

Daily Digest

HIGHLIGHTS

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Senate

Chamber Action

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Measures Introduced: Eight bills and one resolution were introduced, as follows: S. 3683–3690, and S. Res. 706. **Page S10578**

Measures Reported:

Report to accompany S. 1924, to amend chapter 81 of title 5, United States Code, to create a presumption that a disability or death of a Federal employee in fire protection activities caused by any of certain diseases is the result of the performance of such employee's duty. (S. Rept. No. 110–520)

Report to accompany S. 980, to amend the Controlled Substances Act to address online pharmacies. (S. Rept. No. 110–521) **Page S10578**

Measures Passed:

United States Army Commemorative Coin Act: Senate passed H.R. 5714, to require the Secretary of the Treasury to mint coins in recognition and celebration of the establishment of the United States Army in 1775, to honor the American soldier of both today and yesterday, in wartime and in peace, and to commemorate the traditions, history, and heritage of the United States Army and its role in American society, from the Colonial period to today, clearing the measure for the President. **Page S10601**

Authorizing Testimony and Legal Representation: Senate agreed to S. Res. 706, to authorize testimony and legal representation in *Peter Bergel v. Pacific Gas & Electric*. **Pages S10601–02**

House Messages:

Child Safe Viewing Act: Senate concurred in the amendment of the House of Representatives to S. 602, to develop the next generation of parental control technology, clearing the measure for the President. **Page S10601**

Appointments:

Congressional Oversight Panel: The Chair announced the following appointment made by the Majority Leader of the Senate, after consultation with the Republican Leader of the Senate, and the Speaker of the House during the recess of the Senate pursuant to the unanimous consent agreement of October 2, 2008: Pursuant to provisions of Public Law 110–343, appointment of Damon Silvers, of Maryland, as a member of the Congressional Oversight Panel. **Page S10602**

Congressional Oversight Panel: The Chair announced the following appointment made by the Majority Leader during the recess of the Senate pursuant to the unanimous consent agreement of October 2, 2008: Pursuant to provisions of Public Law 110–343, the appointment of Elizabeth Warren, of Massachusetts, as a member of the Congressional Oversight Panel. **Page S10602**

Second Reading—Agreement: A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that with respect to the following measures that have been read for the first time, the measures be considered as having been read a second time on Tuesday, November 18, 2008, for the purpose of placing the bills on the Senate calendar with respect to rule XIV: S. 3526, H.R. 6842, H.R. 6899, S. 3535, S. 3646, H.R. 6867, H.R. 7110, S. 3688, and S. 3689. **Page S10602**

Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

Neil M. Barofsky, of New York, to be Special Inspector General for the Troubled Asset Relief Program.

Robert A. DeHaan, of Virginia, to be an Assistant Secretary of Transportation.

Michael Jonathan Green, of Maryland, to be Special Representative and Policy Coordinator for Burma, with the rank of Ambassador.

Steven C. Hollon, of Ohio, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the State Justice Institute for a term expiring September 17, 2010.

Joseph E. Lambert, of Kentucky, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the State Justice Institute for a term expiring September 17, 2009.

Gayle A. Nachtigal, of Oregon, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the State Justice Institute for a term expiring September 17, 2009.

Arthur G. Scotland, of California, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the State Justice Institute for a term expiring September 17, 2010.

Gerald W. VandeWalle, of North Dakota, to be Member of the Board of Directors of the State Justice Institute for a term expiring September 17, 2009.

3 Air Force nominations in the rank of general.

2 Coast Guard nominations in the rank of admiral.

1 Navy nomination in the rank of admiral.

Routine lists in the Air Force, Army, Coast Guard, Foreign Service, Marine Corps, Navy, and the Public Health Service.

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Adjournment: Senate convened at 12 noon and adjourned at 6:03 p.m., until 9:30 a.m. on Wednesday, November 19, 2008. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S10602.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

NOMINATION

Committee on Finance: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nomination of Neil M. Barofsky, of New York, to be Special Inspector General for the Troubled Asset Relief Program of the Department of the Treasury, after the nominee testified and answered questions in his own behalf.

