

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S153–S179

Measures Introduced: Thirteen bills and one resolution were introduced, as follows: S. 22–30, 163–166, and S. Res. 9. **Pages S168–69**

Nominations—Agreement: A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that the nominations to the Office of Inspector General, except the Office of Inspector General of the Central Intelligence Agency, be referred in each case to the committee having primary jurisdiction over the department, agency, or entity, and if and when reported in each case, then to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs for not to exceed 20 calendar days, except in cases when the 20-day period expires while the Senate is in recess or adjournment, the committee shall have 5 additional calendar days after the Senate reconvenes to report the nomination, and that if the nomination is not reported after the expiration of that period, the nomination be automatically discharged and placed on the Executive Calendar. **Page S175**

Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

27 Air Force nominations in the rank of general. Routine lists in the Air Force, Army, Marine Corps, and Navy. **Pages S176–79**

Messages from the House: **Page S167**

Measures Placed on the Calendar: **Pages S153, S167**

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Privileges of the Floor: **Page S175**

Adjournment: Senate convened at 11:30 a.m. and adjourned at 7:09 p.m., until 10:30 a.m. on Thursday, January 8, 2009. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today's Record on page S176.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

No committee meetings were held.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 62 public bills, H.R. 225–286; 1 private bill, H.R. 287; and 22 resolutions, H.J. Res. 6–11; H. Con. Res. 4–10; and H. Res. 23–31, were introduced. **Pages H68–71**

Additional Cosponsors: **Page H71**

Reports Filed: There were no reports filed today.

Speaker: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein she appointed Representative Tauscher to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. **Page H39**

Counting of Electoral Votes: The House agreed to S. Con. Res. 1, to provide for the counting on January 8, 2009, of the electoral votes for President and Vice President of the United States. **Page H42**

Joint Committee on Inaugural Ceremonies: The House agreed to S. Con. Res. 2, extending the life of the Joint Congressional Committee on Inaugural Ceremonies. Subsequently, the Chair announced the Speakers reappointment of the following Members of the House of Representatives to the Joint Congressional Committee on Inaugural Ceremonies: Representatives Pelosi, Hoyer, and Boehner. **Page H42**

Suspensions: The House agreed to suspend the rules and pass the following measures:

Amending chapter 22 of title 44, United States Code, popularly known as the Presidential Records Act, to establish procedures for the consideration of claims of constitutionally based privilege against disclosure of Presidential records: H.R. 35, to amend chapter 22 of title 44, United States Code, popularly known as the Presidential Records Act, to establish procedures for the consideration of claims of constitutionally based privilege against disclosure of Presidential records, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ yeas-and-nay vote of 359 yeas to 58 nays, Roll No. 5; **Pages H42–45, H49**

Amending title 44, United States Code, to require information on contributors to Presidential library fundraising organizations: H.R. 36, to amend title 44, United States Code, to require information on contributors to Presidential library fundraising organizations, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ yeas-and-nay vote of 388 yeas to 31 nays, Roll No. 6; and

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Ensuring that the compensation and other emoluments attached to the office of Secretary of the Interior are those which were in effect on January 1, 2005: S.J. Res. 3, to ensure that the compensation and other emoluments attached to the office of Secretary of the Interior are those which were in effect on January 1, 2005.

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Recess: The House recessed at 11:00 a.m. and reconvened at 12 noon.

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Administration of the Oath of Office: Representatives-elect Gutierrez, Hastings (WA), and Rogers (MI) presented themselves in the well of the House and were administered the oath of office by the Speaker.

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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 and their families.

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Whole Number of the House: The Speaker announced to the House that the whole number of the House is 433.

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Attendance at the Inauguration of the President and Vice President: The House agreed to H. Res. 23, providing for the attendance of the House at the Inaugural Ceremonies of the President and Vice President of the United States.

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Committee Elections: The House agreed to H. Res. 24, electing the following Members to certain standing committees of the House of Representatives: Committee on Appropriations: Representatives Mur-

