

# Daily Digest

## Senate

### Chamber Action

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**Measures Introduced on Friday, March 27, 2009:** One resolution was introduced, as follows: S. Con. Res. 13. **Page S3985**

**Measures Introduced on Monday, March 30, 2009:** Ten bills and four resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 734–743, S. Res. 89–91, and S. Con. Res. 14. **Pages S3985–86**

#### Measures Reported:

Reported on Friday, March 27, during the adjournment:

S. Con. Res. 13, setting forth the congressional budget for the United States Government for fiscal year 2010, revising the appropriate budgetary levels for fiscal year 2009, and setting forth the appropriate budgetary levels for fiscal years 2011 through 2014. **Page S3985**

#### Measures Passed:

*Greensburg, Kansas Recovery Extension Act:* Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions was discharged from further consideration of S. 681, to provide for special rules relating to assistance concerning the Greensburg, Kansas tornado, and the bill was then passed. **Pages S4007–08**

*Welcome Home Vietnam Veterans Day:* Senate agreed to S. Res. 89, expressing support for designation of a “Welcome Home Vietnam Veterans Day”. **Page S4008**

#### Measures Considered:

**Budget Resolution—Agreement:** Senate began consideration of S. Con. Res. 13, setting forth the congressional budget for the United States Government for fiscal year 2010, revising the appropriate budgetary levels for fiscal year 2009, and setting forth the appropriate budgetary levels for fiscal years 2011 through 2014, taking action on the following amendments proposed thereto: **Pages S3942–77**

Pending:

Thune Amendment No. 731, to amend the deficit-neutral reserve fund for climate change legisla-

tion to require that such legislation does not increase electricity or gasoline prices. **Pages S3972–74**

Johanns Amendment No. 735, to prohibit the use of reconciliation in the Senate for climate change legislation involving a cap and trade system. **Pages S3974–77**

A unanimous-consent-time agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the resolution at 10 a.m., on Tuesday, March 31, 2009, and that the statutory time remaining be 40 hours, with each side controlling 20 hours; provided that Senator Murray be recognized to speak for 15 minutes, following which, Senator Gregg, or his designee, be recognized to propose an amendment, and that there be 1 hour of debate, equally divided and controlled, and that upon conclusion of the debate, Senator Boxer be recognized to offer an amendment relative to Amendment No. 731 (listed above), and that there be 1 hour of debate, equally divided and controlled; provided further, Senator Conrad, or his designee, be recognized to propose a side-by-side amendment relative to Amendment No. 735 (listed above). **Page S3977**

**Additional Cosponsors:** **Pages S3986–88**

**Statements on Introduced Bills/Resolutions:** **Pages S3988–S4006**

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**Privileges of the Floor:** **Page S4007**

**Adjournment:** Senate convened at 11 a.m. and adjourned at 6:42 p.m., until 10 a.m. on Tuesday, March 31, 2009. (For Senate’s program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today’s Record on page S4008.)

### Committee Meetings

*(Committees not listed did not meet)*

No committee meetings were held.

# House of Representatives

## *Chamber Action*

**Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced:** 29 public bills, H.R. 1774–1802; and 10 resolutions, H. Con. Res. 86–89; and H. Res. 295, 297–301 were introduced. **Pages H4128–29**

**Additional Cosponsors:** **Pages H4129–30**

**Reports Filed:** Reports were filed on March 26, 2009 (Omitted from the Record of March 26, 2009) as follows:

H.R. 1256, to protect the public health by providing the Food and Drug Administration with certain authority to regulate tobacco products (H. Rept. 111–58, Pt. 1) and

H.R. 1256, to protect the public health by providing the Food and Drug Administration with certain authority to regulate tobacco products, with amendments (H. Rept. 111–58, Pt. 2).

Reports were filed on March 27, 2009 as follows:

H. Res. 279, providing for the expenses of certain committees of the House of Representatives in the One Hundred Eleventh Congress, with an amendment (H. Rept. 111–59) and

H. Con. Res. 85, setting forth the congressional budget for the United States Government for fiscal year 2010 and including the appropriate budgetary levels for fiscal years 2009 and 2011 through 2014 (H. Rept. 111–60).

