

Daily Digest

HIGHLIGHTS

Senate passed H.J. Res. 45, Increasing the statutory limit on the public debt.

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S273–S351

Measures Introduced: Ten bills and two resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 2960–2969, and S. Res. 400–401. **Page S340**

Measures Reported:

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 amendments. (S. Rept. No. 111–120)

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. 2924, to reauthorize the Boys & Girls Clubs of America, in the wake of its Centennial, and its programs and activities. **Page S340**

Measures Passed:

Increasing the Statutory Limit on the Public Debt: By 60 yeas to 39 nays (Vote No. 14), Senate passed H.J. Res. 45, increasing the statutory limit on the public debt, as amended, after taking action on the following amendments proposed thereto: **Pages S280–91**

Adopted:

By 60 yeas to 40 nays (Vote No. 12), Reid Amendment No. 3305 (to Amendment No. 3299), to reimpose statutory pay-as-you-go. (A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that the amendment, having achieved 60 affirmative votes, be agreed to). **Pages S280, S282–83**

By 60 yeas to 40 nays (Vote No. 13), Baucus (for Reid) Amendment No. 3299, in the nature of a substitute. (A unanimous-consent agreement was

reached providing that the amendment, having achieved 60 affirmative votes, be agreed to). **Pages S280, 283–84**

Withdrawn:

By 51 yeas to 49 nays (Vote No. 10), Brownback Amendment No. 3309 (to Amendment No. 3299), to establish a Commission on Congressional Budgetary Accountability and Review of Federal Agencies. (A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that the amendment, having failed to achieve 60 affirmative votes, be withdrawn). **Pages S280–81**

By 56 yeas to 44 nays (Vote No. 11), Sessions Amendment No. 3308 (to Amendment No. 3299), to reduce the deficit by establishing 5-year discretionary spending caps. (A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that the amendment, having failed to achieve 60 affirmative votes, be withdrawn). **Pages S280, S281–82**

Comprehensive Iran Sanctions, Accountability, and Divestment Act: Senate passed S. 2799, to expand the Iran Sanctions Act of 1996, to provide for the divestment of assets in Iran by State and local governments and other entities, to identify locations of concern with respect to transshipment, reexportation, or diversion of certain sensitive items to Iran. **Pages S324–32**

Lanham Act: Senate passed S. 2968, to make certain technical and conforming amendments to the Lanham Act. **Pages S349–51**

Small Business Act and Small Business Investment Act: Senate passed H.R. 4508, to provide for an additional temporary extension of programs under the Small Business Act and the Small Business Investment Act of 1958, clearing the measure for the President. **Page S351**

Smith Nomination—Cloture: Senate began consideration of the nomination of M. Patricia Smith, of

New York, to be Solicitor for the Department of Labor. **Page S349**

A motion was entered to close further debate on the nomination, 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, January 28, 2010, a vote on cloture will occur at 5:30 p.m. on Monday, February 1, 2010. **Page S349**

Johnson Nomination—Cloture: Senate began consideration of the nomination of Martha N. Johnson, of Maryland, to be Administrator of General Services. **Page S349**

A motion was entered to close further debate on the nomination, and, in accordance with the provisions of rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, a vote on cloture will occur on Monday, February 1, 2010. **Page S349**

Nominations Confirmed: Senate confirmed the following nomination:

By 70 yeas to 30 nays (Vote No. Ex. 16), Ben S. Bernanke, of New Jersey, to be Chairman of the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System. **Pages S295–S317**

During consideration of this measure today, Senate also took the following action:

By 77 yeas to 23 nays (Vote No. 15), three-fifths of those Senators duly chosen and sworn, having voted in the affirmative, Senate agreed to the motion to close further debate on the nomination. **Page S317**

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Record Votes: Seven record votes were taken today. (Total—16) **Pages S281–84, S286, S317**

Adjournment: Senate convened at 9:30 a.m. and adjourned at 6:41 p.m., until 9:30 a.m. on Friday, January 29, 2010. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today's Record on page S351.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

BROADBAND TECHNOLOGY OPPORTUNITIES

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies concluded an oversight hearing to examine the Department of Commerce's Broadband Technology Opportunities Program funded by the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act, after receiving testimony from Gary Locke, Secretary, and Lawrence E. Strickling, Assistant Secretary for Communications and Information, and Administrator, National Telecommunications and Information Administration, both of the Department of Commerce.

BUDGET AND ECONOMIC OUTLOOK

Committee on the Budget: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the budget and economic outlook, focusing on fiscal years 2011–2020, after receiving testimony from Douglas W. Elmendorf, Director, Congressional Budget Office.