NOMINATION

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nomination of Robert W. McGowan, of Nevada, to be a Governor of the United States Postal Service, after the nominee testified and answered questions in his own behalf.

NOMINATIONS

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of Kathryn A. Oberly, to be an Associate Judge of the District of Columbia Court of Appeals, who was introduced by Senator Clinton, and Alfred S. Irving, Jr., to be an Associate Judge of the Superior Court of the District of Columbia, who was introduced by Representative Norton, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

The House was not in session today. The House is scheduled to meet at 1 p.m. on Wednesday, November 19, 2008, pursuant to section 2 of H. Con. Res. 440.

Committee Meetings

IS TREASURY USING BAILOUT FUNDS TO INCREASE FORECLOSURE PREVENTION AS CONGRESS INTENDED?

Committee on Oversight and Government Reform: On November 14, the Subcommittee on Domestic Policy held a hearing entitled “Is Treasury Using Bailout Funds to Increase Foreclosure Prevention as Congress Intended?” Testimony was heard from Neel Kashkari, Interim Assistant Secretary, Financial Stability, and Assistant Secretary, International Economics and Development, Department of the Treasury; Michael Barr, former Deputy Assistant Secretary, Community Development, Department of the Treasury; and public witnesses.

NEW PUBLIC LAWS

(For last listing of Public Laws, see DAILY DIGEST, p. D1232)

H.R. 3986, to amend the John F. Kennedy Center Act to authorize appropriations for the John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts, and for other purposes. Signed on October 3, 2008. (Public Law 110–338)

S. 1760, to amend the Public Health Service Act with respect to the Healthy Start Initiative. Signed on October 3, 2008. (Public Law 110–339)

S. 2135, to prohibit the recruitment or use of child soldiers, to designate persons who recruit or use child soldiers as inadmissible aliens, to allow the deportation of persons who recruit or use child soldiers, and for other purposes. Signed on October 3, 2008. (Public Law 110–340)

S.J. Res. 35, to amend Public Law 108–331 to provide for the construction and related activities in support of the Very Energetic Radiation Imaging Telescope Array System (VERITAS) project in Arizona. Signed on October 3, 2008. (Public Law 110–341)

S.J. Res. 45, expressing the consent and approval of Congress to an interstate compact regarding water resources in the Great Lakes—St. Lawrence River Basin. Signed on October 3, 2008. (Public Law 110–342)

H.R. 1424, of 1974, section 2705 of the Public Health Service Act, section 9812 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to require equity in the provision of mental health and substance-related disorder benefits under group health plans, to prohibit discrimination on the basis of genetic information with respect to health insurance and employment, and for other purposes. Signed on October 3, 2008. (Public Law 110–343)

H.R. 923, to provide for the investigation of certain unsolved civil rights crimes, and for other purposes. Signed on October 7, 2008. (Public Law 110–344)

H.R. 1199, to extend the grant program for drug-endangered children. Signed on October 7, 2008. (Public Law 110–345)

H.R. 5834, to amend the North Korean Human Rights Act of 2004 to promote respect for the fundamental human rights of the people of North Korea, and for other purposes. Signed on October 7, 2008. (Public Law 110–346)

H.R. 5975, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 101 West Main Street in Waterville, New York, as the “Cpl. John P. Sigsbee Post Office”. Signed on October 7, 2008. (Public Law 110–347)

H.R. 6092, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 101 Tallapoosa Street in Bremen, Georgia, as the “Sergeant Paul Saylor Post Office Building”. Signed on October 7, 2008. (Public Law 110–348)

H.R. 6437, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 200 North Texas Avenue in Odessa, Texas, as the “Corporal Alfred Mac Wilson Post Office”. Signed on October 7, 2008. (Public Law 110–349)

H.R. 6889, to extend the authority of the Secretary of Education to purchase guaranteed student loans for an additional year, and for other purposes. Signed on October 7, 2008. (Public Law 110–350)

H.R. 6893, to amend parts B and E of title IV of the Social Security Act to connect and support relative caregivers, improve outcomes for children in foster care, provide for tribal foster care and adoption access, improve incentives for adoption, and for other purposes. Signed on October 7, 2008. (Public Law 110–351)

