

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S1565–S1632

Measures Introduced: Thirteen bills and one resolution were introduced, as follows: S. 3118–3130, and S. Res. 456. **Pages S1618–19**

Measures Reported:

H.R. 885, to elevate the Inspector General of certain Federal entities to an Inspector General appointed pursuant to section 3 of the Inspector General Act of 1978, with amendments. **Page S1617**

Measures Passed:

Commemorating the 45th Anniversary of Bloody Sunday: Committee on the Judiciary was discharged from further consideration of H. Con. Res. 249, commemorating the 45th anniversary of Bloody Sunday and the role that it played in ensuring the passage of the Voting Rights Act of 1965, and the resolution was then agreed to. **Page S1631**

Radford University 100th Anniversary: Senate agreed to S. Res. 456, congratulating Radford University on the 100th anniversary of the university. **Page S1631**

Federal Judiciary Administrative Improvements Act: Committee on the Judiciary was discharged from further consideration of S. 1782, to provide improvements for the operations of the Federal courts, and the bill was then passed, after agreeing to the following amendment proposed thereto:

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Kaufman (for Whitehouse) Amendment No. 3540, in the nature of a substitute. **Pages S1631–32**

Measures Considered:

Tax on Bonuses Received From Certain TARP Recipients—Agreement: Senate resumed consideration of H.R. 1586, to impose an additional tax on bonuses received from certain TARP recipients, taking action on the following amendments proposed thereto: **Pages S1582–S1607**

Adopted:

By 87 yeas to 11 nays (Vote No. 51), Feingold Modified Amendment No. 3470 (to Amendment No. 3452), to provide for the rescission of unused

transportation earmarks and to establish a general reporting requirement for any unused earmarks.

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Rockefeller (for Bennett/Hatch) Amendment No. 3462 (to Amendment No. 3452), to authorize the Secretary of Transportation to release restrictions on the use of certain property conveyed to the City of St. George, Utah, for airport purposes. **Page S1604**

Rockefeller (for Reid/Ensign) Amendment No. 3467 (to Amendment No. 3452), to authorize Clark County, Nevada, to permit the use of certain lands in the Las Vegas McCarran International Airport Environs Overlay District for transient lodging and associated facilities. **Page S1605**

McCain Amendment No. 3472 (to Amendment No. 3452), to prohibit the use of passenger facility charges for the construction of bicycle storage facilities. **Pages S1582, S1584, S1605**

Rockefeller (for Lautenberg) Modified Amendment No. 3473 (to Amendment No. 3452), to require a report on Newark Liberty Airport air traffic control. **Page S1605**

Rockefeller (for Barrasso) Modified Amendment No. 3474 (to Amendment No. 3452), to require the Administrator to prioritize the review of construction projects that are carried out in cold weather States. **Page S1605**

Rockefeller (for Durbin) Modified Amendment No. 3482 (to Amendment No. 3452), to require the Secretary of Transportation to conduct a study of air-line and intercity rail codeshare arrangements. **Page S1605**

Rockefeller (for Schumer) Modified Amendment No. 3486 (to Amendment No. 3452), to impose an additional tax on bonuses received from certain TARP recipients. **Page S1605**

Rockefeller (for Bingaman) Amendment No. 3487 (to Amendment No. 3452), to preserve the essential air service program. **Page S1605**

Rockefeller (for Cardin) Amendment No. 3497 (to Amendment No. 3452), to extend the termination date for the final order with respect to determining mileage eligibility for essential air service. **Page S1605**

Rockefeller (for Menendez) Amendment No. 3503 (to Amendment No. 3452), to require an ongoing

monitoring of and report on the New York/New Jersey/Philadelphia Metropolitan Area Airspace Redesign. **Page S1605**

Rockefeller (for Menendez) Amendment No. 3504 (to Amendment No. 3452), to require the Administrator of the Federal Aviation Administration to conduct a study of the safety impact of distracted pilots. **Page S1605**

Rockefeller (for Johanns) Amendment No. 3508 (to Amendment No. 3452), to require the Comptroller General of the United States to study the impact of increases in fuel prices on the long-term viability of the Airport and Airway Trust Fund and on the aviation industry in general. **Pages S1605–06**

Rockefeller (for Johanns) Amendment No. 3509 (to Amendment No. 3452), to require the Administrator of the Federal Aviation Administration to identify the benefits of ADS-B for small and medium-sized airports and general aviation users. **Page S1606**

Rockefeller (for Johanns) Amendment No. 3510 (to Amendment No. 3452), to extend conditionally the deadlines for equipping aircraft with ADS-B technology. **Page S1606**

Rockefeller (for Coburn) Amendment No. 3531 (to Amendment No. 3452), to discontinue a Federal program that has never been used since its creation in 2003. **Page S1606**

Rejected:

DeMint Amendment No. 3454 (to Amendment No. 3452), to establish an earmark moratorium for fiscal years 2010 and 2011. (By 68 yeas to 29 nays (Vote No. 50), Senate tabled the amendment.) **Pages S1582, S1602**

By 42 yeas to 55 nays (Vote No. 53), Lieberman Amendment No. 3456 (to Amendment No. 3452), to reauthorize the DC opportunity scholarship program. **Pages S1582, S1588–98, S1604**

Pending:

