

Daily Digest

HIGHLIGHTS

Senator Barack Obama, of Illinois, submitted a letter of resignation from the United States Senate.

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S10607–S10679

Measures Introduced: Eighteen bills and three resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 3691–3708, and S. Res. 707–709. **Pages S10659–60**

Measures Reported:

Special Report entitled “Activities of the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs”. (S. Rept. No. 110–524)

S. Res. 707, authorizing the President of the Senate to certify the facts of the failure of Joshua Bolten, as the Custodian of Records at the White House, to appear before the Committee on the Judiciary and produce documents as required by Committee subpoena, with a preamble. (S. Rept. No. 110–522)

S. Res. 708, authorizing the President of the Senate to certify the facts of the failure of Karl Rove to appear and testify before the Committee on the Judiciary and to produce documents as required by Committee subpoena, with a preamble. (S. Rept. No. 110–522)

Report to accompany S. 967, to amend chapter 41 of title 5, United States Code, to provide for the establishment and authorization of funding for certain training programs for supervisors of Federal employees. (S. Rept. No. 110–523)

Report to accompany S. 3477, to amend title 44, United States Code, to authorize grants for Presidential Centers of Historical Excellence. (S. Rept. No. 110–525)

Report to accompany S. 1000, to enhance the Federal Telework Program. (S. Rept. No. 110–526)

S. 1695, to amend the Public Health Service Act to establish a pathway for the licensure of biosimilar biological products, to promote innovation in the life sciences, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. **Page S10659**

Measures Passed:

Civil Rights Act of 1964 Commemorative Coin Act: Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs was discharged from further consideration of H.R. 2040, to require the Secretary of the Treasury to mint coins in commemoration of the semicentennial of the enactment of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, and the bill was then passed, clearing the measure for the President. **Page S10678**

Measures Considered:

Advancing America’s Priorities Act: Senate resumed consideration of the motion to proceed to consideration of S. 3297, to advance America’s priorities. **Page S10627**

Subsequently, the motion to proceed was withdrawn. **Page S10627**

Unemployment Compensation Extension Act—CLOTURE: Senate began consideration of the motion to proceed to consideration of H.R. 6867, to provide for additional emergency unemployment compensation. **Pages S10627–29**

A motion was entered to close further debate on the motion to proceed to consideration of 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 Friday, November 21, 2008. **Page S10627**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the motion to proceed to consideration of the bill at approximately 10:30 a.m., on Thursday, November 20, 2008. **Page S10678**

Resignation Messages:

Resignation of Senator Barack Obama: Senator Barack Obama, of Illinois, submitted a letter of resignation from the United States Senate, effective November 16, 2008, in order to prepare for duties as President of the United States. **Page S10609**

House Messages:

Albuquerque Indian School Act: Senate concurred in the amendments of the House of Representatives to S. 1193, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to take into trust 2 parcels of Federal land for the benefit of certain Indian Pueblos in the State of New Mexico, clearing the measure for the President.

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Appointments:

Congressional Oversight Panel: The Chair, on behalf of the Republican Leader, pursuant to provisions of Public Law 110–343, appointed the following individual as a member of the Congressional Oversight Panel: the Honorable Judd Gregg, of New Hampshire.

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Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

Steve A. Linick, of Virginia, to be Inspector General of the Federal Housing Finance Agency.

Alesia Ranney-Marinelli, of New York, to be a Director of the Securities Investor Protection Corporation for a term expiring December 31, 2011.

Mark S. Shelton, of Kansas, to be a Director of the Securities Investor Protection Corporation for a term expiring December 31, 2011.

Thomas Joseph Dodd, of the District of Columbia, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Inter-American Foundation for a term expiring June 26, 2014.

Gary C. Bryner, of Utah, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Inter-American Foundation for a term expiring June 26, 2014.

Roger W. Wallace, of Texas, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Inter-American Foundation for a term expiring October 6, 2014.

Rodney G. Bent, of Virginia, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Inter-American Foundation for a term expiring September 20, 2014.

