

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S13277–S13341

Measures Introduced: Nine bills and two resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 2885–2893, S. Res. 376, and S. Con. Res. 48. **Pages S13319–20**

Measures Reported:

Special Report entitled “Further Revised Allocation to Subcommittees of Budget Totals From the Concurrent Resolution, Fiscal Year 2010.” (S. Rept. No. 111–109)

H.R. 310, to provide for the conveyance of approximately 140 acres of land in the Ouachita National Forest in Oklahoma to the Indian Nations Council, Inc., of the Boy Scouts of America.

H.R. 511, to authorize the Secretary of Agriculture to terminate certain easements held by the Secretary on land owned by the Village of Caseyville, Illinois, and to terminate associated contractual arrangements with the Village.

S. Res. 374, recognizing the cooperative efforts of hunters, sportsmen’s associations, meat processors, hunger relief organizations, and State wildlife, health, and food safety agencies to establish programs that provide game meat to feed the hungry.

S. 1672, to reauthorize the National Oilheat Research Alliance Act of 2000.

S. 1790, to amend the Indian Health Care Improvement Act to revise and extend that Act, with amendments. **Page S13319**

Measures Passed:

Honoring Diplomatic Relations Between the United States and the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan: Senate agreed to S. Res. 376, honoring the 60th anniversary of the establishment of diplomatic relations between the United States and the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan, the 10th anniversary of the accession to the throne of His Majesty King Abdullah II Ibn Al Hussein. **Pages S13340–41**

Measures Considered:

Service Members Home Ownership Tax Act: 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 mem-

bers of the Armed Forces and certain other Federal employees, taking action on the following amendments proposed thereto: **Pages S13280–95**

Rejected:

Hutchison Motion to commit to the bill to the Committee on Finance, with instructions. (By 56 yeas to 41 nays (Vote No. 379), Senate tabled the motion.) **Pages S13280, S13295**

Withdrawn:

Sanders Amendment No. 2837 (to Amendment No. 2786), to provide for health care for every American and to control the cost and enhance the quality of the health care system. **Pages S13290–95**

Pending:

Reid Amendment No. 2786, in the nature of a substitute. **Page S13280**

Department of Defense Appropriations Act—

Agreement: Senate began consideration of the amendment of the House of Representatives to the amendment of the Senate to H.R. 3326, making appropriations for the Department of Defense for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2010, taking action on the following motions and amendments proposed thereto: **Pages S13295–S13314**

Pending:

Senator Reid entered a motion to concur in the amendment of the House to the amendment of the Senate to the bill. **Page S13295**

Senator Reid entered a motion to concur in the amendment of the House to the amendment of the Senate with Amendment No. 3248 (to the House Amendment to the Senate Amendment), to change the enactment date. **Page S13295**

Senator Reid entered a motion to refer the amendment of the House to the Committee on Appropriations, with instructions, Reid Amendment No. 3249, to provide for a study. **Pages S13295–96**

Reid Amendment No. 3252 (to Reid Amendment No. 3248), to change the enactment date. **Page S13295**

Reid Amendment No. 3250 (to Amendment No. 3249), of a perfecting nature. **Page S13296**

Reid Amendment No. 3251 (to Amendment No. 3250), of a perfecting nature. **Page S13296**

A motion was entered to close further debate on the motion to concur in the amendment of the House to the amendment of the Senate to 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 Friday, December 18, 2009.

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A unanimous-consent-time agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the amendment of the House of Representatives to the amendment of the Senate to the bill at approximately 10 a.m., on Thursday, December 17, 2009; provided further, that the first hour be equally divided and controlled between the two Leaders, or their designees, with Republicans controlling the first half hour and the Majority controlling the second half.

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Record Votes: One record vote was taken today. (Total—379) Page S13295

Adjournment: Senate convened at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 6:21 p.m., until 10 a.m. on Thursday, December 17, 2009. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S13341.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry: Committee ordered favorably reported the following business items:

H.R. 310, to provide for the conveyance of approximately 140 acres of land in the Ouachita National Forest in Oklahoma to the Indian Nations Council, Inc., of the Boy Scouts of America;

H.R. 511, to authorize the Secretary of Agriculture to terminate certain easements held by the Secretary on land owned by the Village of Caseyville, Illinois, and to terminate associated contractual arrangements with the Village;

S. Res. 374, recognizing the cooperative efforts of hunters, sportsmen's associations, meat processors, hunger relief organizations, and State wildlife, health, and food safety agencies to establish programs that provide game meat to feed the hungry;

A resolution to authorize watershed projects in Massachusetts and West Virginia; and

The nomination of Jill Long Thompson, of Indiana, to be a Member of the Farm Credit Administration Board, Farm Credit Administration.

