

Daily Digest

HIGHLIGHTS

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Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S5045–S5086

Measures Introduced: Eight bills and two resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 961–968, and S. Res. 126–127. **Page S5065**

Measures Reported:

Report to accompany S. 414, to amend the Consumer Credit Protection Act, to ban abusive credit practices, enhance consumer disclosures, protect underage consumers. (S. Rept. No. 111–16) **Page S5065**

Measures Passed:

Sisters of the Sacred Hearts in Hawai'i 150th Anniversary: Senate agreed to S. Res. 126, commemorating the 150th anniversary of the arrival of the Sisters of the Sacred Hearts in Hawai'i.

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Measures Considered:

Helping Families Save Their Homes Act: Senate resumed consideration of S. 896, to prevent mortgage foreclosures and enhance mortgage credit availability, taking action on the following amendments proposed thereto: **Pages S5051–59**

Rejected:

By 39 yeas to 53 nays (Vote No. 176), Vitter Amendment No. 1016 (to Amendment No. 1018), to authorize and remove impediments to the repayment of funds received under the Troubled Asset Relief Program. **Pages S5052, S5057–59**

By 36 yeas to 56 nays (Vote No. 177), Vitter Amendment No. 1017 (to Amendment No. 1018), to provide that the primary and foundational responsibility of the Federal Housing Administration shall be to safeguard and preserve the solvency of the Administration. **Pages S5052, S5057–59**

Pending:

Dodd/Shelby Amendment No. 1018, in the nature of a substitute. **Page S5051**

Corker Amendment No. 1019 (to Amendment No. 1018), to address safe harbor for certain servicers. **Page S5051**

Dodd (for Grassley) Amendment No. 1020 (to Amendment No. 1018), to enhance the oversight authority of the Comptroller General of the United States with respect to expenditures under the Troubled Asset Relief Program. **Page S5056**

Dodd (for Grassley) Amendment No. 1021 (to Amendment No. 1018), to amend Chapter 7 of title 31, United States Code, to provide the Comptroller General additional audit authorities relating to the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System. **Pages S5056–57**

A unanimous-consent-time agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the bill at 10 a.m., on Tuesday, May 5, 2009, and that the time until 10 a.m. be for debate relative to Corker Amendment No. 1019 (to Amendment No. 1018) (listed above), with the time equally divided and controlled between Senators Dodd and Corker, or their designees; provided further, that at 10:50 a.m., Senate vote on or in relation to the amendment, with no amendment in order to the amendment, prior to a vote. **Page S5086**

Appointments:

Commission to Study the Potential Creation of a National Museum of the American Latino: The Chair announced, on behalf of the Republican Leader, pursuant to P.L. 110–229, the appointment of the following to be a non-voting member of the Commission to Study the Potential Creation of a National Museum of the American Latino: Sandy Colon Peltyn of Nevada. **Page S5086**

Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

Mercedes Marquez, of California, to be an Assistant Secretary of Housing and Urban Development.

Kathy J. Greenlee, of Kansas, to be Assistant Secretary for Aging, Department of Health and Human Services.

Martha N. Johnson, of Maryland, to be Administrator of General Services.

Philip Mudd, of Virginia, to be Under Secretary for Intelligence and Analysis, Department of Homeland Security.

John J. Sullivan, of Maryland, to be a Member of the Federal Election Commission for a term expiring April 30, 2013.

3 Marine Corps nominations in the rank of general. **Pages S5065, S5086**

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Authorities for Committees to Meet: **Page S5085**

Record Votes: Two record votes were taken today. (Total—177) **Page S5059**

Adjournment: Senate convened at 2 p.m. and adjourned at 6:37 p.m., until 10 a.m. on Tuesday, May 5, 2009. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S5086.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: Committee ordered favorably reported the nominations of Ivan K. Fong, of Ohio, to be General Counsel, and Timothy W. Manning, of New Mexico, to be Deputy Administrator for National Preparedness, Federal Emergency Management Agency, both of the Department of Homeland Security.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 17 public bills, H.R. 2226–2242; and 7 resolutions, H. Con. Res. 117; and H. Res. 394–399 were introduced. **Pages H5095–96**

Additional Cosponsors: **Pages H5096–97**

Reports Filed: Reports were filed today as follows:

H.R. 1178, to direct the Comptroller General of the United States to conduct a study on the use of Civil Air Patrol personnel and resources to support homeland security missions, with an amendment (H. Rept. 111–93, Pt. 1);