1 Air Force nomination in the rank of general.

1 Coast Guard nomination in the rank of admiral.

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Adjournment: Senate convened at 9:30 a.m. and adjourned at 6:42 p.m., until 9:30 a.m. on Thurs-

day, November 20, 2008. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S10678.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

DOMESTIC AUTOMOBILE INDUSTRY

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: On Tuesday, November 18, Committee concluded a hearing to examine the state of the domestic automobile industry, after receiving testimony from Senator Stabenow; Ron Gettelfinger, International Union, United Automobile, Aerospace and Agricultural Implement Workers of America (UAW), and Rick Wagoner, General Motors Corporation, both of Detroit, Michigan; Alan R. Mulally, Ford Motor Company, Dearborn, Michigan; Robert Nardelli, Chrysler LLC, Auburn Hills, Michigan; and Peter Morici, University of Maryland Robert H. Smith School of Business, College Park.

NOMINATION

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nomination of Neil M. Barofsky, of New York, to be Special Inspector General for the Troubled Asset Relief Program of the Department of the Treasury, after the nominee, who was introduced by Senators Dodd and Schumer, testified and answered questions in his own behalf.

ECONOMIC STIMULUS

Committee on the Budget: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the economic outlook and options for stimulus, after receiving testimony from Mark M. Zandi, Moody's Economy.com, West Chester, Pennsylvania; Simon Johnson, Massachusetts Institute of Technology Sloan School of Management, Cambridge; and John B. Taylor, Stanford University, Palo Alto, California.

HEALTH CARE REFORM

Committee on Finance: Committee concluded a hearing to examine health care reform, focusing on the economic perspective, after receiving testimony from Ivan Seidenberg, Verizon, Inc., New York, New York, on behalf of the Business Roundtable; Andrew L. Stern, Service Employees International Union, Washington, D.C.; Uwe Reinhardt, Princeton University Woodrow Wilson School of Public and International Affairs, Princeton, New Jersey; and Amitabh Chandra, Harvard University John F. Kennedy School of Government, Cambridge, Massachusetts.

BANKRUPTCY LAW

Committee on the Judiciary: Committee concluded a hearing to examine helping families stay in their homes, focusing on the role of bankruptcy laws, including S. 2136, to address the treatment of primary mortgages in bankruptcy, and S. 3690, to help struggling families stay in their homes and to ensure that taxpayers are protected when the Secretary of the Treasury purchases equity shares in financial sit-

uations, after receiving testimony from Tom Dart, Cook County Sheriff's Office, Chicago, Illinois; Michael D. Calhoun, Center for Responsible Lending, Durham, North Carolina; Adam J. Levitin, Georgetown University Law Center, David G. Kittle, Mortgage Bankers Association, and Scott A. Stengel, Orrick, Herrington, and Sutcliffe LLP, all of Washington, D.C.; and Christopher J. Mayer, Columbia Business School, New York, New York.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 23 public bills, H.R. 7272–7294; 1 private bill, H.R. 7295; and 3 resolutions, H.J. Res. 101; and H. Res. 1529–1530, were introduced. **Pages H10843–44, H10845**

Additional Cosponsors: **Page H10845**

Report Filed: A report was filed today as follows: Select Committee on Energy Independence and Global Warming: Final Staff Report for the 110th Congress (H. Rept. 110–915). **Page H10843**

Speaker: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein she appointed Representative McNulty to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. **Page H10829**

Notification of Reassembly: Read the text of the formal notification sent to Members on Thursday, November 13, 2008, of the reassembling of the House. **Page H10829**

Commission to Study the Potential Creation of a National Museum of the American Latino—Appointment: Read a letter from Representative Boehner, Minority Leader, in which he appointed Mrs. Rosa J. Correa of Bridgeport, Connecticut as a voting member to the Commission to Study the Potential Creation of a National Museum of the American Latino. Further, Dr. Aida Levitan of Key Biscayne, Florida, previously appointed, shall also be a voting member. **Page H10830**

Moment of Silence: The House observed a moment of silence in honor of the men and women in uniform who have given their lives in the service of our nation in Iraq and Afghanistan, their families, and all who serve in the armed forces. **Page H10830**

Oath of Office—Eleventh Congressional District of Ohio: Representative-elect Marcia L. Fudge presented herself in the well of the House and was administered the Oath of Office by the Speaker. Earlier, the Clerk of the House transmitted a facsimile

copy of a letter from Ms. Pat Wolfe, Elections Administrator, Office of the Secretary of State, State of Ohio, indicating that, according to the unofficial returns of the Special Election held November 18, 2008, the Honorable Marcia L. Fudge was elected Representative to Congress for the Eleventh Congressional District, State of Ohio. **Pages H10830–31**