S. 3015, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 18 S. G Street, Lakeview, Oregon, as the “Dr. Bernard Daly Post Office Building”. Signed on October 7, 2008. (Public Law 110–352)

S. 3082, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 1700 Cleveland Avenue in Kansas City, Missouri, as the “Reverend Earl Abel Post Office Building”. Signed on October 7, 2008. (Public Law 110–353)

H.R. 1157, to amend the Public Health Service Act to authorize the Director of the National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences to make grants for the development and operation of research centers regarding environmental factors that may be related to the etiology of breast cancer. Signed on October 8, 2008. (Public Law 110–354)

H.R. 1343, to provide additional authorizations of appropriations for the health centers program under section 330 of such Act, and for other purposes. Signed on October 8, 2008. (Public Law 110–355)

H.R. 3068, to prohibit the award of contracts to provide guard services under the contract security guard program of the Federal Protective Service to a business concern that is owned, controlled, or operated by an individual who has been convicted of a felony. Signed on October 8, 2008. (Public Law 110–356)

H.R. 3229, to require the Secretary of the Treasury to mint coins in commemoration of the legacy of the United States Army Infantry and the establishment of the National Infantry Museum and Soldier Center. Signed on October 8, 2008. (Public Law 110–357)

H.R. 4120, to amend title 18, United States Code, to provide for more effective prosecution of cases involving child pornography, and for other purposes. Signed on October 8, 2008. (Public Law 110–358)

H.R. 5001, to authorize the Administrator of General Services to provide for the redevelopment of the Old Post Office Building located in the District of Columbia. Signed on October 8, 2008. (Public Law 110–359)

H.R. 5057, to reauthorize the Debbie Smith DNA Backlog Grant Program, and for other purposes. Signed on October 8, 2008. (Public Law 110–360)

H.R. 5265, to amend the Public Health Service Act to provide for research with respect to various forms of muscular dystrophy, including Becker, congenital, distal, Duchenne, Emery-Dreifuss facioscapulohumeral, limb-girdle, myotonic, and oculopharyngeal, muscular dystrophies. Signed on October 8, 2008. (Public Law 110–361)

H.R. 5571, to extend for 5 years the program relating to waiver of the foreign country residence requirement with respect to international medical graduates, and for other purposes. Signed on October 8, 2008. (Public Law 110–362)

H.R. 5872, to require the Secretary of the Treasury to mint coins in commemoration of the centennial of the Boy Scouts of America, and for other purposes. Signed on October 8, 2008. (Public Law 110–363)

H.R. 6370, to transfer excess Federal property administered by the Coast Guard to the Confederated Tribes of the Coos, Lower Umpqua, and Siuslaw Indians. Signed on October 8, 2008. (Public Law 110–364)

H.R. 6460, to amend the Federal Water Pollution Control Act to provide for the remediation of sediment contamination in areas of concern, and for other purposes. Signed on October 8, 2008. (Public Law 110–365)

H.R. 6890, to extend the waiver authority for the Secretary of Education under section 105 of subtitle A of title IV of division B of Public Law 109–148, relating to elementary and secondary education hurricane recovery relief, and for other purposes. Signed on October 8, 2008. (Public Law 110–366)

H.R. 6894, to extend and reauthorize the Defense Production Act of 1950, and for other purposes. Signed on October 8, 2008. (Public Law 110–367)

H.R. 6946, to make a technical correction in the NET 911 Improvement Act of 2008. Signed on October 8, 2008. (Public Law 110–368)

H.R. 7081, to approve the United States-India Agreement for Cooperation on Peaceful Uses of Nuclear Energy, and for other purposes. Signed on October 8, 2008. (Public Law 110–369)

H.J. Res. 62, to honor the achievements and contributions of Native Americans to the United States, and for other purposes. Signed on October 8, 2008. (Public Law 110–370)

S. 496, to reauthorize and improve the program authorized by the Appalachian Regional Development Act of 1965. Signed on October 8, 2008. (Public Law 110–371)

S. 1046, to modify pay provisions relating to certain senior-level positions in the Federal Government, and for other purposes. Signed on October 8, 2008. (Public Law 110–372)

