

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S7565–S7669

Measures Introduced: Eighteen bills and eleven resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 11, 3848–3864, and S. Res. 652–662. **Pages S7618–19**

Measures Reported:

S. 1816, to amend the Federal Water Pollution Control Act to improve and reauthorize the Chesapeake Bay Program, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. (S. Rept. No. 111–333)

S. 679, to establish a research, development, demonstration, and commercial application program to promote research of appropriate technologies for heavy duty plug-in hybrid vehicles. (S. Rept. No. 111–334)

S. 2843, to provide for a program of research, development, demonstration, and commercial application in vehicle technologies at the Department of Energy, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. (S. Rept. No. 111–335)

S. 3495, to promote the deployment of plug-in electric drive vehicles, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. (S. Rept. No. 111–336)

S. 3184, to provide United States assistance for the purpose of eradicating severe forms of trafficking in children in eligible countries through the implementation of Child Protection Compacts. (S. Rept. No. 111–337)

H.R. 1345, to amend title 5, United States Code, to eliminate the discriminatory treatment of the District of Columbia under the provisions of law commonly referred to as the “Hatch Act”, with amendments.

S. 2847, to regulate the volume of audio on commercials, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. **Page S7615**

Measures Passed:

Stem Cell Therapeutic and Research Reauthorization Act: Senate passed S. 3751, to amend the Stem Cell Therapeutic and Research Act of 2005, after agreeing to the committee amendment in the nature of a substitute. **Page S7650**

Vietnam Veterans Memorial Visitor Center: Senate passed H.R. 3689, to provide for an extension of the legislative authority of the Vietnam Veterans Memorial Fund, Inc. to establish a Vietnam Veterans Memorial visitor center. **Page S7653**

Prevention of Interstate Commerce in Animal Crush Videos Act: Committee on the Judiciary was discharged from further consideration of H.R. 5566, to amend title 18, United States Code, to prohibit interstate commerce in animal crush videos, and the bill was then passed, after agreeing to the following amendment proposed thereto: **Pages S7653–54**

Durbin (for Kyl) Amendment No. 4668, in the nature of a substitute. **Page S7654**

Anti-Border Corruption Act: Senate passed S. 3243, to require U.S. Customs and Border Protection to administer polygraph examinations to all applicants for law enforcement position with U.S. Customs and Border Protection, to require U.S. Customs and Border Protection to initiate all periodic background reinvestigations of certain law enforcement personnel, after agreeing to the committee amendment. **Pages S7654–55**

Social Security Number Protection Act: Committee on Finance was discharged from further consideration of S. 3789, to limit access to social security account numbers, and the bill was then passed. **Page S7655**

Political Status Education in the Territory of Guam: Committee on Energy and Natural Resources was discharged from further consideration of H.R. 3940, to clarify the availability of existing funds for political status education in the Territory of Guam, and the bill was then passed, after agreeing to the following amendments proposed thereto: **Pages S7655–56**

Durbin (for Bingaman) Amendment No. 4669, in the nature of a substitute. **Pages S7655–56**

Durbin (for Bingaman) Amendment No. 4670, to amend the title. **Page S7656**

5-Star Generals Commemorative Coin Act: Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs was discharged from further consideration of H.R. 1177, to require the Secretary of the Treasury to

mint coins in recognition of 5 United States Army 5-Star Generals, George Marshall, Douglas MacArthur, Dwight Eisenhower, Henry “Hap” Arnold, and Omar Bradley, alumni of the United States Army Command and General Staff College, Fort Leavenworth, Kansas, to coincide with the celebration of the 132nd Anniversary of the founding of the United States Army Command and General Staff College, and the bill was then passed. **Page S7656**

Veterans’ Insurance and Health Care Improvements Act: Committee on Veterans’ Affairs was discharged from further consideration of H.R. 3219, to amend title 38, United States Code, and the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act to make certain improvements in the laws administered by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs, and the bill was then passed, after agreeing to the following amendments proposed thereto: **Pages S7656–65**

Durbin (for Akaka) Amendment No. 4671, in the nature of a substitute. **Page S7665**

Durbin (for Akaka) Amendment No. 4672, to amend the title. **Page S7665**

Thailand Fulbright Program 60th Anniversary: Senate agreed to S. Res. 469, recognizing the 60th Anniversary of the Fulbright Program in Thailand. **Page S7665**

Feed America Day: Committee on the Judiciary was discharged from further consideration of S. Res. 646, designating Thursday, November 18, 2010, as “Feed America Day”, and the resolution was then agreed to. **Page S7665**

Honoring Alfred Lind: Senate agreed to S. Res. 652, honoring Mr. Alfred Lind for his dedicated service to the United States of America during World War II as a member of the Armed Forces and a prisoner of war, and for his tireless efforts on behalf of other members of the Armed Forces touched by war. **Page S7666**

Nuclear Weapons Program Workers Day: Senate agreed to S. Res. 653, designating October 30, 2010, as a national day of remembrance for nuclear weapons program workers. **Page S7666**

Gold Star Wives Day: Senate agreed to S. Res. 654, designating December 18, 2010, as “Gold Star Wives Day”. **Page S7666**

