

Cardin Amendment No. 4050 (to Amendment No. 3739), to require the disclosure of payments by resource extraction issuers. **Page S3961**

Merkley/Levin Amendment No. 4115 (to Amendment No. 3789), to prohibit certain forms of proprietary trading. **Page S3961**

A motion was entered to close further debate on Reid (for Dodd/Lincoln) Amendment No. 3739 (listed above) and, in accordance with the provisions of Rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, a vote on cloture will occur on Friday, May 21, 2010. **Page S3974**

A motion was entered to close further debate on the bill, and, in accordance with the provisions of Rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, a vote on cloture will occur upon disposition of Reid (for Dodd/Lincoln) Amendment No. 3739 (listed above). **Page S3974**

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

By 57 yeas to 42 nays (Vote No. 158), three-fifths of those Senators duly chosen and sworn not having voted in the affirmative, Senate rejected the motion to close further debate on Reid (for Dodd/Lincoln) Amendment No. 3739, in the nature of a substitute. **Page S3964**

Subsequently, Senator Reid entered a motion to reconsider the vote by which cloture was not invoked on Reid (for Dodd/Lincoln) Amendment No. 3739 (listed above). **Page S3964**

Subsequently, a unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that the vote on the motion to invoke cloture on the bill be vitiated. **Page S3964**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the bill at 9:30 a.m., on Thursday, May 20, 2010; provided that at 2:30 p.m., the motion to proceed to the motion to reconsider be agreed to, the motion to reconsider be agreed to; and Senate vote on the motion to invoke cloture on Reid (for Dodd/Lincoln) Amendment No. 3739 (listed above); provided further, that the filing deadline for second-degree amendments be 1:30 p.m. **Pages S4024–25**

**Nomination Confirmed:** Senate confirmed the following nomination:

1 Army nomination in the rank of general.

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

Patrick S. Moon, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to Bosnia and Herzegovina.

Christopher W. Murray, of New York, to be Ambassador to the Republic of the Congo.

Routine lists in the Army, and Navy. **Page S4025**

**Nomination Withdrawn:** Senate received notification of withdrawal of the following nomination:

1 Army nomination in the rank of general.

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**Messages from the House:** **Page S3983**

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**Record Votes:** Two record votes were taken today. (Total—159) **Pages S3964, S3972–73**

**Adjournment:** Senate convened at 9:30 a.m. and adjourned at 8:27 p.m., until 9:30 a.m. on Thursday, May 20, 2010. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S4025.)

## Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

### APPROPRIATIONS: WASHINGTON METROPOLITAN AREA TRANSIT AUTHORITY (METRO)

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Transportation, Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies concluded a hearing to examine the President's proposed budget request for fiscal year 2011 for the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority (Metro), after receiving testimony from Senator Cardin; and Peter Benjamin, and Richard Sarles, both of Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority (METRO), Jackie Jeter, Amalgamated Transit Union, Jack Corbett, MetroRiders.org, and Francis DeBernardo, Riders' Advisory Council, all of Washington, DC.

### MOTOR VEHICLE SAFETY ACT

*Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine S. 3302, to amend title 49, United States Code, to establish new automobile safety standards, make better motor vehicle safety information available to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration and the public, and S. 3271, to amend section 30166 of title 49, United States Code, to require the installation of

event data recorders in all motor vehicles manufactured for sale in the United States, after receiving testimony from David L. Strickland, Administrator, and Joan Claybrook, former Administrator, both of the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, Department of Transportation; Dave McCurdy, Alliance of Automobile Manufacturers, and Clarence M. Ditlow, Center for Auto Safety, both of Washington, DC; and Michael J. Stanton, Association of International Automobile Manufacturers, Inc. (AIAM), Arlington, Virginia.

