

Daily Digest

HIGHLIGHTS

Senate agreed to H. Con. Res. 308, Adjournment Resolution.

The House passed H.R. 5850, Transportation, Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2011.

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S6459–S6539

Measures Introduced: Fourteen bills and one resolution were introduced, as follows: S. 3665–3678, and S. Res. 601. **Pages S6519–20**

Measures Reported:

S. 3676, making appropriations for the Department of State, foreign operations, and related programs for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2011. (S. Rept. No. 111–237)

S. 3677, making appropriations for financial services and general government for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2011. (S. Rept. No. 111–238)

S. 3397, to amend the Controlled Substances Act to provide for take-back disposal of controlled substances in certain instances, with amendments. **Page S6519**

Measures Passed:

Saving Kids From Dangerous Drugs Act: Senate passed S. 258, to amend the Controlled Substances Act to provide enhanced penalties for marketing controlled substances to minors, after agreeing to the committee amendment in the nature of a substitute. **Pages S6536–37**

Multinational Species Conservation Funds Semipostal Stamp Act: Senate passed H.R. 1454, to provide for the issuance of a Multinational Species Conservation Funds Semipostal Stamp, after agreeing to the committee amendment in the nature of a substitute. **Page S6537**

United States Patent and Trademark Office Supplemental Appropriations Act, 2010: Senate passed H.R. 5874, making supplemental appropriations for the United States Patent and Trademark Office for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2010. **Pages S6537–38**

Polycystic Kidney Disease Awareness Week: Committee on the Judiciary was discharged from further consideration of S. Res. 592, designating the week of September 13–19, 2010, as “Polycystic Kidney Disease Awareness Week”, and supporting the goals and ideals of Polycystic Kidney Disease Awareness Week to raise awareness and understanding of polycystic kidney disease and the impact the disease has on patients now and for future generations until it can be cured, and the resolution was then agreed to. **Page S6538**

Authorizing Testimony: Senate agreed to S. Res. 601, to authorize testimony of Senate employees in a grand jury proceeding in the District of Columbia. **Pages S6538–39**

Adjournment Resolution: Senate agreed to H. Con. Res. 308, providing for a conditional adjournment of the House of Representatives. **Page S6539**

Measures Considered:

Small Business Lending Fund Act: Senate continued consideration of H.R. 5297, to create the Small Business Lending Fund Program to direct the Secretary of the Treasury to make capital investments in eligible institutions in order to increase the availability of credit for small businesses, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide tax incentives for small business job creation, taking action on the following amendments and motion proposed thereto: **Pages S6460–98**

Pending:

Reid (for Baucus/Landrieu) Amendment No. 4519, in the nature of a substitute. **Page S6440**

Reid Amendment No. 4520 (to Amendment No. 4519), to change the enactment date. **Page S6440**

Reid Amendment No. 4521 (to Amendment No. 4520), of a perfecting nature. **Page S6440**

Reid Amendment No. 4522 (to the language proposed to be stricken by Amendment No. 4519), to change the enactment date. **Page S6440**

Reid Amendment No. 4523 (to Amendment No. 4522), of a perfecting nature. **Page S6440**

Reid motion to commit the bill to the Committee on Finance with instructions, Reid Amendment No. 4524 (the instructions on the motion to commit), to provide for a study. **Page S6440**

Reid Amendment No. 4525 (to the instructions (Amendment No. 4524) of the motion to commit), of a perfecting nature. **Page S6440**

Reid Amendment No. 4526 (to Amendment No. 4525), of a perfecting nature. **Page S6440**

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

By 58 yeas to 42 nays (Vote No. 221), 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 Baucus/Landrieu) Amendment No. 4519 (listed above). **Page S6473**

Subsequently, Senator Reid entered a motion to reconsider the vote by which cloture was not invoked on Reid (for Baucus/Landrieu) Amendment No. 4519. **Page S6473**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that the motion to invoke cloture on the bill be withdrawn. **Page S6473**

By 70 yeas to 23 nays (Vote No. 222), Senate agreed to the motion to instruct the Sergeant at Arms to request the attendance of absent Senators. **Page S6497**

House Messages:

FAA Air Transportation Modernization and Safety Improvement Act: Senate began consideration of the amendment of the House of Representatives to the amendment of the Senate to H.R. 1586, to modernize the air traffic control system, improve the safety, reliability, and availability of transportation by air in the United States, provide for modernization of the air traffic control system, reauthorize the Federal Aviation Administration, taking action on the following amendments and motions proposed thereto: **Pages S6498–99**

Pending:

Reid motion to concur in the amendment of the House to the amendment of the Senate to the bill, with Reid (for Murray) Amendment No. 4567 (to the House amendment to the Senate amendment to the bill), in the nature of a substitute. **Page S6498**

Reid Amendment No. 4568 (to Amendment No. 4567), to change the enactment date. **Page S6498**

Reid motion to refer the message of the House on the bill to the Committee on Appropriations, with

instructions, Reid Amendment No. 4569 (the instructions on motion to refer), to provide for a study. **Page S6498**