S. 1382, to amend the Public Health Service Act to provide for the establishment of an Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis Registry. Signed on October 8, 2008. (Public Law 110–373)

S. 1810, to amend the Public Health Service Act to increase the provision of scientifically sound information and support services to patients receiving a positive test diagnosis for Down syndrome or other prenatally and postnatally diagnosed conditions. Signed on October 8, 2008. (Public Law 110–374)

S. 2482, to repeal the provision of title 46, United States Code, requiring a license for employment in the business of salvaging on the coast of

Florida. Signed on October 8, 2008. (Public Law 110–375)

S. 2606, to reauthorize the United States Fire Administration, and for other purposes. Signed on October 8, 2008. (Public Law 110–376)

S. 2932, to amend the Public Health Service Act to reauthorize the poison center national toll-free number, national media campaign, and grant program to provide assistance for poison prevention, sustain the funding of poison centers, and enhance the public health of people of the United States. Signed on October 8, 2008. (Public Law 110–377)

S. 2982, to amend the Runaway and Homeless Youth Act to authorize appropriations, and for other purposes. Signed on October 8, 2008. (Public Law 110–378)

S. 3560, to amend title XIX of the Social Security Act to provide additional funds for the qualifying individual (QI) program, and for other purposes. Signed on October 8, 2008. (Public Law 110–379)

S. 3597, to provide that funds allocated for community food projects for fiscal year 2008 shall remain available until September 30, 2009. Signed on October 8, 2008. (Public Law 110–380)

H.R. 2851, to amend the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974, the Public Health Service Act, and the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to ensure that dependent students who take a medically necessary leave of absence do not lose health insurance coverage, and for other purposes. Signed on October 9, 2008. (Public Law 110–381)

S. 2840, to establish a liaison with the Federal Bureau of Investigation in United States Citizenship and Immigration Services to expedite naturalization applications filed by members of the Armed Forces and to establish a deadline for processing such applications. Signed on October 9, 2008. (Public Law 110–382)

H.R. 2963, to transfer certain land in Riverside County, California, and San Diego County, California, from the Bureau of Land Management to the United States to be held in trust for the Pechanga Band of Luiseno Mission Indians, and for other purposes. Signed on October 10, 2008. (Public Law 110–383)

H.R. 3480, to direct the United States Sentencing Commission to assure appropriate punishment enhancements for those involved in receiving stolen property where that property consists of grave markers of veterans, and for other purposes. Signed on October 10, 2008. (Public Law 110–384)

S. 1492, to improve the quality of federal and state data regarding the availability and quality of broadband services and to promote the deployment of affordable broadband services to all parts of the

Nation. Signed on October 10, 2008. (Public Law 110–385)

S. 1582, to reauthorize and amend the Hydrographic Services Improvement Act, and for other purposes. Signed on October 10, 2008. (Public Law 110–386)

S. 2162, to improve the treatment and services provided by the Department of Veterans Affairs to veterans with post-traumatic stress disorder and substance use disorders, and for other purposes. Signed on October 10, 2008. (Public Law 110–387)

S. 2816, to provide for the appointment of the Chief Human Capital Officer of the Department of Homeland Security by the Secretary of Homeland Security. Signed on October 10, 2008. (Public Law 110–388)

S. 3023, to amend title 38, United States Code, to improve and enhance compensation and pension, housing, labor and education, and insurance benefits for veterans, and for other purposes. Signed on October 10, 2008. (Public Law 110–389)

S. 3128, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to provide a loan to the White Mountain Apache Tribe for use in planning, engineering, and designing a certain water system project. Signed on October 10, 2008. (Public Law 110–390)

S. 3606, to extend the special immigrant nonminister religious worker program and for other purposes. Signed on October 10, 2008. (Public Law 110–391)

H.R. 1532, to amend the Public Health Service Act with respect to making progress toward the goal of eliminating tuberculosis, and for other purposes. Signed on October 13, 2008. (Public Law 110–392)

H.R. 5350, to authorize the Secretary of Commerce to sell or exchange certain National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration property located in Norfolk, Virginia, and for other purposes. Signed on October 13, 2008. (Public Law 110–393)