#### PROPOSED CONSTITUTION OF U.S. VIRGIN ISLANDS

*Committee on Energy and Natural Resources:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine the proposed Constitution of the U.S. Virgin Islands, S. 2941, to provide supplemental ex gratia compensation to the Republic of the Marshall Islands for impacts of the nuclear testing program of the United States, H.R. 3940, 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, and H.R. 2499, to provide for a federally sanctioned self-determination process for the people of Puerto Rico, after receiving testimony from Delegates Pierluisi, Bordallo and Christensen; Jonathan G. Cedarbaum, Deputy Assistant Attorney General, Department of Justice; Nikolao Pula, Director, Office of Insular Affairs, Department of the Interior; Puerto Rico Governor Luis G. Fortuño, Hector J. Ferrer Rios, Popular Democratic Party, and Ruben Berrios Martinez, Puerto Rican Independence Party, all of San Juan; Gerard Luz Amwur James II, Fifth Constitutional Convention of the U.S. Virgin Islands, St. Croix; and John M. Silk, Republic of the Marshall Islands Minister of Foreign Affairs, Majuro.

#### NATIONAL PARKS BILLS

*Committee on Energy and Natural Resources:* Subcommittee on National Parks concluded a hearing to examine S. 349, to establish the Susquehanna Gateway National Heritage Area in the State of Pennsylvania, S. 1596, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to acquire the Gold Hill Ranch in Coloma, California, S. 1651, to modify a land grant patent issued by the Secretary of the Interior, S. 1750, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to conduct a special resource study of the General of the Army George Catlett Marshall National Historic Site at Dodona Manor in Leesburg, Virginia, S. 1801, to establish the First State National Historical Park in the State of Delaware, S. 1802 and H.R. 685, bills to require the Secretary of the Interior to conduct a special resource study regarding the proposed United States

Civil Rights Trail, S. 2953 and H.R. 3388, bills to modify the boundary of Petersburg National Battlefield in the Commonwealth of Virginia, S. 2976, to designate as wilderness certain land and inland water within the Sleeping Bear Dunes National Lakeshore in the State of Michigan, S. 3159 and H.R. 4395, bills to revise the boundaries of the Gettysburg National Military Park to include the Gettysburg Train Station, S. 3168, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to acquire certain non-Federal land in the State of Pennsylvania for inclusion in the Fort Necessity National Battlefield, and S. 3303, to establish the Chimney Rock National Monument in the State of Colorado, after receiving testimony from Senators Boxer, Carper, Casey, Burriss and Bennet; Stephen E. Whitesell, Associate Director, Park Planning, Facilities and Lands, National Park Service, Department of the Interior; Joel Holtrop, Deputy Chief, National Forest System, Forest Service, Department of Agriculture; Robert Moomaw, Archuleta County Commissioner, Pagosa Springs, Colorado; Timothy Slavin, Delaware Division of Historical and Cultural Affairs, Dover; and Mark N. Platts, Susquehanna Gateway Heritage Area, Wrightsville, Pennsylvania.

#### REBUILDING AND DEVELOPMENT IN HAITI

*Committee on Foreign Relations:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine empowering Haiti to rebuild better, including S. 3317, to authorize appropriations for fiscal years 2010 through 2014 to promote long-term, sustainable rebuilding and development in Haiti, after receiving testimony from T. Christopher Milligan, Coordinator for Disaster Response in Haiti, United States Agency for International Development; Kenneth Merten, United States Ambassador to the Republic of Haiti, Department of State; Andrew S. Natsios, Georgetown University School of Foreign Service, and Mark L. Schneider, International Crisis Group, both of Washington, DC.; and Sean Penn, J/P Haitian Relief Organization, San Francisco.

#### START TREATY

*Committee on Foreign Relations:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine a Treaty between the United States of America and the Russian Federation on Measures for the Further Reduction and Limitation of Strategic Offensive Arms, signed in Prague on April 8, 2010, with Protocol (Treaty Doc. 111-05), focusing on the history and lessons of the Strategic Arms Reduction Treaty, after receiving testimony from James A. Baker III, Baker Botts L.L.P., Houston, Texas.