Reports were filed today as follows:

H.R. 985, to maintain the free flow of information to the public by providing conditions for the federally compelled disclosure of information by certain persons connected with the news media (H. Rept. 111–61);

H.R. 1253, to require that limitations and restrictions on coverage under group health plans be timely disclosed to group health plan sponsors and timely communicated to participants and beneficiaries under such plans in a form that is easily understandable (H. Rept. 111–62, Pt. 1);

H. Res. 294, providing for consideration of the resolution (H. Res. 279) providing for the expenses of certain committees of the House of Representatives in the One Hundred Eleventh Congress (H. Rept. 111–63);

H.R. 1664, to amend the executive compensation provisions of the Emergency Economic Stabilization Act of 2008 to prohibit unreasonable and excessive compensation and compensation not based on performance standards, with an amendment (H. Rept. 111–64);

H.R. 151, to establish the Daniel Webster Congressional Clerkship Program (H. Rept. 111–65);

H.R. 1299, to make technical corrections to the laws affecting certain administrative authorities of the United States Capitol Police (H. Rept. 111–66); and H. Res. 296, providing for consideration of the Senate amendments to the bill (H.R. 1388) to reauthorize and reform the national service laws (H. Rept. 111–67). **Pages H4127–28**

**Speaker:** Read a letter from the Speaker wherein she appointed Representative Jackson-Lee (TX) to act as Speaker Pro Tempore for today. **Page H4065**

**Recess:** The House recessed at 12:42 p.m. and reconvened at 2 p.m. **Page H4066**

**Board of Visitors to the United States Merchant Marine Academy—Appointment:** The Chair announced the Speaker's appointment of the following Members of the House of Representatives to the Board of Visitors to the United States Merchant Marine Academy: Representatives McCarthy (NY) and King (NY). **Page H4067**

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

**Homeless Veterans Reintegration Program Reauthorization Act of 2009:** H.R. 1171, amended, to amend title 38, United States Code, to reauthorize the Homeless Veterans Reintegration Program for fiscal years 2010 through 2014; **Pages H4067–69**

Agreed to amend the title so as to read: "To amend title 38, United States Code, to reauthorize the Homeless Veterans Reintegration Program for fiscal years 2010 through 2014, and for other purposes." **Page H4069**

**Amending title 38, United States Code, to expand veteran eligibility for reimbursement by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs for emergency treatment furnished in a non-Department facility:** H.R. 1377, amended, to amend title 38, United States Code, to expand veteran eligibility for reimbursement by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs for emergency treatment furnished in a non-Department facility; **Pages H4069–70**

**Veterans' Compensation Cost-of-Living Adjustment Act of 2009:** H.R. 1513, to increase, effective as of December 1, 2009, the rates of disability compensation for veterans with service-connected disabilities and the rates of dependency and indemnity compensation for survivors of certain service-connected disabled veterans; **Pages H4070–72**

*Honoring the life, achievements, and contributions of Paul Harvey, affectionately known for his signature line, "This is Paul Harvey . . . Good Day":* H. Res. 223, amended, to honor the life, achievements, and contributions of Paul Harvey, affectionately known for his signature line, "This is Paul Harvey . . . Good Day"; **Pages H4072–73**

*Expressing the sense of the House of Representatives that the United States remains committed to the North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO):* H. Res. 152, amended, to express the sense of the House of Representatives that the United States remains committed to the North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO); **Pages H4076–78**

*Early Hearing Detection and Intervention Act of 2009:* H.R. 1246, to amend the Public Health Service Act regarding early detection, diagnosis, and treatment of hearing loss; **Pages H4078–79**

*National Pain Care Policy Act of 2009:* H.R. 756, amended, to amend the Public Health Service Act with respect to pain care; **Pages H4079–81**

*Melanie Blocker Stokes MOTHERS Act:* H.R. 20, amended, to provide for research on, and services for individuals with, postpartum depression and psychosis, by a  $\frac{2}{3}$  yea-and-nay vote of 391 yeas to 8 nays, Roll No. 164; **Pages H4081–84, H4101–02**

*Wakefield Act:* H.R. 479, amended, to amend the Public Health Service Act to provide a means for continued improvement in emergency medical services for children, by a  $\frac{2}{3}$  yea-and-nay vote of 390 yeas to 6 nays, Roll No. 165; **Pages H4084–86, H4102**

*Supporting the observance of Colorectal Cancer Awareness Month:* H. Con. Res. 60, to support the observance of Colorectal Cancer Awareness Month; and **Pages H4088–90**