Reid Amendment No. 4570 (to the instructions (Amendment No. 4569), of the motion to refer), of a perfecting nature. **Pages S6498–99**

Reid Amendment No. 4571 (to Amendment No. 4570), of a perfecting nature. **Page 6499**

A motion was entered to close further debate on the motion to concur in the House amendment to the Senate amendment to the bill, with Reid (for Murray) Amendment No. 4567 (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, August 2, 2010. **Page S6499**

Message from the President: Senate received the following message from the President of the United States:

Transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the continuation of the national emergency with respect to the actions of certain persons to undermine the sovereignty of Lebanon or its democratic processes and institutions; which was referred to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs. (PM–65) **Page S6517**

Nomination Confirmed: Senate confirmed the following nomination:

1 Coast Guard nomination in the rank of admiral. **Page S6539**

Messages from the House: **Pages S6517–18**

Measures Placed on the Calendar: **Page S6518**

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Amendments Submitted: **Pages S6528–36**

Authorities for Committees to Meet: **Page S6536**

Quorum Calls:

One quorum call was taken today. (Total—4)

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Record Votes: Two record votes were taken today. (Total—222) **Pages S6473, S6497**

Adjournment: Senate convened at 9:30 a.m. and adjourned at 7:58 p.m., until 10 a.m. on Friday, July 30, 2010. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S6539.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Appropriations: Committee ordered favorably reported the following bills:

An original bill making appropriations for State, Foreign Operations, and Related Programs for fiscal year ending September 30, 2011;

An original bill making appropriations for Department of Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, and Related Agencies for fiscal year ending September 30, 2011; and

An original bill making appropriations for Financial Services and General Government for fiscal year ending September 30, 2011.

NEW START TREATY

Committee on Armed Services: Committee concluded a hearing to examine 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), after receiving testimony from Rose Gottmoeller, Assistant Secretary of State for Verification, Compliance, and Implementation; and Edward L. Warner III, Secretary of Defense Representative to the New START Negotiations.

NEW START TREATY

Committee on Armed Services: Committee received a closed briefing on Department of Defense strategic force structure options under the New START from Edward L. Warner III, Secretary Representative to Post-START Negotiations, and Michael S. Elliott, Deputy Director, Plans and Policy, United States Strategic Command, both of the Department of Defense.

NOMINATIONS

Committee on Finance: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of Michael C. Camuñez, of California, to be Assistant Secretary of Commerce, and Charles P. Blahous III, of Maryland, who was introduced by Senator Gregg, and Robert D. Reischauer, of Maryland, who was introduced by Senator Conrad, both to be a Member of the Board of Trustees of the Federal Hospital Insurance Trust Fund, a Member of the Board of Trustees of the Federal Supplementary Medical Insurance Trust Fund, and a Member of the Board of Trustees of the Federal Old-Age and Survivors Insurance Trust Fund and the Federal Disability Insurance Trust Fund.

ARLINGTON NATIONAL CEMETERY MISMANAGEMENT OF CONTRACTS

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: Ad Hoc Subcommittee on Contracting Oversight concluded a hearing to examine mismanagement of contracts at Arlington National Cemetery, after receiving testimony from Edward M. Harrington, Deputy Assistant Secretary of the Army for Procurement, Office of the Assistant Secretary of the Army for Acquisition, Logistics and Technology, Claudia L. Tornblom, Deputy Assistant Secretary of the Army for Management and Budget, Office of the Assistant Secretary of the Army for Civil Works, and Kathryn A. Condon, Executive Director, Army National Cemeteries Program, all of the Department of Defense; John C. Metzler, Jr., Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania; and Thurman Higginbotham, District Heights, Maryland.

FEDERAL GOVERNMENT FOREIGN LANGUAGE CAPABILITIES

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 closing the language gap, focusing on improving the Federal government's foreign language capabilities, after receiving testimony from David C. Maurer, Director, Homeland Security and Justice Issues, Government Accountability Office; Jeffrey R. Neal, Chief Human Capital Officer, Department of Homeland Security; Nancy E. Weaver, Director, Defense Language Office, Office of the Under Secretary for Personnel and Readiness, Department of Defense; David S. C. Chu, Institute for Defense Analyses, Alexandria, Virginia; Richard D. Brecht, University of Maryland Center for Advanced Study of Language, College Park; and Dan E. Davidson, American Councils for International Education: ACTR/ACCELS, Washington, D.C.

STATE OF THE AMERICAN CHILD

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: Subcommittee on Children and Families concluded a hearing to examine the state of the American child, focusing on the impact of Federal policies on children, after receiving testimony from Cecilia Elena Rouse, Member, Council of Economic Advisers; Seth D. Harris, Deputy Secretary of Labor; David A. Hansell, Acting Assistant Secretary for Children and Families, and Howard K. Koh, Assistant Secretary for Health, both of the Department of Health and Human Services; and Thelma Melendez de Santa Ana, Assistant Secretary of Education for Elementary and Secondary Education.