Also, committee announced the following subcommittee assignments:

Subcommittee on Rural Revitalization, Conservation, Forestry and Credit: Senators Stabenow (Chair), Leahy, Harkin, Nelson (NE), Casey, Bennet, Cornyn, Cochran, McConnell, Grassley, and Thune.

Subcommittee on Energy, Science and Technology: Senators Bennet (Chair), Conrad, Nelson (NE), Brown, Klobuchar, Stabenow, Gillibrand, Thune, Lugar, Roberts, Johanns, Grassley, and Cornyn.

Subcommittee on Hunger, Nutrition, and Family Farms: Senators Brown (Chair), Leahy, Harkin, Baucus, Stabenow, Casey, Klobuchar, Bennet, Gillibrand, Lugar, Cochran, McConnell, and Cornyn.

Subcommittee on Production, Income Protection and Price Support: Senators Casey (Chair), Leahy, Harkin, Conrad, Baucus, Brown, Roberts, Cochran, Johanns, Grassley, and Thune.

Subcommittee on Domestic and Foreign Marketing, Inspection, and Plant & Animal Health: Senators Gillibrand (Chair), Conrad, Baucus, Nelson (NE), Klobuchar, Johanns, Lugar, McConnell, and Roberts.

Senator Lincoln and Senator Chambliss serve as ex officio members of all subcommittees.

JOINT STRIKE FIGHTER PROGRAM

Committee on Armed Services: Committee met in closed session to receive a briefing on the assessment by the Joint Estimating Team of the F-35 Joint Strike Fighter Program, after receiving testimony from Ashton B. Carter, Under Secretary for Acquisition, Technology, and Logistics, Christine H. Fox, Director, and Frederick Janicki, Division Director, Weapons Systems Cost Analysis Division, both of the Office of Cost Assessment and Program Evaluation, and Major General David R. Heinz, USMC, Program Executive Officer, Joint Strike Fighter Program, all of the Department of Defense.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Committee ordered favorably reported the following business items:

S. Res. 275, honoring the Minute Man National Historical Park on the occasion of its 50th anniversary;

S. Res. 297, to recognize the Dyke Marsh Wildlife Preserve as a unique and precious ecosystem;

S. 409, to secure Federal ownership and management of significant natural, scenic, and recreational resources, to provide for the protection of cultural resources, to facilitate the efficient extraction of mineral resources by authorizing and directing an exchange of Federal and non-Federal land, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

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, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 555, to provide for the exchange of certain land located in the Arapaho-Roosevelt National Forests in the State of Colorado, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 721, to expand the Alpine Lakes Wilderness in the State of Washington, to designate the Middle Fork Snoqualmie River and Pratt River as wild and scenic rivers, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 782, to provide for the establishment of the National Volcano Early Warning and Monitoring System, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 853, to designate additional segments and tributaries of White Clay Creek, in the States of Delaware and Pennsylvania, as a component of the National Wild and Scenic Rivers System, with amendments;

S. 874, to establish El Rio Grande Del Norte National Conservation Area in the State of New Mexico, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

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, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 1053, to amend the National Law Enforcement Museum Act to extend the termination date;

S. 1139, to require the Secretary of Agriculture to enter into a property conveyance with the city of Wallowa, Oregon, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 1140, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to convey certain Federal land to Deschutes County,

Oregon, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 1369, to amend the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act to designate segments of the Molalla River in the State of Oregon, as components of the National Wild and Scenic Rivers System, with an amendment;

S. 1405, to redesignate the Longfellow National Historic Site, Massachusetts, as the “Longfellow House-Washington’s Headquarters National Historic Site”;

S. 1453, to amend Public Law 106–392 to maintain annual base funding for the Bureau of Reclamation for the Upper Colorado River and San Juan fish recovery programs through fiscal year 2023;

S. 1672, to reauthorize the National Oilheat Research Alliance Act of 2000;

S. 1757, to provide for the prepayment of a repayment contract between the United States and the Uintah Water Conservancy District;

S. 1759, to authorize certain transfers of water in the Central Valley Project, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

H.R. 689, to interchange the administrative jurisdiction of certain Federal lands between the Forest Service and the Bureau of Land Management, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

H.R. 714, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to lease certain lands in Virgin Islands National Park, with amendments;

H.R. 1121, to authorize a land exchange to acquire lands for the Blue Ridge Parkway from the Town of Blowing Rock, North Carolina;

H.R. 1287, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to enter into a partnership with the Porter County Convention, Recreation and Visitor Commission regarding the use of the Dorothy Buell Memorial Visitor Center as a visitor center for the Indiana Dunes National Lakeshore;

H.R. 1376, to establish the Waco Mammoth National Monument in the State of Texas;

H.R. 1442, 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;

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;

