

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S353–S399

Measures Introduced: Twenty bills were introduced, as follows: S. 231–250. **Page S388**

Measures Passed:

Congratulating University of Florida Football Team: Committee on the Judiciary was discharged from further consideration of S. Res. 13, congratulating the University of Florida football team for winning the 2008 Bowl Championship Series (BCS) national championship, and the resolution was then agreed to, after agreeing to the following amendment proposed thereto: **Pages S398–99**

Reid (for Nelson (FL)) Amendment No. 22, of a perfecting nature. **Pages S398–99**

Measures Considered:

Lands Bill: Senate continued consideration of S. 22, to designate certain land as components of the National Wilderness Preservation System, to authorize certain programs and activities in the Department of the Interior and the Department of Agriculture, taking action on the following amendments proposed thereto: **Pages S353–80**

Pending:

Reid Amendment No. 15, to change the enactment date. **Page S353**

Reid Amendment No. 16 (to Reid Amendment No. 15), of a perfecting nature. **Page S354**

Motion to recommit the bill to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources, with instructions to report back forthwith, with Reid Amendment No. 17, to change the enactment date. **Page S354**

Reid Amendment No. 18 (to the instructions of the motion to recommit), of a perfecting nature. **Page S354**

Reid Amendment No. 19 (to Reid Amendment No. 18), of a perfecting nature. **Page S354**

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

By 68 yeas to 24 nays (Vote No. 2), three-fifths of those Senators duly chosen and sworn, having voted in the affirmative, Senate agreed to the motion to close further debate on the bill. **Pages S356–57**

A unanimous-consent-time agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the bill at approximately 12 p.m., on Thursday, January 15, 2009, that all post-cloture time be yielded back, except for 10 minutes to be equally divided and controlled between Senators Bingaman and Coburn, or their designees; that upon the use or yielding back of that time, the pending amendments be withdrawn, that the managers amendments which have been cleared by the Leaders and Managers be in order, and that if cleared, the amendments be considered and agreed to, and Senate vote on passage of the bill. **Pages S380, S399**

Lilly Ledbetter Fair Pay Act—Agreement: A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that on Thursday, January 15, 2009 following the vote on passage of S. 22, Lands Bill, Senate vote on the motion to invoke cloture on the motion to proceed to consideration of S. 181, Lilly Ledbetter Fair Pay Act. **Page S380**

Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

3 Air Force nominations in the rank of general.

42 Army nominations in the rank of general.

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Messages from the House: **Pages S385–86**

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Record Votes: One record vote was taken today. (Total—2) **Page S357**

Adjournment: Senate convened at 9:30 a.m. and adjourned at 8:35 p.m., until 10 a.m. on Thursday,

January 15, 2009. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today's Record on page S399.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

NOMINATION

Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nomination of Thomas J. Vilsack, to be Secretary of Agriculture, after the nominee, who was introduced by Senators Harkin and Grassley, testified and answered questions in his own behalf.

NOMINATIONS

Committee on Environment and Public Works: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of Lisa P. Jackson, to be Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency, who was introduced by Senators Lautenberg and Menendez, and Nancy Helen Sutley, to be Chairman of the Council

on Environmental Quality, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

NOMINATIONS

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of Peter R. Orszag, of Massachusetts, to be Director, who was introduced by Representatives John Spratt and Paul Ryan, and Robert L. Nabors II, of New Jersey, to be Deputy Director, who was introduced by Representative David Obey, both of the Office of Management and Budget, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

NOMINATION

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nomination of Eric K. Shinseki, to be Secretary of Veterans Affairs, after the nominee, who was introduced by Senator Inouye and former Senator Robert J. Dole, testified and answered questions in his own behalf.

