CORRECTION

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S1171–S1243

Measures Introduced: Twenty-four bills and seven resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 467–490, S. Res. 87–92, and S. Con. Res. 10. **Pages S1218–19**

Measures Passed:

Surface Transportation Extension Act: Senate passed H.R. 662, to provide an extension of Federal-aid highway, highway safety, motor carrier safety, transit, and other programs funded out of the Highway Trust Fund pending enactment of a multiyear law reauthorizing such programs. **Pages S1202–04**

Death of Frank W. Buckles: Senate agreed to S. Res. 89, relating to the death of Frank W. Buckles, the longest surviving United States veteran of the First World War. **Pages S1240–41**

International Women's Day: Senate agreed to S. Res. 90, supporting the goals of ''International Women's Day'' and recognizing this year's centennial anniversary of International Women's Day. **Page S1241**

Multiple Sclerosis Awareness Week: Senate agreed to S. Res. 91, supporting the goals and ideals of Multiple Sclerosis Awareness Week. **Pages S1241–42**

Payment of Legal Expenses of Senate Employees: Senate agreed to S. Res. 92, to authorize the payment of legal expenses of Senate employees out of the contingent fund of the Senate. **Page S1242**

Measures Considered:

Patent Reform Act: Senate continued consideration of S. 23, to amend title 35, United States Code, to provide for patent reform, taking action on the following amendments proposed thereto: **Pages S1175–85, S1204–13**

Adopted:

Stabenow/Levin Amendment No. 126, to designate the satellite office of the United States Patent and Trademark Office to be located in Detroit, Michigan as the ''Elijah J. McCoy United States Patent and Trademark Office''. **Page S1183**

Whitehouse (for Bingaman) Amendment No. 142, to require the PTO to disclose the length of time between the commencement of each inter partes and post-grant review and the conclusion of that review. **Page S1206**

Rejected:

Feinstein Modified Amendment No. 133, to strike the first inventor to file requirement. (By 87 yeas to 13 nays (Vote No. 31), Senate tabled the amendment.) **Pages S1175–83**

Pending:

Leahy Amendment No. 114, to improve the bill. **Page S1175**

Bennet Amendment No. 116, to reduce the fee amounts paid by small entities requesting prioritized examination under Three-Track Examination. **Page S1175**

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 on Monday, March 7, 2011, following disposition of the nominations of James E. Shadid, of Illinois, to be United States District Judge for the Central District of Illinois, and Anthony J. Battaglia, of California, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of California. **Page S1213**

Battaglia, Myerscough, and Shadid Nominations—Agreement: A unanimous-consent-time agreement was reached providing that at 4:30 p.m., on Monday, March 7, 2011, Senate begin consideration of the nominations of Anthony J. Battaglia, of California, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of California, Sue E. Myerscough, of Illinois, to be United States District Judge for the Central District of Illinois, and James E. Shadid, of Illinois, to be United States District Judge for the Central District of Illinois; that there be one hour for debate equally divided and controlled in the usual form; that upon the use or yielding back of time, the nomination of Sue E. Myerscough, of Illinois, to be United States District Judge for the Central District of Illinois, be confirmed, and Senate vote, without intervening action or debate, on the confirmation of the nominations of James E. Shadid,

of Illinois, to be United States District Judge for the Central District of Illinois, and Anthony J. Battaglia, of California, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of California; that no further motions be in order to any of the nominations and Senate then resume legislative session. **Page S1242**

Nominations Confirmed: Senate confirmed the following nominations:

Daniel L. Shields III, of Pennsylvania, to be Ambassador to Brunei Darussalam.

Pamela L. Spratlen, of California, to be Ambassador to the Kyrgyz Republic.

Eric G. Postel, of Wisconsin, to be an Assistant Administrator of the United States Agency for International Development.

Sue Kathrine Brown, of Texas, to be Ambassador to Montenegro.

David Lee Carden, of New York, to be Representative of the United States of America to the Association of Southeast Asian Nations, with the rank of Ambassador. **Pages S1242–S1243**

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Record Votes: One record vote was taken today. (Total—31) **Page S1183**

Adjournment: Senate convened at 10 a.m. and adjourned, as a further mark of respect to the memory of the late Frank W. Buckles, in accordance with S. Res. 89, at 6:39 p.m., until 10 a.m. on Friday, March 4, 2011. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today's Record on page S1243.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

WALL STREET REFORM AND CONSUMER PROTECTION ACT

Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry: Committee concluded an oversight hearing to examine the implementation of Title VII of the "Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act", after receiving testimony from Gary Gensler, Chairman, Commodity Futures Trading Commission; Mary L. Schapiro, Chairman, U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission; Jill Harlan, Caterpillar, Inc., Peoria, Illinois, on behalf of the Coalition for Derivatives End-Users; Terrence A. Duffy, CME Group Inc., Chicago, Illinois; Larry Thompson, The Depository Trust and Clearing Corporation (DTCC), and Steven M. Bunkin, Goldman, Sachs and Co., both of New York, New York; and Michael Greenberger, University of Maryland School of Law, Baltimore.