H.R. 1694, to authorize the acquisition and protection of nationally significant battlefields and associated sites of the Revolutionary War and the War of 1812 under the American Battlefield Protection Program, with amendments;

H.R. 1945, to require the Secretary of the Interior to conduct a study on the feasibility and suitability of constructing a storage reservoir, outlet works, and a delivery system for the Tule River Indian Tribe of the Tule River Reservation in the State of California to provide a water supply for domestic, municipal, industrial, and agricultural purposes;

H.R. 2330, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to carry out a study to determine the suitability and feasibility of establishing Camp Hale as a unit of the National Park System, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

H.R. 2802, to provide for an extension of the legislative authority of the Adams Memorial Foundation to establish a commemorative work in honor of former President John Adams and his legacy;

H.R. 3113, to amend the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act to designate a segment of the Elk River in the State of West Virginia for study for potential addition to the National Wild and Scenic Rivers System; and

H.R. 3276, to promote the production of molybdenum-99 in the United States for medical isotope production, and to condition and phase out the export of highly enriched uranium for the production of medical isotopes, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: Committee ordered favorably reported the following business items:

S. 1102, to provide benefits to domestic partners of Federal employees, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 1830, to establish the Chief Conservation Officers Council to improve the energy efficiencies of Federal agencies, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 2868, to provide increased access to the General Services Administration's Schedules Program by the American Red Cross and State and local governments;

H.R. 2711, to amend title 5, United States Code, to provide for the transportation of the dependents, remains, and effects of certain Federal employees who die while performing official duties or as a result of the performance of official duties, with an amendment;

S. 2865, to reauthorize the Congressional Award Act (2 U.S.C. 801 et seq.);

S. 2872, to reauthorize appropriations for the National Historical Publications and Records Commission through fiscal year 2014, with amendments;

H.R. 2877, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 76 Brookside Avenue

in Chester, New York, as the "1st Lieutenant Louis Allen Post Office";

H.R. 3667, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 16555 Springs Street in White Springs, Florida, as the "Clyde L. Hillhouse Post Office Building";

H.R. 3788, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 3900 Darrow Road in Stow, Ohio, as the "Corporal Joseph A. Tomci Post Office Building";

H.R. 1817, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 116 North West Street in Somerville, Tennessee, as the "John S. Wilder Post Office Building";

H.R. 3072, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 9810 Halls Ferry Road in St. Louis, Missouri, as the "Coach Jodie Bailey Post Office Building";

H.R. 3319, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 440 South Gullwing Street in Portola, California, as the "Army Specialist Jeremiah Paul McCleery Post Office Building";

H.R. 3539, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 427 Harrison Avenue in Harrison, New Jersey, as the "Patricia D. McGinty-Juhl Post Office Building";

H.R. 3767, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 170 North Main Street in Smithfield, Utah, as the "W. Hazen Hillyard Post Office Building"; and

The nominations of Grayling Grant Williams, of Maryland, to be Director of the Office of Counter-narcotics Enforcement, and Elizabeth M. Harman, of Maryland, to be an Assistant Administrator of the Federal Emergency Management Agency, both of the Department of Homeland Security.

TOOLS TO COMBAT DEFICITS AND WASTE

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: Subcommittee on Federal Financial Management, Government Information, Federal Services, and International Security concluded a hearing to examine tools to combat deficits and waste, focusing on enhanced rescission authority, including the Impoundment Control Act of 1974, which was enacted to tighten congressional control over presidential impoundments and establish a procedure under which Congress could consider the merits of rescissions proposed by the President, after receiving testimony from Senator Feingold; Todd B. Tatelman, Legislative Attorney, Congressional Research Service, Library of Congress; Susan A. Poling, Managing Associate General Counsel, Office of General Counsel, Government Accountability Office; Raymond C.

Scheppach, National Governors Association, Washington, D.C.; Robert L. Bixby, The Concord Coalition, Arlington, Virginia; and Thomas A. Schatz, Citizens Against Government Waste, Alexandria, Virginia.

HUMAN RIGHTS TREATIES

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Human Rights and the Law concluded a hearing to examine United States implementation of human rights treaties, after receiving testimony from Thomas E. Perez, Assistant Attorney General, Department of Justice; Michael H. Posner, Assistant Secretary of State for Democracy, Human Rights and Labor; and Wade Henderson, Leadership Conference on Civil and Human Rights, and Elisa Massimino, Human Rights First, both of Washington, DC.