House of Representatives

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Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 54 public bills, H.R. 493–546; and 7 resolutions, H. Con. Res. 21, and H. Res. 59–61, 63–65, were introduced. **Pages H323–25**

Additional Cosponsors: **Pages H325–26**

Report Filed: A report was filed today as follows:

H. Res. 62, providing for further consideration of the bill (H.R. 384) to reform the Troubled Assets Relief Program of the Secretary of the Treasury and ensure accountability under such Program (H. Rept. 111–3). **Page H323**

Speaker: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein she appointed Representative Tauscher to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. **Page H199**

Chaplain: The prayer was offered by the guest Chaplain, Rev. Dr. Silvester S. Beaman, Bethel African Methodist Episcopal Church, Wilmington, Delaware. **Page H199**

Select Committee on Energy Independence and Global Warming—Appointment: The Chair announced the Speaker's appointment of the following Members of the House of Representatives to the Select Committee on Energy Independence and Global

Warming: Representative Markey (MA), Chairman and Representative Sensenbrenner. **Page H199**

Committee Election: The House agreed to H. Res. 59, electing the following minority member to a standing committee: Committee on Rules: Representative Foxx. **Page H216**

Children's Health Insurance Program Reauthorization Act of 2009: The House passed H.R. 2, to amend title XXI of the Social Security Act to extend and improve the Children's Health Insurance Program, by a recorded vote of 289 ayes to 139 noes, Roll No. 16. **Pages H216–68**

Rejected the Deal (GA) motion to recommit the bill to the Committee on Energy and Commerce with instructions to report the same back to the House forthwith with an amendment, by a yea-and-nay vote of 179 yeas to 247 nays, Roll No. 15. **Pages H264–67**

H. Res. 52, the rule providing for consideration of the bill, was agreed to by a recorded vote of 244 ayes to 178 noes, Roll No. 14, after agreeing without objection to order the previous question. **Pages H203–16**

Suspensions: The House agreed to suspend the rules and agree to the following measure:

Amending the Rules of the House of Representatives to require each standing committee to hold periodic hearings on the topic of waste, fraud, abuse, or mismanagement in Government programs which that committee may authorize: H. Res. 40, amended, to amend the Rules of the House of Representatives to require each standing committee to hold periodic hearings on the topic of waste, fraud, abuse, or mismanagement in Government programs which that committee may authorize, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ yeas-and-nays vote of 423 yeas with none voting “nay”, Roll No. 18. **Pages H268–73, H281**

TARP Reform and Accountability Act of 2009: The House began consideration of H.R. 384, to reform the Troubled Assets Relief Program of the Secretary of the Treasury and ensure accountability under such Program. Further proceedings were postponed. **Pages H282–90, H290–99**

H. Res. 53, the rule providing for consideration of the bill, was agreed to by a yeas-and-nays vote of 235 yeas to 191 nays, Roll No. 17, after agreeing without objection to order the previous question.

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Privileged Resolution: The House agreed to H. Res. 61, to provide for the attendance of the House at the Inaugural Ceremonies of the President and Vice President of the United States. **Page H290**

Senate Message: Message received from the Senate today appears on page H199.

Senate Referrals: S. 60 was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary. **Page H321**

Quorum Calls—Votes: Three yeas-and-nays votes and two recorded votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H216, H266–67, H267–68, H280–81, and H281. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 10:00 a.m. and adjourned at 10:28 p.m.

Committee Meetings

COMMITTEE ORGANIZATION

Committee on Armed Services: Met for organizational purposes.

COMMITTEE ORGANIZATION

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Met for organizational purposes.

TARP REFORM AND ACCOUNTABILITY ACT OF 2009

Committee on Rules: Granted, by a non-record vote, a rule providing for further consideration of H.R. 384, the TARP Reform and Accountability Act of 2009, under a structured rule. No further general debate

shall be in order. The rule provides that the bill shall be considered as read. The rule waives all points of order against provisions in the bill.

The rule makes in order only those amendments printed in the report of the Committee on Rules. The amendments made in order may be offered only in the order printed in the Committee report, may be offered only by a Member designated in the Rules Committee report, shall be considered as read, shall be debatable for the time specified in the Committee report equally divided and controlled by the proponent and an opponent, shall not be subject to amendment, and shall not be subject to a demand for a division of the question in the House or in the Committee of the Whole. All points of order against the amendments except for clauses 9 and 10 of rule XXI are waived. The rule provides one motion to recommit with or without instructions. The rule provides a motion to proceed under section 115 of the Emergency Economic Stabilization Act if offered by the Majority Leader or his designee which may be offered not later than the legislative day of January 22, 2009. Testimony was heard from Representatives Speier, Jackson-Lee (TX), Kaptur, Corrine Brown (FL), Hinchey, Kennedy, Welch, Neugebauer, Gohmert, Dent, and Bilirakis.