*Making technical corrections to the Higher Education Act of 1965:* H.R. 1777, to make technical corrections to the Higher Education Act of 1965. **Pages H4093–H4100**

**Suspensions—Proceedings Postponed:** The House debated the following measures under suspension of the rules. Further proceedings were postponed:

*Recognizing the 30th anniversary of the peace treaty between Egypt and Israel:* H. Res. 282, amended, to recognize the 30th anniversary of the peace treaty between Egypt and Israel; **Pages H4073–76**

*Dextromethorphan Distribution Act of 2009:* H.R. 1259, to amend the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act with respect to the distribution of the drug dextromethorphan; **Pages H4086–87**

*Health Insurance Restrictions and Limitations Clarification Act of 2009:* H.R. 1253, to require that limitations and restrictions on coverage under group health plans be timely disclosed to group health plan sponsors and timely communicated to participants and beneficiaries under such plans in a form that is easily understandable; and **Pages H4087–88**

*Vision Care for Kids Act of 2009:* H.R. 577, amended, to establish a grant program to provide vision care to children. **Pages H4090–93**

**Privileged Resolution:** The House agreed to table H. Res. 295, raising a question of the privileges of the House, by a yea-and-nay vote of 210 yeas to 173 nays with 13 voting "present", Roll No. 163. **Pages H4100–01**

**Privileged Resolution—Intent to Offer:** Representative Flake announced his intent to offer a privileged resolution. **Pages H4102–03**

**HIT Policy Committee—Appointment:** The Chair announced the Speaker's appointment of Mr. Paul Egerman of Weston, Massachusetts to the HIT Policy Committee for a term of 3 years. **Page H4104**

**Senate Message:** Message received from the Senate by the Clerk and subsequently presented to the House today appears on page H4067.

**Quorum Calls—Votes:** Three yea-and-nay votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H4101, H4101–02, H4102. There were no quorum calls.

**Adjournment:** The House met at 12:30 p.m. and adjourned at 10:58 p.m.

## Committee Meetings

### PROVIDING EXPENSES FOR CERTAIN HOUSE COMMITTEES FOR 111TH CONGRESS

*Committee on Rules:* Granted, by a non-record vote, a closed rule providing for consideration of H. Res. 279, providing for the expenses of certain committees of the House of Representatives in the One Hundred Eleventh Congress. The rule provides one hour of general debate in the House equally divided and controlled by the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on House Administration. The rule provides that the amendment in the nature of a substitute recommended by the Committee on House Administration now printed in the resolution shall be considered as adopted. The rule waives all points of order against consideration of the resolution and provides that the resolution, as

amended, shall be considered as read. The rule provides one motion to recommit which may not contain instructions. Testimony was heard from Chairman Robert A. Brady of Pennsylvania and Representative Daniel E. Lungren of California.

### PROVIDING FOR THE CONSIDERATION OF THE SENATE AMENDMENTS TO H.R. 1388, TO REAUTHORIZE AND REFORM THE NATIONAL SERVICE LAWS

*Committee on Rules:* Granted, by a non-record vote, a rule providing for the consideration of the Senate amendments to H.R. 1388, to reauthorize and reform the national service laws. The rule makes in order a motion by the Chair of the committee on Education and Labor to concur in the Senate amendments. The rule waives all points of order against the motion except clause 10 of rule XXI. The rule provides that the Senate amendments and the motion shall be considered as read. The rule provides one hour of debate on the motion equally divided and controlled by the chairman and ranking minority member of the Committee on Education and Labor. House Resolution 289 is laid on the table. Testimony was heard from Chairman Miller of California.

## Joint Meetings

No joint committee meetings were held.

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### COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR TUESDAY, MARCH 31, 2009

*(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)*

#### Senate

*Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry:* to hold hearings to examine Federal school meal programs, focusing on nutrition for kids in schools, 9:30 a.m., SR-328A.

*Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs:* business meeting to consider S. 414, to amend the Consumer Credit Protection Act, to ban abusive credit practices, enhance consumer disclosures, protect underage consumers, 10 a.m., SD-538.

Subcommittee on Economic Policy, to hold hearings to examine lessons from the New Deal, 2:30 p.m., SD-538.

*Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation:* to continue hearings to examine health insurance industry practices, 10:15 a.m., SR-253.

