate a political status public education program for the people of Guam, with amendments (H. Rept. 111–357);

H.R. 1454, to provide for the issuance of a Multinational Species Conservation Funds Semipostal Stamp, with an amendment (H. Rept. 111–358, Pt. 1);

H.R. 3388, to modify the boundary of Petersburg National Battlefield in the Commonwealth of Virginia, with an amendment (H. Rept. 111–359, Pt. 1); and

H.R. 3804, to make technical corrections to various Acts affecting the National Park Service and to extend, amend, or establish certain National Park Service authorities (H. Rept. 111–360, Pt. 1).

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**Speaker:** Read a letter from the Speaker wherein she appointed Representative Garamendi to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. Page H13523

**Recess:** The House recessed at 10:41 a.m. and reconvened at noon. Page H13524

**Suspensions:** The House agreed to suspend the rules and pass the following measures:

*Northwest Straits Marine Conservation Initiative Reauthorization Act of 2009:* H.R. 1672, amended, to reauthorize the Northwest Straits Marine Conservation Initiative Act to promote the protection of the resources of the Northwest Straits;

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*Migratory Bird Treaty Act Penalty and Enforcement Act of 2009:* H.R. 2062, amended, to amend the Migratory Bird Treaty Act to provide for penalties and enforcement for intentionally taking protected avian species;

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*Authorizing the Secretary of the Interior to extend grants and other assistance to facilitate a political status public education program for the people of Guam:* H.R. 3940, amended, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to extend grants and other assistance to facilitate a political status public education program for the people of Guam;

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Agreed to amend the title so as to read: “To amend Public Law 96–597 to clarify the authority of the Secretary of the Interior to extend grants and other assistance to facilitate political status public education programs for the peoples of the non-self-governing territories of the United States.”

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*Multinational Species Conservation Funds Semipostal Stamp Act of 2009:* H.R. 1454, amended, to provide for the issuance of a Multinational Species Conservation Funds Semipostal Stamp;

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*Authorizing the addition of 100 acres to Morristown National Historical Park:* H.R. 118, amended, to authorize the addition of 100 acres to Morristown National Historical Park;

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*National Park Service Authorities and Corrections Act of 2009:* H.R. 3804, amended, to make technical corrections to various Acts affecting the National Park Service and to extend, amend, or establish certain National Park Service authorities; and

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*Petersburg National Battlefield Boundary Modification Act:* H.R. 3388, amended, to modify the boundary of Petersburg National Battlefield in the Commonwealth of Virginia. **Pages H13540–41**

**Suspensions—Proceedings Postponed:** The House debated the following measures under suspension of the rules. Further proceedings were postponed:

*Recognizing the 10th Anniversary of the activation of Echo Company of the 100th Battalion of the 442d Infantry, and the sacrifice of the soldiers and families in support of the United States:* H. Con. Res. 199, amended, to recognize the 10th Anniversary of the activation of Echo Company of the 100th Battalion of the 442d Infantry, and the sacrifice of the soldiers and families in support of the United States; **Pages H13524–26**

*Commending the soldiers and civilian personnel stationed at Fort Gordon and their families for their service and dedication to the United States:* H. Con. Res. 206, amended, to commend the soldiers and civilian personnel stationed at Fort Gordon and their families for their service and dedication to the United States and to recognize the contributions of Fort Gordon to Operation Iraqi Freedom and Operation Enduring Freedom and its role as a pivotal communications training installation;

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*Recognizing and honoring the National Guard on the occasion of its 373rd anniversary:* H. Res. 940, to recognize and honor the National Guard on the occasion of its 373rd anniversary; **Pages H13527–29**

*Recognizing the United States Air Force and Dyess Air Force Base for their success in achieving energy savings and developing energy-saving innovations during Energy Awareness Month:* H. Res. 845, amended, to recognize the United States Air Force and Dyess Air Force Base for their success in achieving energy savings and developing energy-saving innovations during Energy Awareness Month;

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*Renaming the Ocmulgee National Monument:* H.R. 3603, amended, to rename the Ocmulgee National Monument; and **Page H13534**

*Eliminating an unused lighthouse reservation, providing management consistency by bringing the rocks and small islands along the coast of Orange County, California, and meeting the original Congressional intent of preserving Orange County's rocks and small islands:* H.R. 86, amended, to eliminate an unused lighthouse reservation, provide management consistency by bringing the rocks and small islands along the coast of Orange County, California, and meet the original Congressional in-

tent of preserving Orange County's rocks and small islands. **Pages H13534–35**

**Senate Message:** Message received from the Senate by the Clerk and subsequently presented to the House today appears on page H13534.

