

# Daily Digest

## HIGHLIGHTS

Senator-Elect Roland Burris, of Illinois, was administered the oath of office by the Vice President.

## Senate

### Chamber Action

*Routine Proceedings, pages S401–S631*

**Measures Introduced:** Twenty-three bills and one resolution were introduced, as follows: S. 251–273, and S. Res. 14. **Page S598**

#### Measures Passed:

**Lands Bill:** By 73 yeas to 21 nays (Vote No. 3), Senate passed S. 22, to designate certain land components of the National Wilderness Preservation System, to authorize certain programs and activities in the Department of the Interior and the Department of Agriculture, after taking action on the following amendments proposed thereto: **Pages S419–S557**

#### Adopted:

Bingaman/Murkowski Amendment No. 23, to improve the bill. **Page S419**

Bingaman/Murkowski Amendment No. 24, to make certain technical corrections. **Page S419**

#### Withdrawn:

Reid Amendment No. 15, to change the enactment date. **Page S419**

Reid Amendment No. 16 (to Reid Amendment No. 15), of a perfecting nature. **Page S419**

During consideration of this measure on Wednesday, January 14, 2009, Senate also took the following action:

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, fell when cloture was invoked on the bill. **Page S419**

Reid Amendment No. 18 (to the instructions of the motion to recommit), of a perfecting nature, fell when the motion to recommit fell. **Page S419**

Reid Amendment No. 19 (to Reid Amendment No. 18), of a perfecting nature, fell when Reid Amendment No. 18 fell. **Page S419**

**Senate Staff Transition Funding:** Senate agreed to S. Res. 14, to provide funding for Senate staff transitions. **Page S630**

**Ralph Regula Federal Office Building and Courthouse:** Senate passed S. 273, to require the designation of the federally occupied building located at McKinley Avenue and Third Street, S.W., Canton, Ohio, as the “Ralph Regula Federal Office Building and Courthouse”. **Page S630**

#### Measures Failed:

**Emergency Economic Stabilization Act Obligations Disapproval Resolution:** By 42 yeas to 52 nays (Vote No. 5), Senate rejected S.J. Res. 5, relating to the disapproval of obligations under the Emergency Economic Stabilization Act of 2008. **Pages S559–63, S565–87**

#### Measures Considered:

**Lilly Ledbetter Fair Pay Act—Cloture:** Senate began consideration of S. 181, to amend title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 and the Age Discrimination in Employment Act of 1967, and to modify the operation of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 and the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, to clarify that a discriminatory compensation decision or other practice that is unlawful under such Acts occurs each time compensation is paid pursuant to the discriminatory compensation decision or other practice, after agreeing to the motion to proceed to consideration thereto, taking action on the following amendments proposed thereto: **Pages S588–90**

#### Pending:

Hutchison Amendment No. 25, in the nature of a substitute. **Page S588**

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

By 72 yeas to 23 nays (Vote No. 4), 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 motion to proceed to consideration of the bill. **Pages S557–59**

**Senator Salazar Farewell Remarks—Agreement:**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that on Friday, January 16, 2009, Senator Salazar be recognized to speak in order to give his farewell remarks. **Page S631**

**Messages from the President:** Senate received the following messages from the President of the United States:

Transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on the continuation of the national emergency that was originally declared on January 23, 1995, with respect to foreign terrorists who threaten to disrupt the Middle East peace process; which was referred to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs. (PM–3) **Page S597**

Transmitting, pursuant to law, the 2009 National Drug Control Strategy; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary. (PM–4) **Page S597**

Transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on the continuation of the national emergency relating to Cuba and of the emergency authority relating to the regulation of the anchorage and movement of vessels; which was referred to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs. (PM–5) **Page S597**

Transmitting, pursuant to law, the Agreement Between the Government of the United States of America and the Government of the Russian Federation on Mutual Fisheries Relations; which was referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations. (PM–6) **Pages S597–98**

**Removal of Injunction of Secrecy:** The injunction of secrecy was removed from the following treaty:

Tax Convention with Malta (Treaty Doc. No. 111–1).

The treaty was transmitted to the Senate today, considered as having been read for the first time, and referred, with accompanying papers, to the Committee on Foreign Relations and ordered to be printed. **Pages S630–31**

**Additional Cosponsors:** **Pages S598–99**

**Statements on Introduced Bills/Resolutions:** **Pages S599–S628**

**Additional Statements:** **Pages S596–97**

**Amendments Submitted:** **Pages S628–29**

**Authorities for Committees to Meet:** **Pages S629–30**

**Privileges of the Floor:** **Page S630**

**Record Votes:** Three record votes were taken today. (Total—5) **Pages S430, S559, S587**

**Adjournment:** Senate convened at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 8:32 p.m., until 10 a.m. on Friday, January 16, 2009. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today's Record on page S631.)

## Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

### NOMINATIONS

*Committee on Armed Services:* Committee concluded hearings to examine the nominations of William J. Lynn III, to be Deputy Secretary, who was introduced by Senator Reed, Robert F. Hale, to be Under Secretary (Comptroller) and Chief Financial Officer, Michele Flournoy, to be Under Secretary for Policy, who was introduced by Representative Skelton, and Jeh Charles Johnson, to be General Counsel, who was introduced by Senator Menendez, all of the Department of Defense, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

### NOMINATIONS

*Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of Mary Schapiro, of New York, to be Chairman of the Securities and Exchange Commission, who was introduced by Senators Reed and Schumer, Christina Romer, of California, to be Chair of the Council of Economic Advisors, Austan Goolsbee, of Illinois, who was introduced by Senator Durbin, and Cecilia Rouse, of New Jersey, who was introduced by Senator Menendez, 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, who was introduced by Senator Dodd, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

### DEBT OUTLOOK

*Committee on the Budget:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine the debt outlook and its implications for policy, after receiving testimony from Richard Berner, Morgan Stanley, and Allen Sinai, Decision Economics, Inc., both of New York, New York; and Douglas Holtz-Eakin, DHE Consulting, LLC, of Arlington, Virginia.

### NOMINATION

*Committee on Energy and Natural Resources:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nomination of Ken Salazar, to be Secretary of the Interior, after the nominee, who was introduced by Senator Mark Udall and Representative John Salazar, testified and answered questions in his own behalf.

**BUSINESS MEETING**

*Committee on Finance:* Committee ordered favorably reported an original bill to reauthorize the Children's Health Insurance Program.

Also, committee adopted its rules of procedure for the 111th Congress.

**NOMINATION**

*Committee on Foreign Relations:* Committee concluded 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, after the nominee, who was introduced by Senators Bayh and Collins, testified and answered questions in her own behalf.

**NOMINATION**

*Committee on Foreign Relations:* Committee ordered favorably reported the nomination of Hillary R. Clinton, to be Secretary of State.

**NOMINATION**

*Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nomination of Janet A. Napolitano, to be Secretary of Homeland Security, after the nominee, who was introduced by Senators McCain and Kyl, testified and answered questions in her own behalf.

**HEALTH INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY**

*Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine investing

in health information technology (IT), focusing on stimulus for a healthier America, after receiving testimony from Valerie C. Melvin, Director, Human Capital and Management Information Systems Issues, Government Accountability Office; John H. Cochran, The Permanente Foundation, Oakland, California, on behalf of the Kaiser Permanente Medical Care Program; Janet Corrigan, The National Quality Forum, and Mary R. Greal, Healthcare Leadership Council, both of Washington, D.C.

**ECONOMIC STIMULUS**

*Committee on Indian Affairs:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine job creation and economic stimulus in Indian country, after receiving testimony from Robert Middleton, Director, Office of Indian Energy and Economic Development, Bureau of Indian Affairs, and Jack Rever, Director, Facilities Management and Improvement, both of the Department of the Interior; Jackie Johnson-Pata, National Congress of American Indians, Robin Butterfield, National Indian Education Association, and Reno Franklin, National Indian Health Board, all of Washington, D.C.; and Julie Kitka, Alaska Federation of Natives, Anchorage, on behalf of the National Indian Health Board.

**NOMINATION**

*Committee on the Judiciary:* Committee held a hearing to examine the nomination of Eric H. Holder, to be Attorney General of the United States, the nominee, who was introduced by former Senator John Warner and Representative Norton, testified and answered questions in his own behalf.

Hearings recessed subject to the call and will meet again on Friday, January 16, 2009.

# House of Representatives

## *Chamber Action*

**Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced:** 51 public bills, H.R. 547–597; and 11 resolutions, H.J. Res. 18–19; H. Con. Res. 22–23; and H. Res. 66–72, were introduced. **Pages H379–82**

**Additional Cosponsors:** **Page H382**

**Reports Filed:** There were no reports filed today.

**TARP Reform and Accountability Act of 2009:** The House resumed consideration of H.R. 384, to reform the Troubled Assets Relief Program of the Secretary of the Treasury and ensure accountability under such Program, which began on Wednesday, January 14th. Further proceedings were postponed. **Pages H335–67**

Accepted:

Matsui amendment (No. 2 printed in H. Rept. 111–3) that provides a sense of Congress stating that TARP participants, who receive from future TARP funds, should not initiate a foreclosure proceeding or foreclosure sale on any principal homeowner until the new systematic loan modification plan is implemented and deemed fully operational by the Secretary and Chair of FDIC; **Pages H355–57**