*Committee on Energy and Natural Resources:* business meeting to consider S. 531, to provide for the conduct of an in-depth analysis of the impact of energy development and production on the water resources of the United States, S. 598, to amend the Energy Policy and Conservation Act to improve appliance standards, S. 661, to strengthen American manufacturing through improved industrial energy efficiency, Energy Innovation and Workforce Development Title, and the nomination of

Thomas L. Strickland, of Colorado, to be Assistant Secretary for Fish and Wildlife and Parks, Department of the Interior, 10 a.m., SD-366.

*Committee on Environment and Public Works:* Subcommittee on Water and Wildlife, to hold hearings to examine Environmental Protection Agency's role in promoting water use efficiency, 10 a.m., SD-406.

*Committee on Finance:* to hold an oversight hearing to examine a six month update on the Troubled Asset Relief Program (TARP), 10 a.m., SD-215.

*Committee on Foreign Relations:* business meeting to consider S. 384, to authorize appropriations for fiscal years 2010 through 2014 to provide assistance to foreign countries to promote food security, to stimulate rural economies, and to improve emergency response to food crises, to amend the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961, S. 705, to reauthorize the programs of the Overseas Private Investment Corporation, proposed legislation expressing the sense of the Senate regarding the Fifth Summit of the Americas in Port of Spain, Trinidad and Tobago, from April 17-19, 2009, S. Con. Res. 11, condemning all forms of anti-Semitism and reaffirming the support of Congress for the mandate of the Special Envoy to Monitor and Combat Anti-Semitism, S. Res. 9, commemorating 90 years of U.S.-Polish diplomatic relations, during which Poland has proven to be an exceptionally strong partner to the United States in advancing freedom around the world, S. Res. 20, celebrating the 60th anniversary of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization, S. Res. 56, urging the Government of Moldova to ensure a fair and democratic election process for the parliamentary elections on April 5, 2009, and the nominations of Esther Brimmer, of the District of Columbia, to be Assistant Secretary for International Organization Affairs, Karl Winfrid Eikenberry, of Florida, to be Ambassador to the Islamic Republic of Afghanistan, Philip H. Gordon, of the District of Columbia, to be Assistant Secretary for European and Eurasian Affairs, Rose Eilene Gottemoeller, of Virginia, to be Assistant Secretary for Verification and Compliance, Christopher R. Hill, of Rhode Island, a Career Member of the Senior Foreign Service, Class of Career Minister, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Iraq, Richard Rahul Verma, of Maryland, to be Assistant Secretary for Legislative Affairs, and Melanne Verveer, of the District of Columbia, to be Ambassador at Large for Women's Global Issues, all of the Department of State, 2:15 p.m., S-116, Capitol.

Subcommittee on Near Eastern and South and Central Asian Affairs, to hold hearings to examine the return and resettlement of displaced Iraqis, 2:45 p.m., SD-419.

*Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions:* to hold hearings to examine the nomination of Kathleen Sebelius, of Kansas, to be Secretary of Health and Human Services, 10 a.m., SH-216.

*Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs:* Subcommittee on Oversight of Government Management, the Federal Workforce, and the District of Columbia, to hold hearings to examine the Office of the Chief Financial Officer, focusing on the progress it has made since the financial crisis of the 1990s, the financial management

challenges in the years ahead, and the steps that are being taken to address those challenges, 10 a.m., SD-342.

*Committee on the Judiciary*: business meeting to consider pending calendar business, 10 a.m., SD-226.

*Select Committee on Intelligence*: to hold closed hearings to examine certain intelligence matters, 2:30 p.m., SH-219.

### House

*Committee on Agriculture*, Subcommittee on Rural Development, Biotechnology, Specialty Crops, and Foreign Agriculture, hearing to review innovative approaches to rural development, 1 p.m., 1300 Longworth.

*Committee on Appropriations*, Subcommittee on Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies, on Agriculture, on Rural Development and FDA, 10 a.m., 2362-A Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Defense, on Army: Aviation, 9:30 a.m., H-140 Capitol.

Subcommittee on Financial Services, and General Government, on FTC, 10 a.m., 2358-A Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Homeland Security, on Securing the Nation's Rail and Transit Systems, Improving the Efficiency of the Aviation Security System, 10:30 a.m., 2362-B Rayburn.

Subcommittee in Interior, Environment and Related Agencies, on Federal Role in the Arts, 10:30 a.m., 2359 Rayburn.