Whole Number of the House: The Speaker announced to the House that, in light of the administration of the oath to the gentlewoman from Ohio, Ms. Fudge, the whole number of the House is adjusted to 435. **Page H10831**

Recess: The House recessed at 1:32 p.m. and reconvened at 3:04 p.m. **Page H10831**

Calendar Wednesday: Agreed that the business in order under the Calendar Wednesday rule be dispensed with today. **Page H10831**

Presidential Message: Read a message from the President wherein he submitted a certification pursuant to sec. 115(a)(2) of PL 110–343—referred to the Committee on Financial Services and ordered printed (H. Doc. 110–158). **Pages H10829–30**

Senate Message: Message received from the Senate by the Clerk and subsequently presented to the House today appears on page H10830.

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 1 p.m. and adjourned at 3:05 p.m.

*Committee Meetings***F–22 FIGHTER JET PROGRAM**

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Air and Land Forces held a hearing on the F–22 program. Testimony was heard from the following officials of

the Department of Defense: John Young, Under Secretary, Acquisition, Technology and Logistics; and David M. Van Buren, Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary of the Air Force, Acquisition and Management.

U.S. AUTO INDUSTRY STABILIZATION

Committee on Financial Services: Held a hearing entitled “Stabilizing the Financial Condition of the American Automobile Industry.” Testimony was heard from Senators Levin and Voinovich; Representatives Levin, Upton, Hoekstra, Miller of Michigan, and Kilpatrick, the following CEOs of the automobile industry: G. Richard Wagoner, Jr., Chairman, GM; Robert Nardelli, Chrysler; and Alan Mulally, President, FMC; Ron Gettelfinger, President, United Auto Workers; and public witnesses.

OVERSIGHT—FINANCIAL RESCUE PLANS

Committee on Financial Services: On November 18, the Committee held a hearing entitled “Oversight of Implementation of the Emergency Economic Stabilization Act of 2008 and of Government Lending and Insurance Facilities: Impact on Economy and Credit Availability.” Testimony was heard from Henry M. Paulson, Jr., Secretary of the Treasury; Ben S. Bernanke, Chairman, Board of Governors, Federal Reserve System; Sheila C. Bair, Chairman, FDIC; and public witnesses.

U.N. MANDATE FOR IRAQ

Committee on Foreign Affairs: Subcommittee on International Organizations, Human Rights, and Oversight held a hearing on Renewing the United Nations Mandate for Iraq: Plans and Prospects. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

IMPLEMENTING NEW G.I. BILL REQUIREMENTS

Committee on Veterans’ Affairs: On November 18, the Subcommittee on Economic Opportunity held a

hearing on VA’s Short- and Long-Term Strategies for Implementing New G.I. Bill Requirements. Testimony was heard from Keith Wilson, Director, Office of Education Service, Veterans Benefits Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs.

Joint Meetings

TURKMENISTAN

Commission on Security and Cooperation in Europe: Commission concluded a hearing to examine Turkmenistan, focusing on prospects for change and a new legislative framework that will result in real reform for upcoming parliamentary election, after receiving testimony from George Krol, Deputy Assistant Secretary of State; Eric McGlinchey, George Mason University Department of Public and International Affairs, and Anthony Bowyer, Caucasus and Central Asia International Foundation for Electoral Systems (IFES), both of Washington, D.C.; and Cathy Fitzpatrick, Jacob Blaustein Institute for the Advancement of Human Rights, New York, New York.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 20, 2008

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

No meetings/hearings scheduled.

House

Committee on Agriculture, hearing to review the role of credit derivatives in the U.S. economy, 10 a.m., 1301 Longworth.

Committee on Small Business, hearing entitled “Review of Recent Federal Efforts to Improve Credit Conditions for Small Businesses,” 10 a.m., 2360 Rayburn.

Next Meeting of the SENATE

9:30 a.m., Thursday, November 20

Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

10 a.m., Thursday, November 20

Senate Chamber

Program for Thursday: After the transaction of any morning business (not to extend beyond one hour), Senate will continue consideration of the motion to proceed to consideration of H.R. 6867, Unemployment Compensation Extension Act.

House Chamber

Program for Thursday: To be announced.

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