**Quorum Calls—Votes:** There were no Yea and Nay votes, and there were no Recorded votes. There were no quorum calls.

**Adjournment:** The House met at 10:30 a.m. and adjourned at 2:35 p.m.

## Committee Meetings

No committee meetings were held.

## Joint Meetings

No joint committee meetings were held.

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## COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR TUESDAY, DECEMBER 8, 2009

*(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)*

### Senate

*Committee on Armed Services:* to hold hearings to examine Afghanistan, 1:30 p.m., SH–216.

*Committee on Energy and Natural Resources:* Subcommittee on Energy, to hold hearings to examine H.R. 957, to authorize higher education curriculum development and graduate training in advanced energy and green building technologies, H.R. 2729, to authorize the designation of National Environmental Research Parks by the Secretary of Energy, H.R. 3165, to provide for a program of wind energy research, development, and demonstration, H.R. 3246, to provide for a program of research, development, demonstration and commercial application in vehicle technologies at the Department of Energy, H.R. 3585, to guide and provide for United States research, development, and demonstration of solar energy technologies, S. 737, to amend the Energy Independence and Security Act of 2007 to authorize the Secretary of Energy to conduct research, development, and demonstration to make biofuels more compatible with small nonroad engines, S. 1617, to require the Secretary of Commerce to establish a program for the award of grants to States to establish revolving loan funds for small and medium-sized manufacturers to improve energy efficiency and produce clean energy technology, S. 2744, to amend the Energy Policy Act of 2005 to expand the authority for awarding technology prizes by the Secretary of Energy to include a financial award for separation of carbon dioxide from dilute sources, and S. 2773, to require the Secretary of Energy to carry out a program to support the research, demonstration, and development of commercial applications for offshore wind energy, 2:30 p.m., SD–366.

*Committee on Environment and Public Works:* to hold an oversight hearing to examine Federal drinking water programs, 10 a.m., SD-406.

*Committee on Foreign Relations:* business meeting to consider the nominations of Rajiv J. Shah, of Washington, to be Administrator of the United States Agency for International Development, and Mary Burce Warlick, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Serbia, James B. Warlick, Jr., of Virginia, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Bulgaria, Eleni Tsakopoulos Kounalakis, of California, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Hungary, Leslie V. Rowe, of Washington, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Mozambique, Alberto M. Fernandez, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Equatorial Guinea, Mary Jo Wills, of the District of Columbia, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Mauritius, and to serve concurrently and without additional compensation as Ambassador to the Republic of Seychelles, Jide J. Zeitlin, of New York, to be Alternate Representative of the United States of America to the Sessions of the General Assembly of the United Nations during his tenure of service as Representative of the United States of America to the United Nations for U.N. Management and Reform, and to be Representative of the United States of America to the United Nations for U.N. Management and Reform, with the rank of Ambassador, Anne Slaughter Andrew, of Indiana, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Costa Rica, David Daniel Nelson, of Minnesota, to be Ambassador to the Oriental Republic of Uruguay, Betty E. King, of New York, to be Representative of the United States of America to the Office of the United Nations and Other International Organizations in Geneva, with the rank of Ambassador, Laura E. Kennedy, of New York, for the rank of Ambassador during her tenure of service as U.S. Representative to the Conference on Disarmament, Eileen Chamberlain Donahoe, for the rank of Ambassador during her tenure of service as the United States Representative to the UN Human Rights Council, and Bill Delahunt, of Massachusetts, Elaine Schuster, of Florida, and Christopher H. Smith, of New Jersey, all to be a Representative, and Laura Gore Ross, of New York, and Wellington E. Webb, of Colorado, both to be an Al-

ternate Representative, all of the United States of America to the Sixty-fourth Session of the General Assembly of the United Nations, all of the Department of State, and routine lists in the foreign service, 2:15 p.m., S-116, Capitol.