SOLAR ENERGY TECHNOLOGY

Committee on Environment and Public Works: Committee concluded a joint hearing with the Subcommittee on Green Jobs and the New Economy to examine solar energy technology and clean energy jobs, after receiving testimony from Ken Salazar, Secretary of the Interior; Robert Rogan, eSolar, Pasadena, California; Robert Gillette, First Solar, New York, New York; Andrew P. Morriss, University of Illinois College of Law, Champaign; and Jeff Wolfe, groSolar, White River Junction, Vermont.

RESCUE, RECOVERY, AND RECONSTRUCTION IN HAITI

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee concluded a hearing to examine rescue, recovery, and reconstruction in Haiti, focusing on the extent of the damages, immediate relief needs, intermediate goals, and the long-term path to recovery, after receiving testimony from Rony Francois, Georgia Incoming Director of Public Health, Atlanta; Paul Farmer, United Nations, Boston, Massachusetts; and James Dobbins, The RAND Corporation, Washington, D.C.

NOMINATIONS

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of Ian Hoddy Solomon, of Maryland, to be United States Executive Director of the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development, Walter Crawford Jones, of

Maryland, to be United States Director of the African Development Bank, Douglas A. Rediker, of Massachusetts, to be United States Alternate Executive Director of the International Monetary Fund, and Leocadia Irine Zak, of the District of Columbia, to be Director of the Trade and Development Agency, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

NOMINATION

Committee on Indian Affairs: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nomination of Lillian A. Sparks, of Maryland, to be Commissioner of the Administration for Native Americans, Department of Health and Human Services, after the nominee testified and answered questions in her own behalf.

UNEMPLOYMENT ON INDIAN RESERVATIONS

Committee on Indian Affairs: Committee concluded an oversight hearing to examine unemployment on Indian reservations at 50%, focusing on the need to create jobs in Indian Country, after receiving testimony from Donald Laverdure, Deputy Assistant Secretary, Office of the Assistant Secretary of the Interior for Indian Affairs; Jefferson Keel, National Congress of American Indians, Washington, D.C.; Harvey Spoonhunter, Northern Arapaho Business Council, Ethete, Wyoming; Gloria O'Neill, Cook Inlet Tribal Council, Anchorage, Alaska; and Conrad Edwards, Native Construction Careers Institute, Federal Way, Washington.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on the Judiciary: Committee ordered favorably reported the following business items:

S. 2924, to reauthorize the Boys & Girls Clubs of America, in the wake of its Centennial, and its programs and activities;

S. 1749, to amend title 18, United States Code, to prohibit the possession or use of cell phones and

similar wireless devices by Federal prisoners, with an amendment; and

The nominations of James A. Wynn, Jr., of North Carolina, and Albert Diaz, of North Carolina, both to be United States Circuit Judge for the Fourth Circuit, and Willie Lee Richardson, Jr., to be United States Marshal for the Middle District of Georgia, Andr, Birotte, Jr., to be United States Attorney for the Central District of California, Richard S. Hartunian, to be United States Attorney for the Northern District of New York, and Ronald C. Machen, Jr., to be United States Attorney for the District of Columbia, all of the Department of Justice.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: Committee ordered favorably reported the following business items:

S. 1237, to amend title 38, United States Code, to expand the grant program for homeless veterans with special needs to include male homeless veterans with minor dependents and to establish a grant program for reintegration of homeless women veterans and homeless veterans with children, with amendments;

An original bill entitled, "Examination of Exposures to Environmental Hazards During Military Service and Health Care for Camp Lejeune and Atsugi Naval Air Facility Veterans and their Families Act"; and

The nomination of Raul Perea-Henze, of New York, to be Assistant Secretary of Veterans Affairs for Policy and Planning.

INTELLIGENCE

Select Committee on Intelligence: Committee held closed hearings on intelligence matters, receiving testimony from officials of the intelligence community.

Committee recessed subject to the call.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

The House was not in session today. The House is scheduled to meet at 12 noon on Friday, January 29, 2010 in pro forma session.

Committee Meetings

No committee Meetings were held.

Joint Meetings

No joint committee meetings were held.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR FRIDAY, JANUARY 29, 2010

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

No meetings/hearings scheduled.

House

No committee meetings are scheduled.

Next Meeting of the SENATE

9:30 a.m., Friday, January 29

Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

12 p.m., Friday, January 29

Senate Chamber

Program for Friday: Senate will be in a period of morning business.

House Chamber

Program for Friday: The House will meet in a pro forma session at 12 noon.



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