H.R. 1728, to amend the Truth in Lending Act to reform consumer mortgage practices and provide accountability for such practices and to provide certain minimum standards for consumer mortgage loans, with an amendment (H. Rept. 111–94); and H.R. 1748, to amend title 18, United States Code, to enhance the investigation and prosecution of mortgage fraud and financial institution fraud, with an amendment (H. Rept. 111–95, Pt. 1). **Page H5095**

Speaker: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein she appointed Representative Edwards (MD) to act as Speaker Pro Tempore for today. **Page H5065**

Recess: The House recessed at 12:36 p.m. and reconvened at 2 p.m. **Page H5068**

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

Recognizing the historical significance of the Mexican holiday of Cinco de Mayo: H. Res. 230, amended, to recognize the historical significance of the Mexican holiday of Cinco de Mayo, by a 2/3 yeand-nay vote of 395 yeas with none voting "no," Roll No. 229; **Pages H5069–73, H5081**

Recognizing the 61st anniversary of the independence of the State of Israel: H. Con. Res. 111, amended, to recognize the 61st anniversary of the independence of the State of Israel, by a 2/3 yeand-nay vote of 394 yeas with none voting "no," Roll No. 230; **Pages H5073–77, H5082–83**

Supporting the goals and ideals of Malaria Awareness Day: H. Con. Res. 103, amended, to support the goals and ideals of Malaria Awareness Day; and **Pages H5077–79**

Honoring the life, achievements, and contributions of Rabbi Charles H. Rosenzweig: H. Res. 283, amended, to honor the life, achievements, and contributions of Rabbi Charles H. Rosenzweig. **Pages H5079–80**

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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Moment of Silence: The House observed a moment of silence in honor of Jack Kemp, former Member of Congress.

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Senate Message: Message received from the Senate by the Clerk and subsequently presented to the House today appears on page H5068.

Senate Referrals: S. 615 was referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs and the Committee on Armed Services.

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Quorum Calls—Votes: Two yea-and-nay votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H5081 and H5082. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 12:30 p.m. and adjourned at 9:01 p.m.

Committee Meetings

INTELLIGENCE COMMUNITY RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT

Committee on Appropriations: Select Intelligence Oversight Panel met in executive session on Intelligence Community Research and Development. Testimony was heard from following officials of the Office of the Director of National Intelligence: Scott P. Sarlin, Acting Director, Science and Technology; and Lisa Porter, Director, Intelligence Advanced Research Projects Activity.

Joint Meetings

No joint committee meetings were held.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR TUESDAY, MAY 5, 2009

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Armed Services: to hold hearings to examine ongoing efforts to combat piracy on the high seas, 9:30 a.m., SR–325.

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Subcommittee on Surface Transportation and Merchant Marine, to hold hearings to examine piracy on the high seas, focusing on protecting our ships, crews, and passengers, 3 p.m., SR–253.

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: to hold hearings to examine the nominations of Daniel B. Poneman, to be Deputy Secretary, David B. Sandalow, to be Assistant Secretary for International Affairs and Domestic Policy, both of the Department of Energy, and Rhea S. Suh, to be Assistant Secretary, and Michael L. Connor, to be

Commissioner of Reclamation, both of the Department of the Interior, 9:45 a.m., SD–366.

Committee on Finance: to hold hearings to examine expanding health care coverage; to be followed by a business meeting to consider the nomination of Alan Krueger, to be Assistant Secretary of the Treasury for Economic Policy, 10 a.m., SD–106.

Committee on Foreign Relations: to hold hearings to examine the global implications of a warming arctic, Time to be announced, SD–419.

Full Committee, business meeting to consider S. 345, to reauthorize the Tropical Forest Conservation Act of 1998 through fiscal year 2012, to rename the Tropical Forest Conservation Act of 1998 as the “Tropical Forest and Coral Conservation Act of 2009”, S. 954, to authorize United States participation in the replenishment of resources of the International Development Association, S. 955, to authorize United States participation in, and appropriations for the United States contribution to, the African Development Fund and the Multilateral Debt Relief Initiative, to require budgetary disclosures by multilateral development banks, to encourage multilateral development banks to endorse the principles of the Extractive Industries Transparency Initiative, S. 838, to provide for the appointment of United States Science Envoys, S. Res. 49, to express the sense of the Senate regarding the importance of public diplomacy, S. Res. 84, urging the Government of Canada to end the commercial seal hunt, and the nominations of Harold Hongju Koh, of Connecticut, to be Legal Adviser, and Johnnie Carson, of Illinois, to be Assistant Secretary for African Affairs, both of the Department of State, Ivo H. Daalder, of Virginia, to be United States Permanent Representative on the Council of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization, Susan Flood Burk, of Virginia, to be Special Representative of the President for Nuclear Non-Proliferation, Luis C. de Baca, of Virginia, to be Director of the Office to Monitor and Combat Trafficking, and routine lists in the Foreign Service, 2:15 p.m., S–116, Capitol.