NOMINATIONS

Committee on the Judiciary: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of James A. Wynn, Jr., of North Carolina, and Albert Diaz, of North Carolina, both to be a United States Circuit Judge for the Fourth Circuit, after the nominees, who were introduced by Senators Burr and Hagan, testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: Committee ordered favorably reported the nomination of Robert A. Petzel, of Minnesota, to be Under Secretary of Veterans Affairs for Health.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 82 public bills, H.R. 4326–4407; and 23 resolutions, H.J. Res. 65–66; H. Con. Res. 223–225; and H. Res. 977–994 were introduced. **Pages H15498–H15502**

Additional Cosponsors: **Pages H15502–04**

Reports Filed: Reports were filed today as follows:

H. Res. 976, providing for consideration of the Senate amendment to the bill (H.R. 3326) making appropriations for the Department of Defense for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2010, and for other purposes; for consideration of the joint resolution (H.J. Res. 64) making further continuing appropriations for fiscal year 2010, and for other purposes; for consideration of the bill (H.R. 4314) to permit continued financing of Government operations; for consideration of the Senate amendment to the bill (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, and for other purposes; and for other purposes (H. Rept. 111–380) and

H.R. 2190, to amend the Toxic Substances Control Act to phase out the use of mercury in the manufacture of chlorine and caustic soda, with an amendment (H. Rept. 111–381). **Page H15498**

Speaker: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein she appointed Representative Baldwin to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. **Page H14983**

Adjournment Resolution: The House agreed to H. Con. Res. 223, providing for the sine die adjournment of the first session of the One Hundred Eleventh Congress, by a yea-and-nay vote of 222 yeas to 195 nays, Roll No. 978. **Pages H14991–92**

Waiving a requirement of clause 6(a) of rule XIII with respect to consideration of certain resolutions reported from the Committee on Rules: The House agreed to H. Res. 973, waiving a requirement of clause 6(a) of rule XIII with respect to consideration of certain resolutions reported from the Committee on Rules, by a recorded vote of 218 yeas to 202 noes, Roll No. 980, after agreeing to order the previous question by a yea-and-nay vote of 226 yeas to 192 nays, Roll No. 979. **Pages H14992–93**

Suspension—Proceedings Resumed: The House agreed to suspend the rules and agree to the following measure which was debated on Monday, December 14th:

Honoring the American Kennel Club on its 125th anniversary: H. Con. Res. 160, amended, to honor the American Kennel Club on its 125th anniversary, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ yea-and-nay vote of 419 yeas with none voting “nay”, Roll No. 981. **Pages H14993–94**

Agreed to amend the title so as to read: “Recognizing the contributions of the American Kennel Club.”. **Page H14994**

Suspensions—Proceedings Resumed: The House agreed to suspend the rules and pass the following measures which were debated on Tuesday, December 15th:

Recognizing the 70th anniversary of the retirement of Justice Louis D. Brandeis from the United States Supreme Court: H. Res. 905, to recognize the 70th anniversary of the retirement of Justice Louis D. Brandeis from the United States Supreme Court, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ yea-and-nay vote of 423 yeas to 1 nay, Roll No. 984; **Pages H15006–07**

PHONE Act of 2009: H.R. 1110, amended, to amend title 18, United States Code and to prevent caller ID spoofing, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ recorded vote of 418 yeas to 1 no, Roll No. 986; **Pages H15420–21**

Daniel Pearl Freedom of the Press Act of 2009: H.R. 3714, amended, to amend the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961 to include in the Annual Country Reports on Human Rights Practices information about freedom of the press in foreign countries and to establish a grant program to promote freedom of the press worldwide, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ recorded vote of 403 yeas to 12 noes, Roll No. 989; **Page H15431**

Agreed to amend the title so as to read: “To amend the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961 to include in the Annual Country Reports on Human Rights Practices information about freedom of the press in foreign countries, and for other purposes.”. **Page H15431**

Law Student Clinic Participation Act of 2009: H.R. 4194, to amend title 18, United States Code, to exempt qualifying law school students participating in legal clinics or externships from the application of the conflict of interest rules under section 205 of such title; and **Page H15473**

Local Community Radio Act of 2009: H.R. 1147, amended, to implement the recommendations of the Federal Communications Commission report to the Congress regarding low-power FM service. **Page H15473**

Question of Consideration: The House agreed to consider the Senate amendment to H.R. 3326, making appropriations for the Department of Defense for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2010, by voice vote. **Page H15007**

Department of Defense Appropriations Act, 2010: The House concurred in the Senate amendment to H.R. 3326, making appropriations for the Department of Defense for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2010, with the amendment printed in part A of H. Rept. 111–380, by a yea-and-nay vote of 395 yeas to 34 nays, Roll No. 985. **Pages H15007–H15420**

H. Res. 976, the rule providing for consideration of the Senate amendment to H.R. 3326, H.J. Res. 64, H.R. 4314, and the Senate amendment to H.R. 2847, was agreed to by a recorded vote of 228 yeas to 201 noes, Roll No. 983, after the previous ques-

tion was ordered by a yea-and-nay vote of 235 yeas to 193 nays, Roll No. 982. **Pages H15005–06**