tha, Dicks, Mollohan, Kaptur, Visclosky, Lowey, Serrano, DeLauro, Moran (VA), Olver, Pastor, Price (NC), Edwards (TX), Kennedy, Hinchey, Roybal-Allard, Farr, Jackson (IL), Kilpatrick (MI), Boyd, Fattah, Rothman, Bishop (GA), Berry, Lee (CA), Schiff, Honda, McCollum, Israel, Ryan (OH), Ruppertsberger, Chandler, Wasserman Schultz, Rodriguez, Lincoln Davis (TN), and Salazar. Committee on Armed Services: Representatives Spratt, Ortiz, Taylor, Abercrombie, Reyes, Snyder, Smith (WA), Loretta Sanchez (CA), McIntyre, Tauscher, Brady (PA), Andrews, Davis (CA), Langevin, Larsen (WA), Cooper, Marshall, Bordallo, Boren, Ellsworth, Patrick Murphy (PA), Johnson (GA), Shea-Porter, Courtney, Loeb sack, Gillibrand, Sestak, Giffords, Tsongas, Nye, Pingree (ME), Kissell, Heinrich, Kratovil, Massa, and Bright. Committee on Energy and Commerce: Representatives Dingell, Markey (MA), Boucher, Pallone, Gordon (TN), Rush, Eshoo, Stupak, Engel, Gene Green (TX), DeGette, Capps, Doyle, Harman, Schakowsky, Gonzalez, Inslee, Baldwin, Ross, Weiner, Matheson, Butterfield, Melancon, Barrow, Hill, Matsui, Christensen, Castor, Sarbanes, Murphy (CT), Space, McNerney, Sutton, Braley (IA), and Welch. Committee on Financial Services: Representatives Kanjorski, Waters, Maloney, Gutierrez, Velázquez, Watt, Ackerman, Sherman, Meeks (NY), Moore (KS), Capuano, Hinojosa, Clay, McCarthy (NY), Baca, Lynch, Miller (NC), Scott (GA), Al Green (TX), Cleaver, Bean, Moore, Hodes, Ellison, Klein (FL), Wilson (OH), Perlmutter, Donnelly (IN), Foster, Carson (IN), Speier, Childers, Minnick, Adler (NJ), Kilroy, Driehaus, Kosmas, Grayson, Himes, Peters, and Maffei. Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure: Representatives Rahall, DeFazio, Costello, Norton, Nadler (NY), Corrine Brown (FL), Filner, Eddie Bernice Johnson (TX), Taylor, Cummings, Tauscher, Boswell, Holden, Baird, Larsen (WA), Capuano, Bishop (UT), Michaud, Carnahan, Napolitano, Lipinski, Hirono, Altmire, Walz, Shuler, Arcuri, Mitchell, Carney, Hall (NY), Kagen, Cohen, Richardson, Sires, Edwards (MD), Ortiz, Hare, Boccieri, Schauer, Markey (CO), Griffith, McMahon, Perriello, Titus, and Teague. Committee on Ways and Means: Representatives Stark, Levin, McDermott, Lewis (GA), Neal (MA), Tanner, Becerra, Doggett, Pomeroy, Thompson (CA), Larson (CT), Blumenauer, Kind, Pascrell, Berkley, Crowley, Van Hollen, Meek (FL), Schwartz (PA), Davis (AL), Davis (IL), Etheridge, Linda T. Sánchez (CA), Higgins, and Yarmuth. **Pages H66–67**

Senate Messages: Message received from the Senate by the Clerk and subsequently presented to the House today and a message received from the Senate today appear on pages H39 and H42.

Senate Referrals: S. Res. 2 and S. Res. 8 were held at the desk. **Pages H39, H42**

Quorum Calls—Votes: Two yea-and-nay votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H49 and H50. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 10:00 a.m. and adjourned at 3:14 p.m.

Committee Meetings

COMMITTEE ORGANIZATION

Committee on Rules: Met for organizational purposes. The Committee adopted its rules of procedure for the 111th Congress.

Joint Meetings

No joint committee meetings were held.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR THURSDAY, JANUARY 8, 2009

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on the Budget: to hold hearings to examine the Congressional Budget Office (CBO) Budget and Economic Outlook, 10 a.m., SD-608.

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: to hold hearings to examine current energy security challenges, 9:30 a.m., SD-366.

Committee on Environment and Public Works: to hold oversight hearings to examine the Tennessee Valley Authority (TVA) and the recent major coal ash spill, 10 a.m., SD-406.

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: to hold hearings to examine the nomination of Thomas A. Daschle to be Secretary of Health and Human Services, 10 a.m., SD-430.

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: to hold hearings to examine lessons from the terrorist attacks in Mumbai, India, 1:30 p.m., SD-342.

Committee on the Judiciary: to hold hearings to examine ways to help state and local law enforcement during an economic downturn, 10 a.m., SD-226.

House

No committee meetings are scheduled.

Next Meeting of the SENATE

10:30 a.m., Thursday, January 8

Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

10 a.m., Thursday, January 8

Senate Chamber

Program for Thursday: Senate will be in a period of morning business.

(At 12:45 p.m., Senate will proceed as a body to the House of Representatives for a joint session to count the electoral votes.)

(Senate will recess from 3:30 p.m. until 4:45 p.m. for the Democratic party conference.)

House Chamber

Program for Thursday: The House will meet in Joint Session with the Senate to count the electoral votes for President and Vice President of the United States.

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