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Terrorism and Homeland Security, to hold hearings to examine the passport insurance process, focusing on ending fraud, 2:30 p.m., SD–226.

Select Committee on Intelligence: to hold closed hearings to examine certain intelligence matters, 3:30 p.m., S–407, Capitol.

House

Committee on Agriculture, Subcommittee on Livestock, Dairy, and Poultry and the Subcommittee on Emerging Threats, Cybersecurity, and the Science and Technology of the Committee on Homeland Security, joint hearing to review the National Animal Identification System, 2 p.m., 1300 Longworth.

Committee on Appropriations, Subcommittee on Legislative Branch, to continue appropriation hearings, 10 a.m., H–144 Capitol.

Committee on Armed Services, Subcommittee on Air and Land Forces, hearing on the Army National Guard and Air National Guard equipment programs, 2 p.m., 2118 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Terrorism, Unconventional Threats and Capabilities, hearing on Cyberspace as a Warfighting Domain: Policy, Management and Technical Challenges to Mission Assurance, 3:30 p.m., 2212 Rayburn.

Committee on Education and Labor, Subcommittee on Higher Education, Lifelong Learning and Competitiveness, to continue hearings on New Innovations and Best Practices under the Workforce Investment Act, 10 a.m., 2175 Rayburn.

Committee on Energy and Commerce, Subcommittee on Commerce, Trade and Consumer Protection, hearing on the following bills: H.R. 2221, Data Accountability and Trust Act; and H.R. 1319, Informed P2P User Act, 2 p.m., 2123 Rayburn.

Committee on Financial Services, hearing entitled “The Effect of the Lehman Brothers Bankruptcy on State and Local Governments,” 10 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations, hearing entitled “The Role of Inspectors General: Minimizing and Mitigating Waste, Fraud and Abuse,” 2 p.m., 2128 Rayburn.

Committee on Foreign Affairs, hearing on From Strategy to Implementation: The Future of the U.S.-Pakistan Relationship, 12:15 p.m., 2172 Rayburn.

Committee on the Judiciary, Subcommittee on Commercial and Administrative Law, hearing on the Federal Arbitration Act: Is the Credit Card Industry Using It To Quash Legal Claims? 10 a.m., 2141 Rayburn.

Committee on Natural Resources, Subcommittee on Insular Affairs, Oceans and Wildlife, hearing on the following bills: H.R. 509, Marine Turtle Conservation Reauthorization Act of 2009; H.R. 556, Southern Sea Otter Recovery and Research Act; and H.R. 1454, Multinational Species Conservation Funds Semipostal Stamp Act of 2009, 10 a.m., 1324 Longworth.

Subcommittee on National Parks, Forests and Public Lands, hearing on H.R. 980, Northern Rockies Ecosystem Protection Act, 2 p.m., 1324 Longworth.

Committee on Oversight and Government Reform, Subcommittee on Government Management, Organization, and Procurement, hearing entitled “Cybersecurity: Emerging Threats, Vulnerabilities, and Challenges in Securing Federal Information Systems,” 2 p.m., 2154 Rayburn.

Committee on Rules, to consider H.R. 1728, Mortgage Reform and Anti-Predatory Lending Act, (General Debate Rule) 3 p.m., H-313 Capitol.

Committee on Science and Technology, Subcommittee on Energy and Environment, hearing on Expanding Climate Services at the NOAA: Developing the National Climate Service, 10 a.m., 2318 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Investigations and Oversight, hearing on Follow the Money Part II: Government and Public Resources for Recovery Act Oversight, 2 p.m., 2318 Rayburn.

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, Subcommittee on Economic Development, Public Buildings and Emergency Management, hearing on Tracking Hearing #2:GSA Stimulus Funds-Up, Out, and Creating Jobs, 2 p.m., 2167 Rayburn.

Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence, executive, briefing on Intelligence for the U.S. Marine Deployment to Afghanistan, 1 p.m., 304 HVC.

Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations, executive, briefing on Peru, 2 p.m., 304 HVC.

Joint Meetings

Joint Economic Committee: to hold hearings to examine the economic outlook, 10 a.m., SH-216.

Résumé of Congressional Activity

FIRST SESSION OF THE ONE HUNDRED ELEVENTH CONGRESS

The first table gives a comprehensive résumé of all legislative business transacted by the Senate and House. The second table accounts for all nominations submitted to the Senate by the President for Senate confirmation.