SMALL BUSINESS ECONOMY

Committee on Small Business: Met with non-governmental persons to discuss the State of the Small Business Economy and Identifying Policies to Promote an Economic Recovery.

COMMITTEE ORGANIZATION

Committee on Ways and Means: Met for organizational purposes.

Joint Meetings

No joint committee meetings were held.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR THURSDAY, JANUARY 15, 2009

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Armed Services: to hold hearings to examine the nominations of William J. Lynn III, to be Deputy Secretary, Robert F. Hale, to be Under Secretary (Comptroller) and Chief Financial Officer, Michele Flournoy, to be Under Secretary for Policy, and Jeh Charles Johnson, to be General Counsel, all of the Department of Defense, 9:30 a.m., SD–106.

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: to hold hearings to examine the nominations of Mary Shapiro, of New York, to be Chairman of the Securities

and Exchange Commission, Christina Romer, of California, to be Chair of the Council of Economic Advisors, Austan Goolsbee, of Illinois, and Cecilia Rouse, of New Jersey, each to be a Member of the Council of Economic Advisors, and Daniel Tarullo, of Maryland, to be a Member of the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, 10 a.m., SD-538.

Committee on the Budget: to hold hearings to examine the debt outlook and its implications for policy, 10 a.m., SD-608.

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: to hold hearings to examine the nomination of Ken Salazar, to be Secretary of the Interior, 9:30 a.m., SD-G50.

Committee on Finance: organizational business meeting to consider committee's rules of procedure for the 111th Congress, and an original bill to reauthorize the Children's Health Insurance Program, 11:15 a.m., SD-215.

Committee on Foreign Relations: business meeting to consider the nomination of Hillary R. Clinton, to be Secretary of State; to be followed by a hearing to examine the nomination of Susan E. Rice, to be Representative to the United Nations, with the rank and status of Ambassador, and the Representative in the Security Council of the United Nations, and to be Representative to the Sessions of the General Assembly of the United Nations during her tenure of service as Representative to the United Nations, 9:30 a.m., SH-216.

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: to hold hearings to examine investing in health information technology (IT), focusing on stimulus for a healthier America, 10 a.m., SD-430.

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: to hold hearings to examine the nomination of Janet A. Napolitano, to be Secretary of Homeland Security, 10 a.m., SD-342.

Committee on Indian Affairs: to hold hearings to examine job creation and economic stimulus in Indian country, 2:30 p.m., SD-628.

Committee on the Judiciary: to hold hearings to examine the nomination of Eric H. Holder, to be Attorney General of the United States, 9:30 a.m., SR-325.

House

Committee on Energy and Commerce, hearing entitled "The U.S. Climate Action Partnership," 9 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, to meet for organizational purposes, 11 a.m., 2167 Rayburn.

Select Committee on Energy Independence and Global Warming, to meet for organizational purposes, 1:55 p.m., followed by a hearing on "Reinvigorating the Economy through Stimulus Legislation: Opportunities for All," 2 p.m., 2172 Rayburn.

Next Meeting of the SENATE

10 a.m., Thursday, January 15

Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

10 a.m., Thursday, January 15

Senate Chamber

Program for Thursday: After the transaction of any morning business (not to extend beyond 12 noon), Senate will continue consideration of S. 22, Lands Bill, consider certain amendments and after a period of debate, vote on the bill thereon at 12 p.m.; to be followed by a vote on the motion to invoke cloture on the motion to proceed to consideration of S. 181, Lilly Ledbetter Fair Pay Act.

House Chamber

Program for Thursday: Complete consideration of H.R. 384—TARP Reform and Accountability Act of 2009.

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