A point of order was raised against the consideration of H. Res. 976 and it was agreed to proceed with consideration of the resolution by voice vote. **Pages H14995–96**

Making further continuing appropriations for fiscal year 2010: The House agreed to H.J. Res. 64, making further continuing appropriations for fiscal year 2010, by voice vote. **Page H15421**

H. Res. 976, the rule providing for consideration of the Senate amendment to H.R. 3326, H.J. Res. 64, H.R. 4314, and the Senate amendment to H.R. 2847, was agreed to by a recorded vote of 228 yeas to 201 noes, Roll No. 983, after the previous question was ordered by a yea-and-nay vote of 235 yeas to 193 nays, Roll No. 982. **Pages H15005–06**

A point of order was raised against the consideration of H. Res. 976 and it was agreed to proceed with consideration of the resolution by voice vote. **Pages H14995–96**

Call of the House: The Speaker called the House to order and ascertained the presence of a quorum (415 present, Roll No. 987). **Pages H15427–28**

Permitting continued financing of Government operations: The House passed H.R. 4314, to permit continued financing of Government operations, by a recorded vote of 218 yeas to 214 noes, Roll No. 988. **Pages H15421–27, H15428–31**

H. Res. 976, the rule providing for consideration of the Senate amendment to H.R. 3326, H.J. Res. 64, H.R. 4314, and the Senate amendment to H.R. 2847, was agreed to by a recorded vote of 228 yeas to 201 noes, Roll No. 983, after the previous question was ordered by a yea-and-nay vote of 235 yeas to 193 nays, Roll No. 982. **Pages H15005–06**

A point of order was raised against the consideration of H. Res. 976 and it was agreed to proceed with consideration of the resolution by voice vote. **Pages H14995–96**

Question of Consideration: The House agreed to consider the Senate amendment to 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, by voice vote. **Page H15421**

Call of the House: The Speaker called the House to order and ascertained the presence of a quorum (429 present, Roll No. 990). **Page H15472**

Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2010: The House concurred in the Senate amendment to 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, with the amendment printed in part B of H. Rept. 111–380, by a recorded vote of 217 ayes to 212 noes, Roll No. 991.

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H. Res. 976, the rule providing for consideration of the Senate amendment to H.R. 3326, H.J. Res. 64, H.R. 4314, and the Senate amendment to H.R. 2847, was agreed to by a recorded vote of 228 ayes to 201 noes, Roll No. 983, after the previous question was ordered by a yea-and-nay vote of 235 yeas to 193 nays, Roll No. 982.

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A point of order was raised against the consideration of H. Res. 976 and it was agreed to proceed with consideration of the resolution by voice vote.

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Pursuant to section 5 of the rule, in the engrossment of the House amendment to the Senate amendment to H.R. 2847, the Clerk shall (a) add the text of H.R. 2920, as passed by the House, as new matter at the end of the text proposed to be inserted by the House amendment; (b) assign appropriate designations to provisions within the engrossment of the text proposed to be inserted by the House; and (c) conform provisions for short titles within the engrossment of the text proposed to be inserted by the House.

United States-China Economic and Security Review Commission—Reappointment: The Chair announced the Speaker's reappointment of the following members on the part of the House to the United States-China Economic and Security Review Commission, effective January 1, 2010: Ms. Carolyn Bartholomew of Washington, DC and Mr. Jeffrey L. Fiedler of Great Falls, VA.

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Member Resignation: Read a letter from Representative Wexler, where he resigned as Representative for the 19th Congressional District of Florida, effective at the end of the day on January 3, 2010.

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Quorum Calls—Votes: Six yea-and-nay votes and six recorded votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H14991–92, H14992, H14993, H14993–94, H15005, H15005–06, H15006–07, H15419–20, H15420, H15430–31, H15431, H15472–73. Two quorum calls (Roll No. 987 and Roll No. 990) developed during the proceedings of today and appears on pages H15427–28, H15472.

Adjournment: The House met at 9 a.m. and at p.m., the House stands adjourned until 6 p.m. on Saturday, December 19, 2009 unless it sooner has received a message from the Senate transmitting its concurrence in H. Con. Res. 223, in which case the

House shall stand adjourned pursuant to that concurrent resolution.

Committee Meetings

CYBERSPACE RADICALIZATION COUNTER-RADICALIZATION

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Terrorism, Unconventional Threats and Capabilities held a hearing on understanding cyberspace as a medium for radicalization and counter-radicalization. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

CHILDHOOD OBESITY

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Health held a hearing entitled "Innovations in Addressing Childhood Obesity." Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Health and Human Services: William H. Dietz, M.D., Director, Division of Nutrition, Physical Activity, and Obesity, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention; and Terry Huang, Director, Obesity Research Strategic Core Eunice Kennedy Shriver, National Institute of Child Health and Human Development, NIH; and public witnesses.