H.R. 5618, to reauthorize and amend the National Sea Grant College Program Act, and for other purposes. Signed on October 13, 2008. (Public Law 110–394)

H.R. 6199, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 245 North Main Street in New City, New York, as the “Kenneth Peter Zebrowski Post Office Building”. Signed on October 13, 2008. (Public Law 110–395)

H.R. 6229, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 2523 7th Avenue East in North Saint Paul, Minnesota, as the “Mayor William ‘Bill’ Sandberg Post Office Building”. Signed on October 13, 2008. (Public Law 110–396)

H.R. 6338, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 4233 West Hillsboro Boulevard in Coconut Creek, Florida, as the “Army

SPC Daniel Agami Post Office Building”. Signed on October 13, 2008. (Public Law 110–397)

H.R. 6849, to amend the commodity provisions of the Food, Conservation, and Energy Act of 2008 to permit producers to aggregate base acres and reconstitute farms to avoid the prohibition on receiving direct payments, counter-cyclical payments, or average crop revenue election payments when the sum of the base acres of a farm is 10 acres or less, and for other purposes. Signed on October 13, 2008. (Public Law 110–398)

H.R. 6874, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 156 Taunton Avenue in Seekonk, Massachusetts, as the “Lance Corporal Eric Paul Valdepenas Post Office Building”. Signed on October 13, 2008. (Public Law 110–399)

S. 431, to require convicted sex offenders to register online identifiers, and for other purposes. Signed on October 13, 2008. (Public Law 110–400)

S. 1738, to require the Department of Justice to develop and implement a National Strategy Child Exploitation Prevention and Interdiction, to improve the Internet Crimes Against Children Task Force, to increase resources for regional computer forensic labs, and to make other improvements to increase the ability of law enforcement agencies to investigate and prosecute child predators. Signed on October 13, 2008. (Public Law 110–401)

S. 3296, to extend the authority of the United States Supreme Court Police to protect court officials off the Supreme Court Grounds and change the title of the Administrative Assistant to the Chief Justice. Signed on October 13, 2008. (Public Law 110–402)

S. 3325, to enhance remedies for violations of intellectual property laws, and for other purposes. Signed on October 13, 2008. (Public Law 110–403)

S. 3477, to amend title 44, United States Code, to authorize grants for Presidential Centers of Historical Excellence. Signed on October 13, 2008. (Public Law 110–404)

S. 3536, to amend section 5402 of title 39, United States Code, to modify the authority relating to United States Postal Service air transportation contracts, and for other purposes. Signed on October 13, 2008. (Public Law 110–405)

S. 3569, to make improvements in the operation and administration of the Federal courts, and for other purposes. Signed on October 13, 2008. (Public Law 110–406)

S. 3598, to amend titles 46 and 18, United States Code, with respect to the operation of submersible vessels and semi-submersible vessels without nationality. Signed on October 13, 2008. (Public Law 110–407)

S. 3605, to extend the pilot program for volunteer groups to obtain criminal history background

checks. Signed on October 13, 2008. (Public Law 110–408)

H.R. 928, to amend the Inspector General Act of 1978 to enhance the independence of the Inspectors General, to create a Council of the Inspectors General on Integrity and Efficiency, and for other purposes. Signed on October 14, 2008. (Public Law 110–409)

H.R. 1594, to designate the Department of Veterans Affairs Outpatient Clinic in Hermitage, Pennsylvania, as the Michael A. Marzano Department of Veterans Affairs Outpatient Clinic. Signed on October 14, 2008. (Public Law 110–410)

H.R. 2786, to reauthorize the programs for housing assistance for Native Americans. Signed on October 14, 2008. (Public Law 110–411)

H.R. 6098, to amend the Homeland Security Act of 2002 to improve the financial assistance provided to State, local, and tribal governments for information sharing activities, and for other purposes. Signed on October 14, 2008. (Public Law 110–412)

H.R. 7198, to establish the Stephanie Tubbs Jones Gift of Life Medal for organ donors and the family of organ donors. Signed on October 14, 2008. (Public Law 110–413)

S. 906, to prohibit the sale, distribution, transfer, and export of elemental mercury, and for other purposes. Signed on October 14, 2008. (Public Law 110–414)

