

# Daily Digest

## HIGHLIGHTS

Senate agreed to the motion to concur in the amendment of the House of Representatives to the amendment of the Senate to H.R. 3326, Department of Defense Appropriations Act.

Senate agreed to H.J. Res. 64, Continuing Resolution.

## Senate

### Chamber Action

*Routine Proceedings, pages S13471–13555*

#### Measures Passed:

**Continuing Resolution:** Senate passed H.J. Res. 64, making further continuing appropriations for fiscal year 2010, clearing the measure for the President. **Page S13477**

#### Measures Considered:

**Service Members Home Ownership Tax Act—Agreement:** Senate resumed consideration of H.R. 3590, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to modify the first-time homebuyers credit in the case of members of the Armed Forces and certain other Federal employees, taking action on the following amendments proposed thereto: **Page S13477**

#### Pending:

Reid Amendment No. 2786, in the nature of a substitute. **Page S13477**

Reid Amendment No. 3276 (to Amendment No. 2786), of a perfecting nature. **Page S13477**

Reid Amendment No. 3277 (to Amendment No. 3276), to change the enactment date. **Page S13478**

Reid Amendment No. 3278 (to the language proposed to be stricken by Amendment No. 2786), to change the enactment date. **Page S13478**

Reid Amendment No. 3279 (to Amendment No. 3278), to change the enactment date. **Page S13478**

Reid Motion to commit the bill to the Committee on Finance, with instructions to report back forthwith, with Reid Amendment No. 3280, to change the enactment date. **Page S13478**

Reid Amendment No. 3281 (to the instructions (Amendment No. 3280) of the motion to commit), to change the enactment date. **Page S13478**

Reid Amendment No. 3282 (to Amendment No. 3281), to change the enactment date. **Page S13478**

During consideration of this measure today, Senate took the following action: The motion to proceed to consideration of the bill, and the motion to invoke cloture on the motion to proceed to consideration of the bill, were rendered moot. **Page S 13473**

A motion was entered to close further debate on Reid Amendment No. 3276 (to Amendment No. 2786) (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 Monday, December 21, 2009. **Page S13477**

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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, December 21, 2009. **Page S13477**

A unanimous-consent-time agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the bill at approximately 1:00 p.m., on Sunday, December 20, 2009, with the time until 1:30 p.m. to be equally divided and controlled between the two Leaders; that beginning at 1:30 p.m., and until 11:30 p.m., there be alternating hour blocks of time, with the Republicans controlling the first hour block; that at 11:30 p.m., Senate then recess until 12:01 a.m., Monday, December 21, 2009; the time until 1:00 a.m. be equally divided and controlled between the two Leaders, or their designees; with the Majority Leader controlling the final 10 minutes prior to 1:00 a.m., and the Republican Leader controlling the 10 minutes immediately prior; that at 1:00 a.m., Senate vote on the motion to invoke cloture on Reid, and other manager's amendment. **Page S13478**

**House Messages:**

**Department of Defense Appropriations Act:** By 88 yeas to 10 nays (Vote No. 384), Senate agreed to the motion to concur in the amendment of the House of Representatives to the amendment of the Senate to H.R. 3326, making appropriations for the Department of Defense for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2010, after taking action on the following motions and amendments proposed thereto:

**Rejected:**

Reid motion to concur in the amendment of the House to the amendment of the Senate with Amendment No. 3248 (to the House Amendment to the Senate Amendment), to change the enactment date. (By 63 yeas to 35 nays (Vote No. 382), Senate tabled the motion.) **Page S13476**

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

Reid Amendment No. 3252 (to Reid amendment No. 3248), to change the enactment date, fell when Reid motion to concur in the amendment of the House to the amendment of the Senate with Amendment No. 3248 was tabled. **Page S13472**

By 63 yeas to 35 nays (Vote No. 383), three-fifths of those Senators duly chosen and sworn having

voted in the affirmative, Senate agreed to the motion to waive section 311(a)(2) of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974 and all budget resolutions with respect to Reid motion to concur in the amendment of the House to the amendment of the Senate to the bill. Thus, the point of order raised was rendered moot. **Page S13476**

**Messages from the House:**

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**Additional Cosponsors:**

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**Amendments Submitted:**

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**Record Votes:** Three record votes were taken today. (Total—384) **Page S13476**

**Adjournment:** Senate convened at 6:45 a.m. and adjourned at 5:34 p.m., until 1:00 p.m. on Sunday, December 20, 2009. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today's Record on page S13555.)

## *Committee Meetings*

*(Committees not listed did not meet)*

No committees meetings were filed.

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# House of Representatives

## *Chamber Action*

**Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced:** 1 public bill, H.R. 3845; and 2 resolutions, and 2 H. Res. 923–924 were introduced. **Page H15506**

**Report Filed:** A report was filed on Wednesday, December 16, 2009 as follows: H.R. 3845, to extend and modify authorities needed to combat terrorism and protect civil liberties, with an amendment (H. Rept. 111–382, Pt. 1). **Page H15506**

**Speaker:** Read a letter from the Speaker wherein she appointed Representative Edwards (MD) to act as Speaker Pro Tempore for today. **Page H15505**

**Chaplain:** The prayer was offered by the Guest Chaplain, Reverend Gene Hemrick, Washington Theological Union, Washington, DC. **Page H15506**

**Communication from the Sergeant-at-Arms:** The House received a communication from Wilson Livingood, Sergeant-at-Arms, wherein he notified the House that the time previously appointed for the next meeting of the House was to be 6 p.m. on Saturday, December 19, 2009. Pursuant to clause 12(c) of rule I, the Sergeant-at-Arms notified the House

that an imminent impairment of the place of reconvening at that time is due to the weather. **Page H15505**

**Senate Message:** Message received from the Senate by the Clerk and subsequently presented to the House today appears on page 15506.

**Quorum Calls—Votes:** There were no Yea and Nay votes, and there were no Recorded votes. There were no quorum calls.

**Adjournment:** The House met at 12 noon and at 12:03 p.m. stands in recess until approximately 11:30 a.m. on Wednesday, December 23, 2009.

## *Committee Meetings*

No committee meetings were held.

## *Joint Meetings*

No joint committee meetings were held.