Rockefeller Amendment No. 3452, in the nature of a substitute. **Page S1582**

Sessions/McCaskill Modified Amendment No. 3453 (to Amendment No. 3452), to reduce the deficit by establishing discretionary spending caps. **Page S1582**

McCain/Bayh Amendment No. 3475 (to Amendment No. 3452), to prohibit earmarks in years in which there is a deficit. **Pages S1582, S1583–84**

McCain Amendment No. 3527 (to Amendment No. 3452), to require the Administrator of the Federal Aviation Administration to develop a financing proposal for fully funding the development and implementation of technology for the Next Generation Air Transportation System. **Pages S1582, S1584**

McCain Amendment No. 3528 (to Amendment No. 3452), to provide standards for determining

whether the substantial restoration of the natural quiet and experience of the Grand Canyon National Park has been achieved and to clarify regulatory authority with respect to commercial air tours operating over the Park. **Pages S1582–83, S1584–88**

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

By 41 yeas to 57 nays (Vote No. 52), three-fifths of those Senators duly chosen and sworn, not having voted in the affirmative, Senate rejected the motion to waive pursuant to section 904 of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974 and section 4(g)(3) of the Statutory Pay-As-You-Go Act of 2010, with respect to Vitter Modified Amendment No. 3458 (to Amendment No. 3452), to clarify application requirements relating to the coastal impact assistance program. Subsequently, the Chair sustained a point of order against Vitter Modified Amendment No. 3458 (to Amendment No. 3452), as being in violation of section 311(a)(2)(a) of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974, and the amendment thus fell. **Pages S1582, S1598, S1603–04**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the bill on Wednesday, March 17, 2010, upon disposition of the motion to concur in the House amendments to the Senate amendment to the House amendment to the Senate amendment to H.R. 2847. **Page S1632**

House Messages:

Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act—House Message: A unanimous-consent-time agreement was reached providing that Senate resume consideration of the motion to concur in the amendments of the House to the amendment of the Senate to the amendment of the House to the amendment of the Senate 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, at approximately 9:30 a.m., on Wednesday, March 17, 2010, there be 10 minutes of debate with the time equally divided and controlled between Senators Gregg and Schumer, or their designees; at which time Senator Gregg is expected to make a budget point of order, and Senator Schumer would move to waive any relevant points of order; that if the waiver is successful, then no further debate or motions be in order, and Senate vote on the Durbin motion to concur, further that the order with respect to DeMint motion to suspend be vitiated; that upon disposition of the House message, Senate resume consideration of H.R. 1586, and any other provisions with respect to the House message remaining in effect. **Pages S1630–31**

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Record Votes: Four record votes were taken today. (Total—53)	Pages S1602–04

Adjournment: Senate convened at 10:15 a.m. and adjourned at 8:36 p.m., until 9:30 a.m. on Wednesday, March 17, 2010. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S1632.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION REQUEST AND FUTURE YEARS DEFENSE PROGRAM

Committee on Armed Services: Committee concluded a hearing to examine United States Special Operations Command and United States Central Command in review of the Defense Authorization request for fiscal year 2011 and the Future Years Defense Program, after receiving testimony from Admiral Eric T. Olson, USN, Commander, United States Special Operations Command, and General David H. Petraeus, USA, Commander, United States Central Command, both of the Department of Defense.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Armed Services: Committee ordered favorably reported the nominations of Joseph F. Bader, of the District of Columbia, Jessie Hill Roberson, of Virginia, and Peter Stanley Winokur, of Maryland, all to be a member of the Defense Nuclear Facilities Safety Board, Department of Defense, and 802 nominations in the Army, Navy, Air Force, and Marine Corps.

WATER ACTS

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Subcommittee on Water and Power concluded an oversight hearing to examine the Bureau of Reclamation's implementation of the SECURE Water Act, (Title 9501 of Public Law 111–11) and the Bureau of Reclamation's WaterSMART program which includes the WaterSMART Grant Program, the Basin Study Program and the Title XVI Program, after receiving testimony from Michael L. Connor, Commissioner, Bureau of Reclamation, Department of the Interior; Melinda Kassen, Trout Unlimited, Boulder, Colorado; Dan Keppen, Family Farm Alliance, Klamath Falls, Oregon; John Entsminger, Southern Nevada Water Authority, Las Vegas; and Anthony J. Pack, Eastern Municipal Water District, Perris, California.

NOMINATION

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nomination of Robert Stephen Ford, of Maryland, to be Ambassador to the Syrian Arab Republic, after the nominee testified and answered questions in his own behalf.

FOSTER CARE AND FAMILY SERVICES IN D.C.

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: Subcommittee on Oversight of Government Management, the Federal Workforce, and the District of Columbia concluded a hearing to examine assessing foster care and family services in the District of Columbia, focusing on challenges and solutions, after receiving testimony from Chief Judge Lee F. Satterfield, Superior Court of the District of Columbia, Roque R. Gerald, District of Columbia Child and Family Services Agency, Judith Meltzer, Center for the Study of Social Policy, Judith Sandalow, Children's Law Center, Sarah M. Ocran, Young Women's Project, and Dominique Davis, all of Washington, D.C.

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.

BUSINESS MEETING

Select Committee on Intelligence: Committee met in closed session to consider pending intelligence matters.

Committee recessed subject to the call.