S. 1276, to facilitate the creation of methamphetamine precursor electronic logbook systems, and for other purposes. Signed on October 14, 2008. (Public Law 110–415)

S. 2304, to amend title I of the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968 to provide grants for the improved mental health treatment and services provided to offenders with mental illnesses, and for other purposes. Signed on October 14, 2008. (Public Law 110–416)

S. 3001, to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2009 for military activities of the Department of Defense, for military construction, and for defense activities of the Department of Energy, to prescribe military personnel strengths for such fiscal year, and for other purposes. Signed on October 14, 2008. (Public Law 110–417)

S. 3550, to designate a portion of the Rappahannock River in the Commonwealth of Virginia as the “John W. Warner Rapids”. Signed on October 14, 2008. (Public Law 110–418)

H.R. 1714, to clarify the boundaries of Coastal Barrier Resources System Clam Pass Unit FL–64P. Signed on October 15, 2008. (Public Law 110–419)

H.R. 4544, to require the issuance of medals to recognize the dedication and valor of Native American code talkers. Signed on October 15, 2008. (Public Law 110–420)

H.R. 6045, to amend title I of the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968 to extend the authorization of the Bulletproof Vest Partnership Grant Program through fiscal year 2012. Signed on October 15, 2008. (Public Law 110–421)

H.R. 6063, to authorize the programs of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration, and for other purposes. Signed on October 15, 2008. (Public Law 110–422)

H.R. 6073, to provide that Federal employees receiving their pay by electronic funds transfer shall be given the option of receiving their pay stubs electronically. Signed on October 15, 2008. (Public Law 110–423)

H.R. 6083, to authorize funding to conduct a national training program for State and local prosecutors. Signed on October 15, 2008. (Public Law 110–424)

H.R. 6353, to amend the Controlled Substances Act to address online pharmacies. Signed on October 15, 2008. (Public Law 110–425)

H.R. 6469, to amend the Public Health Service Act to authorize increased Federal funding for the Organ Procurement and Transplantation Network. Signed on October 15, 2008. (Public Law 110–426)

H.R. 6524, to authorize the Administrator of General Services to take certain actions with respect to parcels of real property located in Eastlake, Ohio, and Koochiching County, Minnesota, and for other purposes. Signed on October 15, 2008. (Public Law 110–427)

H.R. 7082, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to permit the Secretary of the Treasury to disclose certain prisoner return information to the Federal Bureau of Prisons, and for other purposes. Signed on October 15, 2008. (Public Law 110–428)

H.R. 7177, to authorize the transfer of naval vessels to certain foreign recipients, and for other purposes. Signed on October 15, 2008. (Public Law 110–429)

H.J. Res. 100, appointing the day for the convening of the first session of the One Hundred Eleventh Congress and establishing the date for the counting of the electoral votes for President and Vice President cast by the electors in December 2008. Signed on October 15, 2008. (Public Law 110–430)

S. 3641, to authorize funding for the National Crime Victim Law Institute to provide support for victims of crime under Crime Victims Legal Assistance Programs as a part of the Victims of Crime Act of 1984. Signed on October 15, 2008. (Public Law 110–431)

H.R. 2095, to amend title 49, United States Code, to prevent railroad fatalities, injuries, and hazardous materials releases, to authorize the Federal Railroad Safety Administration, and for other purposes. Signed on October 16, 2008. (Public Law 110–432)

H.R. 6296, to extend through 2013 the authority of the Federal Election Commission to impose civil money penalties on the basis of a schedule of penalties established and published by the Commission. Signed on October 16, 2008. (Public Law 110–433)

H.R. 6531, to amend chapter 13 of title 17, United States Code (relating to the vessel hull design protection), to clarify the definitions of a hull and a deck. Signed on October 16, 2008. (Public Law 110–434)

H.R. 7084, to amend section 114 of title 17, United States Code, to provide for agreements for the reproduction and performance of sound recordings by webcasters. Signed on October 16, 2008. (Public Law 110–435)

H.R. 7222, to extend the Andean Trade Preference Act, and for other purposes. Signed on October 16, 2008. (Public Law 110–436)