*Committee on Education and Labor*, Subcommittee on Workforce Protections, hearing on Green Jobs and their Role in our Economic Recovery, 10 a.m., 2175 Rayburn.

*Committee on Energy and Commerce*, Subcommittee on Commerce, Trade, and Consumer Protection, hearing on H.R. 1706, Protecting Consumer Access to Generic Drugs Act of 2009, 11 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Health, hearing on Making Health Care Work for American Families: Protecting the Public Health, 10 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

*Committee on Homeland Security*, Subcommittee on Emergency Communications, Preparedness, and Response, hearing entitled "Examining Preparedness and Coordination Efforts of First Responders Along the Southwest Border," 10 a.m., 311 Cannon.

Subcommittee on Emergency Threats, Cybersecurity and Science and Technology, hearing entitled "Do the Payment Card Industry Data Standards Reduce Cybercrime?" 2 p.m., 311 Cannon.

*Committee on the Judiciary*, Subcommittee on Commercial and Administrative Law, hearing on VoIP: Who Has Jurisdiction to Tax It? 2 p.m., 2141 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Immigration, Citizenship, Refugees, Border Security and International Law, and the Subcommittee on Constitutional, Civil Rights and Civil Liberties, joint hearing on H.R. 847, James Zadroga 9/11 Health and Compensation Act of 2009, 10 a.m., 2141 Rayburn.

*Committee on Natural Resources*, oversight hearing on "The California Drought: Actions by Federal and State agencies to address impacts on lands, fisheries, and water users," 10:30 a.m., 1324 Longworth.

*Committee on Oversight and Government Reform*, Subcommittee on National Security and Foreign Affairs, hearing on Afghanistan and Pakistan: Understanding and Engaging Regional Stakeholders, 10 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

*Committee on Rules*, to consider the following: H.R. 1664, To amend the executive compensation provisions of the Emergency Economic Stabilization Act of 2008 to prohibit unreasonable and excessive compensation and compensation not based on performance standards; and H. Con. Res. 85, Setting forth the congressional budget for the United States Government for fiscal year 2010 and including the appropriate budgetary levels for fiscal years 2009 and 2011 through 2014, 3 p.m., H-313 Capitol.

*Committee on Science and Technology*, Subcommittee on Research and Science Education, to mark up the following bills: H.R. 1736, International Science and Technology Cooperation Act of 2009, H.R. 1709, STEM Education Coordination Act of 2009, 2 p.m., 2318 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Technology and Innovation, hearing on the Role of Research in Addressing Climate in Transportation Infrastructure, 10 a.m., 2318 Rayburn.

*Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure*, Subcommittee on Water Resources, and Environment, hearing on the Tennessee Valley Authority's Kingston Ash Slide: Potential Water Quality Impacts of Coal Combustion Waste Storage, 2 p.m., 2167 Rayburn.

*Committee on Ways and Means*, Subcommittee on Select Revenue Measurers, hearing on Banking Secrecy Practices and Wealthy American Taxpayers, 10 a.m., 1100 Longworth.

*Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence*, executive, briefing on Armenia, 5 p.m., 304 HVC.

## Next Meeting of the SENATE

10 a.m., Tuesday, March 31

## Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

10:30 a.m., Tuesday, March 31

## Senate Chamber

**Program for Tuesday:** Senate will continue consideration of S. Con. Res. 13, Budget Resolution.

## House Chamber

**Program for Tuesday:** Consideration of the following suspensions: (1) H. Res. 290—Honoring the lives and mourning the loss of Sergeant Mark Dunakin, Sergeant Ervin Romans, Sergeant Daniel Sakai, and Officer John Hege, Members of the Oakland Police Department in California who were brutally slain in the line of duty; (2) H.R. 985—Free Flow of Information Act of 2009; (3) H.R. 1029—Alien Smuggling and Terrorism Prevention Act of 2009; (4) H.R. 838—Miami Dade College Land Conveyance Act; (5) H. Con. Res. 54—Permitting the use of the Rotunda of the Capitol for a ceremony as part of the commemoration of the days of remembrance of victims of the Holocaust; (6) H.R. 151—Daniel Webster Congressional Clerkship Act of 2009; (7) H.R. 1299—Capitol Police Administrative Technical Corrections Act of 2009. Consideration of Senate amendments to H.R. 1388—Generations Invigorating Volunteerism and Education Act (Subject to a Rule).

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