*Select Committee on Intelligence:* to hold closed hearings to consider certain intelligence matters, 2:30 p.m., S-407, Capitol.

## House

*Committee on Armed Services,* to continue hearings on Afghanistan: The Results of the Strategic Review, Part II, 9:30 a.m., 210 HVC.

*Committee on Education and Labor,* hearing on Improving Our Competitiveness: Common Core Education Standards, 10 a.m., 2175 Rayburn.

*Committee on Energy and Commerce,* Subcommittee on Health, hearing entitled "Prescription Drug Price Inflation: Are Prices Rising Too Fast?" 9:30 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

*Committee on Financial Services,* hearing entitled "The Private Sector and Government Response to the Mortgage Foreclosure Crisis," 10 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.

*Committee on the Judiciary,* Task Force on Judicial Impeachment, to consider possible Impeachment of United States District Judge G. Thomas Porteous, Jr., Part II, 10 a.m., 2141 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on the Constitution, Civil Rights and Civil Liberties, hearing on the Impact of Federal Habeas Corpus Limitations on Death Penalty Appeals, 1 p.m., 2237 Rayburn.

*Committee on Rules,* to consider the following: H.R. 4173, Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act of 2009; and H.R. 4213, Tax Extenders Act of 2009, 3 p.m., H-313 Capitol.

*Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure,* Subcommittee on Highways and Transit, hearing on Public Transit Safety: Examining the Federal Role, 10 a.m., 2167 Rayburn.

*Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence,* executive, briefing on NSA Update, 4:30 p.m., 304 HVC.

*Next Meeting of the SENATE*

10 a.m., Tuesday, December 8

## Senate Chamber

**Program for Tuesday:** Senate will continue consideration of H.R. 3590, Service Members Home Ownership Tax Act.

*(Senate will recess from 12:30 p.m. until 2:15 p.m. for their respective party conferences.)*

*Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES*

9 a.m., Tuesday, December 8

## House Chamber

**Program for Tuesday:** Consideration of the following suspensions: (1) H.R. 2278—To direct the President to transmit to Congress a report on anti-American incitement to violence in the Middle East; (2) H.R. 2134—Western Hemisphere Drug Policy Commission Act; (3) H. Res. 915—Encouraging the Republic of Hungary to respect the rule of law, treat foreign investors fairly, and

promote a free and independent press; (4) H. Con. Res. 213—Expressing the sense of Congress for and solidarity with the people of El Salvador; (5) H.R. 3951—The “Roy Rondono, Sr. Post Office Building” Designation Act; (6) H.R. 4017—The “Ann Marie Blute Post Office” Designation Act; (7) H.R. 2711—FBI Families of Fallen Heroes Act; (8) H. Res. 907—Recognizing the Grand Concourse on its 100th anniversary; (9) H.R. 4165—To extend through December 31, 2010, the authority of the Secretary of the Army to accept and expend funds contributed by non-Federal public entities to expedite the processing of permits; (10) H.R. 1854—To amend the Water Resources Development Act of 1992 to modify an environmental infrastructure project for Big Bear Lake, California; (11) H. Res. 35—Expressing the sense of the House of Representatives that Congress should provide increased Federal funding for continued type 1 diabetes research; (12) H. Res. 55—Expressing support for the designation of a National Prader-Willi Syndrome Awareness Month; (13) H.R. 1319—Informed P2P User Act; (14) H.R. 2221—Data Accountability and Trust Act; (15) H.R. \_\_\_\_—To extend the Andean Trade Preference Act and the Generalized System of Preferences; and (16) H.R. \_\_\_\_—Federal Aviation Administration Extension Act.

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