Frank (MA) amendment (No. 1 printed in H. Rept. 111–3) that makes sundry clarifications with respect to the use of TARP funds (by a recorded vote of 275 ayes to 152 noes, Roll No. 19); and **Pages H345–55, H365**

Patrick Murphy (PA) amendment (No. 7 printed in H. Rept. 111–3) that requires the Federal Reserve to disclose detailed information regarding the Federal Reserves Mortgage-Backed Securities purchase program (by a recorded vote of 426 ayes with none voting “no”, Roll No. 22). **Pages H363–65, H367**

Rejected:

Hensarling amendment (No. 3 printed in H. Rept. 111–3) that would have removed the Secretary’s authority to delegate an observer to attend meetings of the board of directors of any assisted institution (by a recorded vote of 151 ayes to 274 noes, Roll No. 20) and **Pages H357–59, H365–66**

Bachmann amendment (No. 5 printed in H. Rept. 111–3) that would have eliminated changes and additional funding for the HOPE for Homeowners program (by a recorded vote of 142 ayes to 282 noes, Roll No. 21). **Pages H360–63, H366–67**

Withdrawn:

Holt amendment (No. 4 printed in H. Rept. 111–3) that was offered and subsequently withdrawn that sought to amend the EESA to require that, provided TARP funds are not used for their purchase,

the Secretary shall facilitate an auction of troubled assets by third party purchases and, if such auction does not take place within 3 months from enactment, the Secretary must report to Congress on the mechanism the Secretary deems best to use to value and liquidate such assets. **Pages H359–60**

H. Res. 62, the second rule providing for consideration of the bill, was agreed to by voice vote after agreeing without objection to order the previous question. **Pages H329–35**

**Meeting Hour:** Agreed that when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet at 4 p.m. tomorrow; and further, that when the House adjourns on that day, it adjourn to meet at 10 a.m. on Tuesday, January 20th. **Page H369**

**Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence—Appointment:** The Chair announced the Speaker’s appointment of the following Member of the House of Representatives to the Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence: Representative Rogers (MI). **Page H374**

**Presidential Messages:** Read a message from the President wherein he transmitted the National Drug Control Strategy for 2009—referred to the Committees on Armed Services, Education and Labor, Energy and Commerce, Foreign Affairs, Homeland Security, the Judiciary, Natural Resources, Oversight and Government Reform, Small Business, Transportation and Infrastructure, Veterans’ Affairs, and Ways and Means and ordered printed (H. Doc. 111–7). **Page H370**

Read a message from the President wherein he notified Congress that the emergency declared with respect to foreign terrorists who threaten to disrupt the Middle East peace process is to continue in effect beyond January 23, 2009—referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs and ordered printed (H. Doc. 111–8). **Page H370**

Read a message from the President wherein he notified Congress that the emergency declared with respect to the Government of Cuba’s destruction of two unarmed U.S.-registered civilian aircraft in international airspace north of Cuba on February 24, 1996 is to continue in effect beyond March 1, 2009—referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs and ordered printed (H. Doc. 111–9). **Page H378**

Read a message from the President wherein he transmitted an Agreement between the Government of the United States and the Government of the Russian Federation Extending the Mutual Fisheries Agreement—referred to the Committee on Natural Resources. **Page H378**

**Quorum Calls—Votes:** Four recorded votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H365, H366, H366–67, and H367. There were no quorum calls.

**Adjournment:** The House met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 3:53 p.m.

## *Committee Meetings*

### U.S. CLIMATE ACTION PARTNERSHIP

*Committee on Energy and Commerce:* Held a hearing entitled “The U.S. Climate Action Partnership.” Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

### COMMITTEE ORGANIZATION

*Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure:* Met for organizational purposes.

### REINVIGORATING THE ECONOMY THROUGH ECONOMIC STIMULUS LEGISLATION

*Select Committee on Energy Independence and Global Warming:* Held a hearing on “Reinvigorating the

Economy through Stimulus Legislation: Opportunities for All.” Testimony was heard from Michael Nutter, Mayor, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania; Douglas Palmer, Mayor, Trenton, New Jersey; and public witnesses.

Prior to the hearing, the Committee met for organizational purposes.

## *Joint Meetings*

No joint committee meetings were held.

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### COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR FRIDAY, JANUARY 16, 2009

*(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)*

#### Senate

*Committee on the Judiciary:* to continue hearings to examine the nomination of Eric H. Holder Jr., to be Attorney General of the United States, 10 a.m., SD–226.

#### House

No committee meetings are scheduled.

## Next Meeting of the SENATE

10 a.m., Friday, January 16

## Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

4 p.m., Friday, January 16

## Senate Chamber

Program for Friday: Senate will be in a period of morning business and Senator Salazar will be recognized to speak to give his farewell remarks.

## House Chamber

Program for Friday: The House will meet in pro forma session at 4 p.m.

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