APPROPRIATIONS: DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Transportation, Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies concluded a hearing to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2012 for the Department of Housing and Urban Development, after receiving testimony from Shaun Donovan, Secretary of Housing and Urban Development.

APPROPRIATIONS: OFFICE OF THE ARCHITECT OF THE CAPITOL AND THE OFFICE OF COMPLIANCE

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Legislative Branch concluded a hearing to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2012 for the Office of the Architect of the Capitol, and the Office of Compliance, after receiving testimony from Stephen T. Ayers, Architect of the Capitol; and Tamara E. Chrisler, Executive Director, Office of Compliance.

NOMINATION

Committee on Armed Services: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nomination of General Martin E. Dempsey, USA for reappointment to the grade of general and to be Chief of Staff, United States Army, Department of Defense, after the nominee, who was introduced by Senator Reed, testified and answered questions in his own behalf.

DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION BUDGET

Committee on the Budget: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the President's proposed budget request for fiscal year 2012 for the Department of Transportation, after receiving testimony from Ray LaHood, Secretary of Transportation.

USDA FOREST SERVICE BUDGET

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the President's proposed budget request for fiscal year 2012 for the Forest Service, after receiving testimony from Tom

Tidwell, Chief, Forest Service, Department of Agriculture.

GLOBAL ECONOMY

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee concluded a hearing to examine navigating a turbulent global economy, focusing on implications for the United States, after receiving testimony from Timothy F. Geithner, Secretary of the Treasury.

BUSINESS MEETING

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

S. 49, to amend the Federal antitrust laws to provide expanded coverage and to eliminate exemptions from such laws that are contrary to the public interest with respect to railroads; and

The nominations of Mae A. D'Agostino, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of New York, and Timothy J. Feighery, of New York, to be Chairman of the Foreign Claims Settlement Commission of the United States, Department of Justice.

MINORITY ACCESS TO CAPITAL AND CONTRACTING OPPORTUNITIES

Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship: Committee concluded a hearing to examine exploring minority access to capital and contracting opportunities, focusing on the importance of effective fraud prevention controls, after receiving testimony from Marie C. Johns, Deputy Administrator, and Peggy E. Gustafson, Inspector General, both of the U.S. Small Business Administration; Gregory D. Kutz, Director, Forensic Audits and Investigative Service, Government Accountability Office; Robert W. Fairlie, University of California, Santa Cruz; Marc H. Morial, National Urban League, New York, New York; Susan Au Allen, US Pan Asian American Chamber of Commerce Education Foundation (USPAACC), and B. Doyle Mitchell, National Bankers Association, both of Washington, D.C.; and Martha Montoya, Los Kitos Produce, Santa Ana, California, on behalf of the United States Hispanic Chamber of Commerce.

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

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 46 public bills, H.R. 891–936; and 12 resolutions, H.J. Res. 45–46 ; H. Con. Res. 24–26; and H. Res. 140–146 were introduced. **Pages H1573–75**

Reports Filed: There were no reports filed today.

Speaker: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he appointed Representative Poe (TX) to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. **Page H1527**

Small Business Paperwork Mandate Elimination Act of 2011: The House passed H.R. 4, to repeal the expansion of information reporting requirements for payments of $600 or more to corporations, by a recorded vote of 314 ayes to 112 noes, Roll No. 162. **Pages H1529–53**

Agreed to table the appeal of the ruling of the chair on a point of order sustained against the McNerney motion to recommit the bill to the Committee on Ways and Means with instructions to report the same back to the House forthwith with an amendment, by a yea-and-nay vote of 243 yeas to 181 nays, Roll No. 161. **Pages H1549–53**

Pursuant to the rule, the amendment in the nature of a substitute consisting of the text of the amendment recommended by the Committee on Ways and Means now printed in H.R. 705 shall be considered as adopted. **Page H1529**

H. Res. 129, the rule providing for consideration of the bill, was agreed to yesterday, March 2nd.

Meeting Hour: Agreed that when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet at 2 p.m. tomorrow; when the House adjourns on that day, it adjourn to meet on Tuesday, March 8th, when it shall convene at 2 p.m. for morning hour and 4 p.m. for legislative business; and when the House adjourns on that day, it adjourn to meet at 10 a.m. on Wednesday, March 9th. **Page H1556**

Senate Message: Message received from the Senate today appears on page H1571.

Quorum Calls—Votes: One yea-and-nay vote and one recorded vote developed during the proceedings

of today and appear on pages H1551, H1553. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 5:08 p.m.

Committee Meetings

COMMERCE, JUSTICE, SCIENCE

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies Appropriations held a hearing on NASA FY 2012 Budget Request. Testimony was heard from Charles F. Bolden, Administrator, NASA.

INTERIOR, ENVIRONMENT

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies Appropriations held an oversight hearing on FY 2012 Budget Oversight. Testimony was heard from Lisa Jackson, Administrator, EPA; and Barbara Bennett, Chief Financial Officer, EPA.

