

**Appointments:**

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**Continued Financing of Government Operations—Agreement:** A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that on Thursday, December 24, 2009, after passage 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, as amended, Senate immediately begin consideration of H.R. 4314, an act to permit continued financing of Government operations; that no amendments be in order; Senate vote on passage of the bill; that passage require a 60 affirmative vote threshold. **Page S13747**

**Increasing the Statutory Limit on the Public Debt—Agreement:** A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that on Wednesday, January 20, 2010, at a time to be determined by the Majority Leader, following consultation with the Republican Leader, the Committee on Finance be discharged of H.J. Res. 45, increasing the statutory limit on the public debt; Senate proceed to the measure; that immediately after the joint resolution is reported, the Majority Leader, or his designee, be recognized to offer a substitute amendment; and that the following be the only first-degree amendments in order to the joint resolution: Thune Amendment relative to TARP; Murkowski Amendment relative to Endangerment EPA regulations; Coburn Amendment relative to Rescissions package; Sessions Amendment relative to Spending caps; McConnell Amendment relative to any on list; Reid Amendment relative to any on list; Reid Amendment relative to pay go; three Baucus Amendments relative to any on list; and Conrad/Gregg Amendment relative to fiscal taskforce; that each of the listed amendments be subject to an affirmative 60 vote threshold; and that if any achieve that threshold, then they be agreed to; that if they do not achieve the 60 vote threshold, then they be withdrawn; that upon disposition of all amendments, the substitute amendment, as amended, if amended, be agreed to;

that Senate vote on passage of the joint resolution, as amended, that passage also be subject to an affirmative 60 vote threshold. **Page S13747**

**Martin Nomination—Agreement:** A unanimous-consent-time agreement was reached providing that on Wednesday, January 20, 2010, after a period of morning business, Senate begin consideration of the nomination of Beverly Baldwin Martin, of Georgia, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Eleventh Circuit; that there be 60 minutes of debate with respect to the nomination, with time equally divided and controlled between Senators Leahy and Sessions, or their designees; that upon the use or yielding back of time, Senate vote on confirmation of the nomination. **Pages S13747–48**

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

J. Michelle Childs, of South Carolina, to be United States District Judge for the District of South Carolina.

Richard Mark Gergel, of South Carolina, to be United States District Judge for the District of South Carolina.

William N. Nettles, of South Carolina, to be United States Attorney for the District of South Carolina for the term of four years.

Kelvin Corneilius Washington, of South Carolina, to be United States Marshal for the District of South Carolina for the term of four years.

1 Coast Guard nomination in the rank of admiral. **Page S13793**

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**Record Votes:** Three record votes were taken today. (Total—388) **Pages S13715–16**

**Adjournment:** Senate convened at 7:01 a.m. and adjourned at 7:06 p.m., until 9:45 a.m. on Wednesday, December 23, 2009. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today's Record on page S13779.)

## Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

No committee meetings were held.

# House of Representatives

## *Chamber Action*

The House currently stands in recess. The House is scheduled to meet at 11:30 a.m. on Wednesday, December 23, 2009.

## *Committee Meetings*

No committee meetings were held.

## *Joint Meetings*

No joint committee meetings were held.

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## NEW PUBLIC LAWS

(For last listing of Public Laws, see DAILY DIGEST, p. D1507)

H.R. 3326, making appropriations for the Department of Defense for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2010. Signed on December 19, 2009. (Public Law 111–118)

## COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 23, 2009

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

### Senate

*Committee on Finance:* business meeting to consider the nominations of Lael Brainard, of the District of Columbia, to be Under Secretary, Michael F. Mundaca, of New York, and Mary John Miller, of Maryland, both to be Assistant Secretary, and Charles Collins, of Maryland, to be a Deputy Under Secretary, all of the Department of the Treasury, Michael W. Punke, of Montana, to be a Deputy United States Trade Representative, with the rank of Ambassador, Islam A. Siddiqui, of Virginia, to be Chief Agricultural Negotiator, Office of the United States Trade Representative, with the rank of Ambassador, and Jim R. Esquea, of New York, and Ellen Gloninger Murray, of Virginia, both to be Assistant Secretary, and Bryan Hayes Samuels, of Illinois, to be Commissioner on Children, Youth, and Families, all of the Department of Health and Human Services, Time to be announced, S–216, Capitol.

### House

No committee meetings are scheduled.