Stomach Cancer Awareness Month: Senate agreed to S. Res. 655, designating November 2010 as “Stomach Cancer Awareness Month” and supporting efforts to educate the public about stomach cancer. **Pages S7666–67**

USA Science & Engineering Festival: Senate agreed to S. Res. 656, expressing support for the inaugural USA Science & Engineering Festival. **Page S7667**

Hoover Dam 75th Anniversary: Senate agreed to S. Res. 657, celebrating the 75th anniversary of the dedication of the Hoover Dam. **Page S7667**

National Character Counts Week: Senate agreed to S. Res. 658, designating the week beginning October 17, 2010, as “National Character Counts Week”. **Page S7668**

Lights on Afterschool: Senate agreed to S. Res. 659, supporting “Lights on Afterschool”, a national celebration of afterschool programs. **Pages S7668–69**

Public Diplomacy Program: Senate agreed to S. Res. 660, expressing support for a public diplomacy program promoting advancements in science, technology, engineering, and mathematics made by or in partnership with the people of the United States. **Page S7669**

Authorize Representation: Senate agreed to S. Res. 661, to authorize representation by the Senate Legal Counsel in the case of McCarthy v. Byrd, et al. **Page S7669**

Measures Considered:

Creating American Jobs and Ending Offshoring Act: Senate continued consideration of the motion to proceed to consideration of S. 3816, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to create American jobs and to prevent the offshoring of such jobs overseas. **Pages S7580–85**

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

By 53 yeas to 45 nays (Vote No. 242), three-fifths of those Senators duly chosen and sworn, not having voted in the affirmative, Senate rejected the motion to close further debate on the motion to proceed to consideration of the bill. **Page S7585**

Department of State, Foreign Operations, and Related Programs Appropriations Act—Agreement: Senate resumed consideration of the motion to proceed to consideration of H.R. 3081, making appropriations for the Department of State, foreign operations, and related programs for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2010. **Pages S785–S7605**

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

By 84 yeas to 14 nays (Vote No. 243), 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 motion to proceed to consideration of the bill. **Page S7585**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that upon disposition of S.J. Res. 39, Senate continue consideration of the motion to proceed to consideration of the bill; provided further, that any time during the consideration of S.J. Res. 39, morning business, recess or adjournment count post-closure.

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Centers for Medicaid & Medicare Services Joint Resolution—Agreement: A unanimous-consent-time agreement was reached providing that at 10 a.m., on Wednesday, September 29, 2010, the Republican Leader, or his designee, be recognized to move to proceed to consideration of S.J. Res. 39, providing for congressional disapproval under chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, of the rule relating to status as a grandfathered health plan under the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act; that there be 2 hours of debate on the motion to proceed, with the time equally divided and controlled between the two Leaders, or their designees; and that upon the use or yielding back of time, Senate vote on adoption of the motion to proceed to consideration of the joint resolution; that if the motion to proceed is adopted, there be 1 hour of debate with respect to the joint resolution, with the time equally divided between the two Leaders, or their designees; that upon the use or yielding back of time, the joint resolution be read a third time, and Senate vote on passage of the joint resolution; provided further, that if the motion to proceed to the joint resolution is defeated, then no further motion to proceed to the joint resolution be in order for the remainder of this Congress; provided further, that no amendments or any other motions be in order to the joint resolution, and that all other provisions of the statute governing consideration of the joint resolution remain in effect.

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Record Votes: Two record votes were taken today. (Total—243)

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Adjournment: Senate convened at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 8:14 p.m., until 9:30 a.m. on Wednesday,

September 29, 2010. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S7669.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE EFFICIENCIES INITIATIVES

Committee on Armed Services: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the Department of Defense efficiencies initiatives, after receiving testimony from William J. Lynn III, Deputy Secretary, Ashton B. Carter, Under Secretary for Acquisition, Technology and Logistics, and General James E. Cartwright, USMC, Vice Chairman, Joint Chiefs of Staff, all of the Department of Defense.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Armed Services: Committee ordered favorably reported 3,273 nominations in the Army, Navy, Air Force, and Marine Corps.

ECONOMY AND FISCAL POLICY OUTLOOK

Committee on the Budget: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the outlook for the economy and fiscal policy, after receiving testimony from Douglas W. Elmendorf, Director, Congressional Budget Office.

NATIONAL HIGHWAY TRAFFIC SAFETY ADMINISTRATION

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Subcommittee on Consumer Protection, Product Safety, and Insurance concluded an oversight hearing to examine the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA), focusing on an examination of the Highway Safety Provisions of SAFETEA-LU, after receiving testimony from David Strickland, Administrator, National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, Department of Transportation; Neil Pedersen, Maryland State Highway Administration, on behalf of the Governors Highway Safety Association, Jacqueline S. Gillan, Advocates for Highway and Auto Safety, and Robert Strassburger, Alliance of Automobile Manufacturers, all of Washington, D.C.; Laura Dean-Mooney, Mothers Against Drunk Driving, Irving, Texas; Ira H. Leesfield, Academy of Florida Trial Lawyers, Miami; Thomas M. James, Truck Renting and Leasing Association, Alexandria, Virginia; and Ethan Ruby, New York, New York.

PIPELINE SAFETY

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Subcommittee on Surface Transportation and Merchant Marine Infrastructure, Safety, and Security concluded