EXECUTIVE DATA ON LEGISLATIVE ACTIVITY

January 6 through April 30, 2009

	<i>Senate</i>	<i>House</i>	<i>Total</i>
Days in session	64	55	..
Time in session	441 hrs., 2'	378 hrs., 16'	..
Congressional Record:			
Pages of proceedings	4,997	5,064	..
Extensions of Remarks .....	..	1,044	..
Public bills enacted into law	6	9	..
Private bills enacted into law .....	..	..	..
Bills in conference .....	..	..	..
Measures passed, total	121	265	386
Senate bills	19	7	..
House bills	10	100	..
Senate joint resolutions	4	2	..
House joint resolutions	1	2	..
Senate concurrent resolutions	9	3	..
House concurrent resolutions	12	22	..
Simple resolutions	66	129	..
Measures reported, total*	40	88	128
Senate bills	15	1	..
House bills .....	..	44	..
Senate joint resolutions .....	..	..	..
House joint resolutions .....	..	..	..
Senate concurrent resolutions	2	..	..
House concurrent resolutions .....	..	4	..
Simple resolutions	23	39	..
Special reports	10	2	..
Conference reports .....	..	2	..
Measures pending on calendar	41	14	..
Measures introduced, total	1,100	2,774	3,874
Bills	940	2,217	..
Joint resolutions	14	48	..
Concurrent resolutions	22	116	..
Simple resolutions	124	393	..
Quorum calls	1	1	..
Yea-and-nay votes	175	147	..
Recorded votes .....	..	80	..
Bills vetoed .....	..	..	..
Vetoes overridden .....	..	..	..

*These figures include all measures reported, even if there was no accompanying report. A total of 15 written reports have been filed in the Senate, a total of 92 reports have been filed in the House.

DISPOSITION OF EXECUTIVE NOMINATIONS

January 6 through April 30, 2009

Civilian nominations, totaling 198, disposed of as follows:	
Confirmed	71
Unconfirmed	123
Withdrawn	4
Other Civilian nominations, totaling 736, disposed of as follows:	
Confirmed	10
Unconfirmed	726
Air Force nominations, totaling 4,733, disposed of as follows:	
Confirmed	2,193
Unconfirmed	2,540
Army nominations, totaling 1,103, disposed of as follows:	
Confirmed	906
Unconfirmed	197
Navy nominations, totaling 195, disposed of as follows:	
Confirmed	85
Unconfirmed	110
Marine Corps nominations, totaling 1,471, disposed of as follows:	
Confirmed	1,450
Unconfirmed	21
<i>Summary</i>	
Total nominations carried over from the First Session	0
Total nominations received this Session	8,436
Total confirmed	4,715
Total unconfirmed	3,717
Total withdrawn	4
Total returned to the White House	0

Next Meeting of the SENATE

10 a.m., Tuesday, May 5

Senate Chamber

Program for Tuesday: Senate will continue consideration of S. 896, Helping Families Save Their Homes Act, and vote on or in relation to Corker Amendment No. 1019 (to Amendment No. 1018) at 10:50 a.m.

(Senate will recess from 12:30 p.m. until 2:15 p.m. for their respective party conferences.)

Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

10:30 a.m., Tuesday, May 5

House Chamber

Program for Tuesday: Consideration of the following suspensions: (1) H.R. 774—The “Geraldine Ferraro Post Office Building” Designation Act; (2) H.R. 1397—The

“Caroline O’Day Post Office Building” Designation Act; (3) H. Res. 299—Expressing the sense of the House of Representatives that public servants should be commended for their dedication and continued service to the Nation during Public Service Recognition Week; (4) H.R. 1271—The “Elijah Pat Larkins Post Office Building” Designation Act; (5) H. Res. 382—Supporting the goals and ideals of National Charter Schools Week, to be held May 3 through May 9, 2009; (6) H. Res. 338—Supporting the goals and ideals of National Community College Month; (7) H. Res. 348—Congratulating the University of North Carolina men’s basketball team; (8) H. Res. 353—Supporting the goals and ideals of Global Youth Service Days; (9) H.R. 1107—To enact certain laws relating to public contracts as title 41, United States Code, “Public Contracts”; (10) H. Res. 313—Supporting the goals and ideals of National Public Works Week; (11) H. Res. 269—Supporting the goals of Motorcycle Safety Awareness Month; (12) H. Res. 367—Supporting the goals and ideals of National Train Day; (13) H. Res. 391—Recognizing May as “National Foster Care Month”; and (14) S. 386—Fraud Enforcement and Recovery Act of 2009.

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