STATE, FOREIGN OPERATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on State, Foreign Operations and Related Agencies Appropriations held a hearing on oversight of the State Department and foreign operations programs. Testimony was heard from Jacqueline Williams-Bridgers, GAO.

FY 2012 BUDGET—CENTRAL COMMAND AND SPECIAL FORCES COMMAND

Committee on Armed Services: Held a hearing on the FY 2012 on national defense authorization budget requests from the U.S. Central Command and the U.S. Special Operations Command. Testimony was heard from Gen. James N. Mattis, USMC, Commander, Central Command, USMC; and ADM Eric Olsen, USN, Commander, Special Operations Command, USN.

U.S. FORCES READINESS

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Readiness held a hearing on Are We Ready? An Independent Look at the Required Readiness Posture of U.S. Forces. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

MINE SAFETY AND HEALTH ADMINISTRATION

Committee on Education and the Workforce: Subcommittee on Workforce Protections held a hearing on Examining Recent Regulatory and Enforcement Actions of the Mine Safety and Health Administration. Testimony was heard from Joseph A. Main, Assistant Secretary of Labor for Mine Safety and Health.

JOB CREATION AND ECONOMIC GROWTH

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Commerce, Manufacturing, and Trade held a hearing entitled ''Made in America: Innovations in Job Creation and Economic Growth''. Testimony was heard from John Fernandez, Assistant Secretary, Economic Development Administration, Department of Commerce and public witnesses.

FY 2012 BUDGET—HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Health held a hearing entitled ''FY 2012 HHS Budget and the Implementation of Public Laws 111–148 and 111–152''. Testimony was heard from Kathleen Sebelius, Secretary of Health and Human Services.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Financial Services: Held a markup to consider the following measures: H.R. 830, the FHA Refinance Program Termination Act; and H.R. 836, the Emergency Mortgage Relief Program Termination Act. Both bills were reported as amended.

UNITED NATIONS REFORM

Committee on Foreign Affairs: Held hearing on Reforming the United Nations: Lessons Learned. Testimony was heard from Mark D. Wallace, former Representative to the United Nations for Management and Reform.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on the Judiciary: Held a markup on H.R. 3 the No Taxpayer Funding for Abortions Act. The bill was ordered reported in the form of a single amendment in the nature of a substitute.

FY 2012 BUDGET—HOMELAND SECURITY

Committee on Homeland Security: Held a hearing entitled ''The President's FY 2012 Budget Request for the Department of Homeland Security''. Testimony was heard from Janet Napolitano, Secretary of Homeland Security.

FY 2012 BUDGET—DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Committee on Natural Resources: Held an oversight hearing on Department of the Interior Spending and the President's Fiscal Year 2012 Budget Proposal. Testimony was heard from Ken Salazar, Secretary of the Interior.

GOVERNMENT SPENDING BINGE

Committee on Oversight and Government Reform: Held a hearing on the Refuse of the Federal Spending Binge: How U.S. Taxpayers Are Paying Double for

Failing Government Programs. Testimony was heard from Gene L. Dodaro, Comptroller General, GAO; and public witnesses.

FY 2012 BUDGET—DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Committee on Science, Space, and Technology: Held a hearing on the Department of Energy FY 2012 Research and Development Budget Request. Testimony was heard from Steven Chu, Secretary of Energy.

VETERANS EMPLOYMENT AND TRAINING

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: Subcommittee on Economic Opportunity held a hearing on Veterans Employment and Training Service's Budget and State Grant Program. Testimony was heard from Raymond F. Jefferson, Assistant Secretary, Veterans' Employment and Training Service, Department of Labor and public witnesses.

SMALL BUSINESS AND TAX REFORM

Committee on Ways and Means: Subcommittee on Select Revenue Measures held a hearing on Small Businesses and Tax Reform. Testimony was heard from public witnesses. Prior to the hearing the subcommittee met for organizational purposes.

ONGOING INTELLIGENCE ACTIVITIES

Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence: Held a hearing on Ongoing Intelligence Activities. Testimony was heard from departmental witnesses.

Joint Meetings

No joint committee meetings were held.

NEW PUBLIC LAWS

(For last listing of Public Laws, see DAILY DIGEST, *p. D157)*

H.J. Res. 44, making further continuing appropriations for fiscal year 2011. Signed on March 2, 2011. (Public Law 112–4)

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR FRIDAY, MARCH 4, 2011

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Armed Services: To receive a briefing on the situation in Libya, 9 a.m., SVC–217.

House

No committee meetings are scheduled.

Next Meeting of the SENATE

10 a.m., Friday, March 4

Senate Chamber

Program for Friday: Senate will be in a period of morning business. As a reminder, there is a 1 p.m. filing deadline for first-degree amendments to S. 23, Patent Reform Act.

Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

2 p.m., Friday, March 4

House Chamber

Program for Friday: The House will meet in pro forma session at 2 p.m.

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