TSA AIRPORT SECURITY OPERATING MANUAL BREACH

Committee on Homeland Security: Subcommittee on Transportation Security and Infrastructure Protection held a hearing entitled "Has the TSA Breach Jeopardized National Security? An Examination of What Happened and Why." Testimony was heard from Gale Rossasides, Acting Administrator, Transportation Security Administration, Department of Homeland Security.

LIVE SPORT BROADCAST INTERNET PIRACY

Committee on the Judiciary: Held a hearing on Piracy of Live Sports Broadcasting over the Internet. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

AIRLINE BANKRUPTCY EMPLOYEES PROTECTION

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Commercial and Administrative Law held a hearing on Protecting Employees in Airline Bankruptcies. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

FEDERAL COURT PLEADING RESTORATION

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Courts and Competition Policy held a hearing on H.R. 4115, Open Access to the Courts Act of 2009. Testimony was heard from Representative Nadler; Gregory G. Katsas, former Assistant Attorney General,

Civil Division, Department of Justice; and public witnesses.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Natural Resources: Ordered reported the following bills: H.R. 725, Indian Arts and Crafts Amendments Act of 2009; H.R. 2288, amended, Endangered Fish Recovery Programs Improvement Act of 2009; H.R. 2476, amended, Ski Area Recreational Opportunity Enhancement Act of 2009; H.R. 3726, amended, Castle Nugent Historic Site Establishment Act of 2009; H.R. 3538, amended, Idaho Wilderness Water Resources Protection Act; and H.R. 2314, Native Hawaiian Government Reorganization Act of 2009.

GOVERNMENT AS A SHAREHOLDER

Committee on Oversight and Government Reform: Subcommittee on Domestic Policy, hearing entitled “The U.S. Government as Dominant Shareholder: How Should the Taxpayers’ Ownership Rights be Exercised?” Testimony was heard from Orice Williams Brown, Director, Financial Markets and Community Investment, GAO; and public witnesses.

Hearings continue tomorrow.

NATIONAL ARCHIVES MISSION

Committee on Oversight and Government Reform: Subcommittee on Information Policy, Census, and National Archives held a hearing entitled “History Museum or Records Access Agency? Defining and Fulfilling the Mission of the National Archives and Records Administration.” Testimony was heard from David S. Ferriero, Archivist of the United States, National Archives and Records Administration; G. Wayne Clough, Secretary, Smithsonian Institution; James H. Billington, Librarian of Congress; and public witnesses.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Rules: Granted, by record vote of 8 to 3, a rule providing for consideration of the Senate amendment to H.R. 3326, the Department of Defense Appropriations Act, 2010. The rule makes in order a motion by the chair of the Committee on Appropriations to concur in the Senate amendment with the House amendment printed in part A of the report of the Committee on Rules. The rule waives all points of order against consideration of the motion except clause 10 of rule XXI and provides that the Senate amendment and the motion shall be considered as read. The rule provides one hour of debate on the motion equally divided and controlled by the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on Appropriations.

The rule provides for consideration of H. J. Res. 64, making further continuing appropriations for fis-

cal year 2010, under a closed rule. The rule provides one hour of debate equally divided among and controlled by the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on Appropriations. The rule waives all points of order against consideration of the joint resolution except those arising under clause 9 or 10 of rule XXI and provides that the joint resolution shall be considered as read. The rule waives all points of order against provisions in the joint resolution and provides one motion to recommit with or without instructions.

The rule provides for consideration of H.R. 4314, to permit continued financing of Government operations, under a closed rule. The rule provides one hour of debate equally divided among and controlled by the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on Ways and Means. The rule waives all points of order against consideration of the bill except those arising under clause 9 or 10 of rule XXI and provides that the bill shall be considered as read. The rule waives all points of order against provisions in the bill and provides one motion to recommit with or without instructions.

The rule provides for consideration of the Senate amendment to H.R. 2847, the Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2010. The rule makes in order a motion by the chair of the Committee on Appropriations to concur in the Senate amendment with the House amendment printed in part B of the report of the Committee on Rules. The rule waives all points of order against consideration of the motion except clause 10 of rule XXI and provides that the Senate amendment and the motion shall be considered as read. The rule provides one hour of debate on the motion equally divided and controlled by the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on Appropriations.

The rule provides that in the engrossment of the House amendment to the Senate amendment to H.R. 2847, the Clerk shall add the text of H.R. 2920, as passed by the House, as new matter at the end of the text proposed to be inserted by the House.

