

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S10821–S10839

Measures Introduced: Four resolutions were submitted, as follows: S. Res. 724–727. **Page S10834**

Measures Passed:

Drive Safer Sunday: Committee on the Judiciary was discharged from further consideration of S. Res. 718, designating November 30, 2008, as “Drive Safer Sunday”, and the resolution was then agreed to. **Page S10835**

Pancreatic Cancer Awareness Month: Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions was discharged from further consideration of S. Res. 720, supporting the goals and ideals of Pancreatic Cancer Awareness Month, and the resolution was then agreed to. **Pages S10835–36**

National American Indian and Alaska Native Heritage Month: Committee on Indian Affairs was discharged from further consideration of S. Res. 719, recognizing National American Indian and Alaska Native Heritage Month and celebrating the heritage and culture of American Indians and Alaska Natives and the contributions of American Indians and Alaska Natives to the United States, and the resolution was then agreed to. **Page S10836**

Terrorist Attacks and Siege in Mumbai, India: Senate agreed to S. Res. 724, expressing the sense of the Senate on the horrific terrorist attacks and siege in Mumbai, India, beginning on November 26, 2008, and concluding on November 29, 2008. **Pages S10836–37**

Youth Impact Program: Senate agreed to S. Res. 725, acknowledging the accomplishments and goals of the Youth Impact Program. **Page S10837**

Wreaths Across America Day: Senate agreed to S. Res. 726, designating December 13, 2008, as “Wreaths Across America Day”. **Page S10837**

Bombing of Pan Am Flight 103 20th Anniversary: Senate agreed to S. Res. 727, honoring the victims of the bombing of Pan Am flight 103 on the twentieth anniversary of the tragedy. **Pages S10837–38**

Advancing America’s Priorities Act—Agreement: A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that at approximately 11:30 a.m., on Wednesday, December 10, 2008, Senate resume consideration of the motion to proceed to consideration of S. 3297, to advance America’s priorities. **Page S10838**

Nomination Confirmed: Senate confirmed the following nomination:

1 Air Force nomination in the rank of general. **Pages S10838, S10839**

Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

Routine lists in the Air Force, Army, Foreign Service, Navy. **Pages S10838–39**

Messages from the House: **Pages S10833–34**

Measures Placed on the Calendar: **Pages S10821, S10834**

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Statements on Introduced Bills/Resolutions: **Pages S10834–35**

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Adjournment: Senate convened at 10:30 a.m. and adjourned at 6:30 p.m., until 10:30 a.m. on Wednesday, December 10, 2008. (For Senate’s program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today’s Record on page S10838.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

No committee meetings were held.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 11 public bills, H.R. 7308–7318; 2 private bills, H.R. 7319–7320; and 1 resolution, H. Res. 1532 were introduced.

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Additional Cosponsors:

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Reports Filed: Reports were filed today as follows:

H.R. 6871, to amend the Expedited Funds Availability Act to provide a 1-time adjustment in certain dollar amounts to account for inflation over the 21 years since the enactment of such Act and to provide for future adjustments of such amounts on a regular basis (H. Rept. 110–917) and

H. Res. 1533, waiving a requirement of clause 6(a) of rule XIII with respect to consideration of certain resolutions reported from the Committee on Rules (H. Rept. 110–918).

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Notification of Reassembly: Read the text of the formal notification sent to Members on Friday, December 5, 2008, of the reassembling of the House.

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Member Resignation: Read a letter from Representative Davis (VA), wherein he resigned as Representative for the 11th Congressional District of Virginia, effective November 24, 2008.

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Whole Number of the House: The Speaker announced to the House that, in light of the resignation of the gentleman from Virginia, Mr. Tom Davis, the whole number of the House is adjusted to 434.

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Congressional Oversight Panel—Appointment: The Chair announced a joint appointment by the Speaker and the Majority Leader of the Senate and an appointment by the Speaker on the part of the House to the Congressional Oversight Panel pursuant to section 125(c)(1) of the Emergency Economic Stabilization Act of 2008 (P.L. 110–343): Joint Appointment: Mr. Damon Silvers of Maryland; Speaker's Appointment: Mr. Richard H. Neiman of New York.

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Recess: The House recessed at 11:08 a.m. and reconvened at 8 p.m.

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Recess: The House recessed at 8:01 p.m. and reconvened at 9 p.m.

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Senate Messages: Messages received from the Senate by the Clerk and subsequently presented to the House today appear on page H10859.

Senate Referrals: S. 3663 was referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce; S. 3681 was referred to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform; S. 3711 was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary; and S. 3712 was referred to the Committees on Energy and Commerce, Education and Labor, and Ways and Means. **Page H10860**

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 11 a.m. and adjourned at 9:01 p.m.

Committee Meetings

FINANCIAL CRISIS—ROLE OF FANNIE MAE AND FREDDIE MAC; COMMITTEE REPORT

Committee on Oversight and Government: Held a hearing on the Role of Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac in the Financial Crisis. Testimony was heard from the following CEOs of Freddie Mac: Richard Syron, 2003–2008; and Leland C. Brendsel, 1987–2003; the following CEOs of Fannie Mae: Daniel H. Mudd, 2005–2008; and Franklin Raines, 1999–2004; Edward Pinto, former Chief Credit Officer, Fannie Mae, 1987–1989; Arnold King, former member, Board of Governors, Federal Reserve System, 1980–1986; and public witnesses.

The Committee approved the Committee Report regarding President Bush's assertion of executive privilege in response to the Committee subpoena to Attorney General Michael Mukasey.

AUTO BAILOUT PROPOSAL—ENERGY INDEPENDENCE IMPLICATIONS

Select Committee on Energy Independence and Global Warming: Held a hearing entitled "The Energy Independence Implications of the Auto Bailout Proposal." Testimony was heard from Joan Claybrook, former Administrator, National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, Department of Transportation; and public witnesses.

WAIVING A REQUIREMENT OF CLAUSE 6(a) OF RULE XIII WITH RESPECT TO CONSIDERATION OF CERTAIN RESOLUTIONS REPORTED FROM THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

Committee on Rules: Granted, by voice vote, a rule waiving clause 6(a) of rule XIII (requiring a two-thirds vote to consider a rule on the same day it is reported from the Rules Committee) against certain resolutions reported from the Rules Committee. The rule applies the waiver to any resolution reported through the legislative day of December 13, 2008

relating to consideration or disposition of a measure to authorize financial assistance to eligible automobile manufacturers, and for other purposes. The resolution tables House resolutions 1516 and 1526.

**COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR WEDNESDAY,
DECEMBER 10, 2008**

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: to hold hearings to examine investment in clean energy and natural

resources projects and programs to create jobs and stimulate the economy, 9:30 a.m., SD-366.

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: to hold hearings to examine prevention and public health, 10 a.m., SD-192.

House

Committee on Financial Services, hearing entitled “Oversight Concerns Regarding Treasury Department Conduct of the Troubled Assets Relief Program,” 10 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.

Next Meeting of the SENATE

10:30 a.m., Wednesday, December 10

Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

10 a.m., Wednesday, December 10

Senate Chamber

Program for Wednesday: After the transaction of any morning business (not to extend beyond 11:30 a.m.), Senate will resume consideration of the motion to proceed to consideration of S. 3297, Advancing America's Priorities Act.

House Chamber

Program for Wednesday: To be announced.

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