**REFUGEE PROTECTION ACT**

*Committee on the Judiciary:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine renewing America's commitment to the refugee convention, including S. 3113, to amend the Immigration and Nationality Act to reaffirm the United States' historic commitment to protecting refugees who are fleeing persecution or torture, after receiving testimony from Dan Glickman, Refugees International, and Igor V. Timofeyev, Paul, Hastings, Janofsky and Walker LLP, both of Washington, DC.; and Patrick Giantonio, Vermont Immigration and Asylum Advocates, Burlington.

**FILIBUSTER**

*Committee on Rules and Administration:* Committee resumed hearings to examine the filibuster, focusing on the filibuster today and its consequences, after receiving testimony from former Vice President Walter F. Mondale; former Senator Don Nickles; Steven S. Smith, Washington University Murray Weidenbaum Center on the Economy, Government, and Public Policy, St. Louis, Missouri; and Norman J. Ornstein, American Enterprise Institute, Washington, DC.

**NOMINATION**

*Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nomination of Marie Collins Johns, of the District of Columbia, to be Deputy Administrator of the Small Business Administration, after the nominee, who was introduced by Representative Carson, testified and answered questions in her own behalf.

**DISASTER ASSISTANCE PROGRAM**

*Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine the Small Business Administration (SBA) Disaster Assistance Program and the impact of the Deepwater Horizon oil spill on small businesses, after receiving testimony from James Rivera, Associate Administrator for Disaster Assistance, Small Business Administration; William B. Shear, Director, Financial Markets and Community Investment, Government Accountability Office; and Jaimie Bergeron, Fleur de Lis Car Care Center, Lake View, Louisiana.

**VETERANS BILLS**

*Committee on Veterans' Affairs:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine S. 1866, to amend title 38, United States Code, to provide for the eligibility of parents of certain deceased veterans for interment in national cemeteries, S. 1939, to amend title 38, United States Code, to clarify presumptions relating to the exposure of certain veterans who served in the vicinity of the Republic of Vietnam, S. 1940, to require the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to carry out

a study on the effects on children of exposure of their parents to herbicides used in support of the United States and allied military operations in the Republic of Vietnam during the Vietnam era, S. 2751, to designate the Department of Veterans Affairs medical center in Big Spring, Texas, as the George H. O'Brien, Jr., Department of Veterans Medical Center, S. 3035, to require a report on the establishment of a Polytrauma Rehabilitation Center or Polytrauma Network Site of the Department of Veterans Affairs in the northern Rockies or Dakotas, S. 3107, to amend title 38, United States Code, to provide for an increase, effective December 1, 2010, in the rates of compensation for veterans with service-connected disabilities and the rates of dependency and indemnity compensation for the survivors of certain disabled veterans, S. 3192, to amend title 38, United States Code, to provide for the tolling of the timing of review for appeals of final decisions of the Board of Veterans' Appeals, S. 3234, to improve employment, training, and placement services furnished to veterans, especially those serving in Operation Iraqi Freedom and Operation Enduring Freedom, S. 3286, to require the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to carry out a pilot program on the award of grants to State and local government agencies and nonprofit organizations to provide assistance to veterans with their submittal of claims to the Veterans Benefits Administration, S. 3314, to require the Secretary of Veterans Affairs and the Appalachian Regional Commission to carry out a program of outreach for veterans who reside in Appalachia, S. 3325, to amend title 38, United States Code, to authorize the waiver of the collection of copayments for telehealth and telemedicine visits of veterans, S. 3330, to amend title 38, United States Code, to make certain improvements in the administration of medical facilities of the Department of Veterans Affairs, S. 3348, to amend title 38, United States Code, to provide for the treatment of documents that express disagreement with decisions of the Board of Veterans' Appeals and that are misfiled with the Board within 120 days of such decisions as motions for reconsideration of such decisions, S. 3352, to amend title 38, United States Code, to exempt reimbursements of expenses related to accident, theft, loss, or casualty loss from determinations of annual income with respect to pensions for veterans and surviving spouses and children of veterans, S. 3355, to provide for an Internet website for information on benefits, resource, services, and opportunities for veterans and their families and caregivers, S. 3367, to amend title 38, United States Code, to increase the rate of pension for disabled veterans who are married to one another and both of whom require regular aid and attendance, S. 3368, to amend title 38, United States