The rule provides that measures may be considered under suspension of the rules at any time during the remainder of the first session of the 111th Congress and provides that the Speaker shall consult with the Minority Leader on the designation of any matter for consideration under suspension of the rules pursuant to the rule.

The rule waives clause 6(a) of rule XIII (requiring a two-thirds vote to consider a rule on the same day it is reported from the Rules Committee) against any rules reported from the Rules Committee for the remainder of the first session of the 111th Congress.

The rule provides that the chair of the Committee on Appropriations may insert in the Congressional Record at any time during the remainder of the first session of the One Hundred Eleventh Congress such material as he may deem explanatory of the Senate amendments and the motions regarding H.R. 3326 and H.R. 2847.

The rule provides that on any legislative day of the second session of the One Hundred Eleventh Congress before January 12, 2010, the Speaker at any time may dispense with organizational or legislative business.

The rule provides that on any legislative day of the second session of the One Hundred Eleventh Congress before January 12, 2010, the Chair at any time may declare the House adjourned or declare the House adjourned pursuant to an applicable concurrent rule of adjournment.

The rule provides for pro forma sessions until the House adjourns sine die. Finally, the rule provides that on any legislative day of the first session of the One Hundred Eleventh Congress, the Speaker may at any time declare the House adjourned. Testimony was heard from Representative Dicks.

VA ACQUISITION DEFICIENCIES

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations held a hearing on Acquisition Deficiencies at the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the GAO: Kay L. Daly, Director, Financial Management and Assurance; and Gregory D. Kutz, Managing Director, Forensic Audits and Special Investigations; and the following officials of the Department of Veterans Affairs: Maureen T. Regan, Counselor to the Inspector General, Office of Inspector General; and Glenn Haggstrom, Executive Director, Office of Acquisition, Logistics and Construction; and public witnesses.

BRIEFING—HOT SPOTS

Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence: Subcommittee on Terrorism, Human Intelligence, Analysis and Counterterrorism met in executive session to receive a briefing on Hot Spots. The Subcommittee was briefed by departmental witnesses.

Joint Meetings

No joint committee meetings were held.

NEW PUBLIC LAWS

(For last listing of Public Laws, see DAILY DIGEST, p. D1470)

H.R. 4218, to amend titles II and XVI of the Social Security Act to prohibit retroactive payments to individuals during periods for which such individ-

uals are prisoners, fugitive felons, or probation or parole violators. Signed on December 15, 2009. (Public Law 111–115)

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR THURSDAY, DECEMBER 17, 2009

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Armed Services: to hold hearings to examine the nominations of Douglas B. Wilson, of Arizona, to be Assistant Secretary for Public Affairs, Malcolm Ross O'Neill, of Virginia, to be Assistant Secretary of the Army for Acquisition, Logistics and Technology, Mary Sally Matiella, of Arizona, to be Assistant Secretary of the Army for Financial Management and Comptroller, Paul Luis Oostburg Sanz, of Maryland, to be General Counsel of the Department of the Navy, and Jackalyne Pfannenstiel, of California, to be Assistant Secretary of the Navy for Installations and Environment, all of the Department of Defense, and Donald L. Cook, of Washington, to be Deputy Administrator for Defense Programs, National Nuclear Security Administration, Department of Energy, 9:30 a.m., SD–G50.

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: business meeting to consider the nominations of Ben S. Bernanke, of New Jersey, to be Chairman of the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, Eric L. Hirschhorn, of Maryland, to be Under Secretary of Commerce for Export Administration, Marisa Lago, of New York, to be Assistant Secretary of the Treasury, and Steven L. Jacques, of Kansas, to be Assistant Secretary of Housing and Urban Development, 9:30 a.m., SD–538.

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: business meeting to consider S. 1562, to provide for a study and report on research on the United States Arctic Ocean and for other purposes, S. 1609, to authorize a single fisheries cooperative for the Bering Sea Aleutian Islands longline catcher processor subsector, S. 2852, to establish, within the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, an integrated and comprehensive ocean, coastal, Great Lakes, and atmospheric research, prediction, and environmental information program to support renewable energy, S. 2856, to allow the United States-Canada Transboundary Resource Sharing Understanding to be considered an international agreement for the purposes of section 304(e)(4) of the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act, S. 2859, to reauthorize the Coral Reef Conservation Act of 2000, S. 583, to provide grants and loan guarantees for the development and construction of science parks to promote the clustering of innovation through high technology activities, H.R. 3819, to extend the commercial space transportation liability regime, an original bill entitled "Surface Transportation Board Reauthorization Act of 2009", and the nominations of Julie Simone Brill, of Vermont, and Edith

Ramirez, of California, both to be a Federal Trade Commissioner, David L. Strickland, of Georgia, to be Administrator of the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, Department of Transportation, Nicole Yvette Lamb-Hale, of Michigan, to be Assistant Secretary of Commerce, and Michael A. Khouri, of Kentucky, to be a Federal Maritime Commissioner, and routine lists in the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration Commissioned Corps and Coast Guard, 10 a.m., SR-253.