Code, to authorize certain individuals to sign claims filed with the Secretary of Veterans Affairs on behalf of claimants, S. 3370, to amend title 38, United States Code, to improve the process by which an individual files jointly for social security and dependency and indemnity compensation, S. 1780, to amend title 38, United States Code, to deem certain service in the reserve components as active service for purposes of laws administered by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs, and S. 3377, to amend title 38, United States Code, to improve the multifamily transitional housing loan program of the Department of Veterans Affairs by requiring the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to issue loans for the construction of, rehabilitation of, or acquisition of land for multifamily transitional housing projects instead of guar-

anteeing loans for such purposes, after receiving testimony from Thomas J. Pamperin, Associate Deputy Under Secretary for Policy and Program Management, Veterans Benefits Administration, and Robert Jesse, Principal Deputy Under Secretary for Health, and Richard J. Hipolit, and Walter A. Hall, both Assistant General Counsel, each of the Veterans Health Administration, all of the Department of Veterans Affairs; Raymond M. Jefferson, Assistant Secretary of Labor for Veterans' Employment and Training Service; and Ian de Planque, The American Legion, Tom Tarantino, Iraq and Afghanistan Veterans of America, Eric A. Hilleman, Veterans of Foreign Wars, all of Washington, DC; and Richard Weidman and Alan Oates, both of Vietnam Veterans of America, Silver Spring, Maryland.

## House of Representatives

### *Chamber Action*

**Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced:** 8 public bills, H.R. 5339–5346; and 10 resolutions, H. Con. Res. 280; and H. Res. 1371–1379, were introduced.

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**Additional Cosponsors:**

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**Report Filed:** A report was filed today as follows:

H. Res. 1363, granting the authority provided under clause 4(c)(3) of rule X of the Rules of the House of Representatives to the Committee on Education and Labor for purposes of its investigation into underground coal mining safety (H. Rept. 110–487).

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

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**Chaplain:** The prayer was offered by the Guest Chaplain, Reverend Dr. William Smith, Memorial Baptist Church, Arlington, Virginia.

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

***Eunice Kennedy Shriver Act:*** H.R. 5220, amended, to reauthorize the Special Olympics Sport and Empowerment Act of 2004 and to provide assistance to Best Buddies to support the expansion and development of mentoring programs;

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***Honorable Stephanie Tubbs Jones College Fire Prevention Act:*** H.R. 2136, to establish the Honorable Stephanie Tubbs Jones Fire Suppression Demonstration Incentive Program within the Department

of Education to promote installation of fire sprinkler systems, or other fire suppression or prevention technologies, in qualified student housing and dormitories;

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***Congratulating the Emporia State University Lady Hornets women's basketball team:*** H. Res. 1292, amended, to congratulate the Emporia State University Lady Hornets women's basketball team for winning the 2010 NCAA Division II National Championship, by a  $\frac{2}{3}$  recorded vote of 407 ayes to 1 no with 1 voting "present", Roll No. 282;

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***Recognizing the significant contributions of United States automobile dealerships:*** H. Res. 713, amended, to recognize the significant contributions of United States automobile dealerships, and to express the sense of the House of Representatives that in the interest of equity, automobile dealers whose franchises have been terminated through no fault of their own be given an opportunity of first consideration once the auto market rebounds and stabilizes;

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Agreed to amend the title so as to read: "Recognizing the significant contributions of United States automobile dealerships, and expressing the sense of the House of Representatives that in the interest of equity, automobile dealers be given consideration to enter the automobile market once it rebounds and stabilizes."

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