Subcommittee on Consumer Protection, Product Safety, and Insurance, to hold hearings to examine carbon monoxide poisoning, 2:30 p.m., SR-253.

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Subcommittee on Public Lands and Forests, to hold hearings to examine S. 1470, to sustain the economic development and recreational use of National Forest System land and other public land in the State of Montana, to add certain land to the National Wilderness Preservation System, to release certain wilderness study areas, to designate new areas for recreation, S. 1719, to provide for the conveyance of certain parcels of land to the town of Alta, Utah, S. 1787, to reauthorize the Federal Land Transaction Facilitation Act, H.R. 762, to validate final patent number 27-2005-0081, and H.R. 934, to convey certain submerged lands to the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands in order to give that territory the same benefits in its submerged lands as Guam, the Virgin Islands, and American Samoa have in their submerged lands, 2:30 p.m., SD-366.

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: to hold hearings to examine prospects for our economic future and proposals to secure it, 10 a.m., SD-342.

Ad Hoc Subcommittee on Contracting Oversight, to hold hearings to examine an overview of Afghanistan contracts, 2 p.m., SD-342.

Committee on Indian Affairs: business meeting to consider pending calendar business; to be immediately followed by an oversight hearing to examine the Cobell v. Salazar settlement agreement, 2:15 p.m., SD-628.

Committee on the Judiciary: business meeting to consider S. 714, to establish the National Criminal Justice Commission, S. 1624, to amend title 11 of the United States Code, to provide protection for medical debt homeowners, to restore bankruptcy protections for individuals experiencing economic distress as caregivers to ill, injured, or disabled family members, and to exempt from means testing debtors whose financial problems were caused by serious medical problems, S. 1765, to amend the Hate Crime Statistics Act to include crimes against the homeless, S. 678, to reauthorize and improve the Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Act of 1974, S. 1554, to amend the Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Act of 1974 to prevent later delinquency and im-

prove the health and well-being of maltreated infants and toddlers through the development of local Court Teams for Maltreated Infants and Toddlers and the creation of a National Court Teams Resource Center to assist such Court Teams, S. 1789, to restore fairness to Federal cocaine sentencing, S. 1376, to restore immunization and sibling age exemptions for children adopted by United States citizens under the Hague Convention on Intercountry Adoption to allow their admission to the United States, H.R. 1741, to require the Attorney General to make competitive grants to eligible State, tribal, and local governments to establish and maintain certain protection and witness assistance programs, and the nominations Barbara L. McQuade, to be United States Attorney for the Eastern District of Michigan, Christopher A. Crofts, to be United States Attorney for the District of Wyoming, Michael W. Cotter, to be United States Attorney for the District of Montana, Mark Anthony Martinez, to be United States Marshal for the District of Nebraska, and James L. Santelle, to be United States Attorney for the Eastern District of Wisconsin, all of the Department of Justice, and O. Rogeriee Thompson, of Rhode Island, to be United States Circuit Judge for the First Circuit, 10 a.m., SD-226.

Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship: business meeting to consider S. 2826, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to extend the renewable production credit for wind and open-loop biomass facilities, and S. 2869, Small Business Job Creation and Access to Capital Act of 2009, Time to be announced, SR-485.

Select Committee on Intelligence: to hold closed hearings to consider certain intelligence matters, 2:30 p.m., SH-219.

House

Committee on Foreign Affairs, Subcommittee on Africa and Global Health, hearing on Elections in Africa: Progress Made, Challenges Remaining, 10 a.m., 2172 Rayburn.

Committee on the Judiciary, Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism, and Homeland Security, oversight hearing on Recent Inspector General Reports Concerning the FBI, 10 a.m., 2141 Rayburn.

Committee on Oversight and Government Reform, Subcommittee on Domestic Policy, to continue hearings entitled "The U.S. Government as Dominant Shareholder: How Should the Taxpayers' Ownership Rights be Exercised?" 10 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

Joint Meetings

Commission on Security and Cooperation in Europe: to receive a briefing on Russia's Muslims, 2 p.m., 1539, Longworth Building.

Next Meeting of the SENATE

10 a.m., Thursday, December 17

Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

6 p.m., Saturday, December 19

Senate Chamber

Program for Thursday: Senate will continue consideration of the amendment of the House of Representatives to the amendment of the Senate to H.R. 3326, Department of Defense Appropriations Act.

House Chamber

Program for Saturday: To be announced.



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