H.R. 5159, to establish the Office of the Capitol Visitor Center within the Office of the Architect of the Capitol, headed by the Chief Executive Officer for Visitor Services, to provide for the effective management and administration of the Capitol Visitor Center, and for other purposes. Signed on October 20, 2008. (Public Law 110–437)

S. 3197, to amend title 11, United States Code, to exempt for a limited period, from the application of the means-test presumption of abuse under chapter 7, qualifying members of reserve components of the Armed Forces and members of the National Guard who, after September 11, 2001, are called to active duty or to perform a homeland defense activity for not less than 90 days. Signed on October 20, 2008. (Public Law 110–438)

H.R. 3511, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 2150 East Hardtner Drive in Urania, Louisiana, as the “Murphy A. Tannehill Post Office Building”. Signed on October 21, 2008. (Public Law 110–439)

H.R. 4010, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 100 West Percy Street in Indianola, Mississippi, as the “Minnie Cox Post Office Building”. Signed on October 21, 2008. (Public Law 110–440)

H.R. 4131, to designate a portion of California State Route 91 located in Los Angeles County, California, as the “Juanita Millender-McDonald Highway”. Signed on October 21, 2008. (Public Law 110–441)

H.R. 6558, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 1750 Lundy Avenue in San Jose, California, as the “Gordon N. Chan Post Office Building”. Signed on October 21, 2008. (Public Law 110–442)

H.R. 6681, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 300 Vine Street in New Lenox, Illinois, as the “Jacob M. Lowell Post Office Building”. Signed on October 21, 2008. (Public Law 110–443)

H.R. 6834, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 4 South Main Street in Wallingford, Connecticut, as the “CWO Richard R. Lee Post Office Building”. Signed on October 21, 2008. (Public Law 110–444)

H.R. 6847, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 801 Industrial Boulevard in Ellijay, Georgia, as the “First Lieutenant Noah Harris Ellijay Post Office Building”. Signed on October 21, 2008. (Public Law 110–445)

H.R. 6902, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 513 6th Avenue in Dayton, Kentucky, as the “Staff Sergeant Nicholas Ray Carnes Post Office”. Signed on October 21, 2008. (Public Law 110–446)

H.R. 6982, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 210 South Ellsworth Avenue in San Mateo, California, as the “Leo J. Ryan Post Office Building”. Signed on October 21, 2008. (Public Law 110–447)

H.R. 6197, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 7095 Highway 57 in Counce, Tennessee, as the “Pickwick Post Office Building”. Signed on October 22, 2008. (Public Law 110–448)

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 18, 2008

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Armed Services: closed business meeting to consider pending nominations and to consider and approve the report of the Committee’s inquiry into the treatment of detainees in U.S. custody, 4 p.m., SR–222.

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: to hold hearings to examine the state of the domestic automobile industry, 3 p.m., SD–538.

House

Committee on Financial Services, hearing entitled “Oversight of Implementation of the Emergency Economic Stabilization Act of 2008 and of Government Lending and Insurance Facilities: Impact on Economy and Credit Availability,” 9:30 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.

Committee on Veterans’ Affairs, Subcommittee on Economic Opportunity, hearing on VA’s Short and Long-Term Strategies for Implementing New G.I. Bill Requirements, 10:30 a.m., 334 Cannon.

CONGRESSIONAL PROGRAM AHEAD

Week of November 18 through November 22,
2008

Senate Chamber

On *Wednesday*, Senate will resume consideration of the motion to proceed to consideration of S. 3297, to advance America’s priorities.

During the balance of the week, Senate may consider any cleared legislative and executive business.

Senate Committees

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Committee on Armed Services: November 18, closed business meeting to consider pending nominations and to consider and approve the report of the Committee’s inquiry into the treatment of detainees in U.S. custody, 4 p.m., SR–222.

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: November 18, to hold hearings to examine the state of the domestic automobile industry, 3 p.m., SD–538.

November 19, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine the nomination of Neil M. Barofsky, of New York, to be Special Inspector General for the Troubled Asset Relief Program of the Treasury, 9:30 a.m., SD–538.

Committee on the Budget: November 19, to hold hearings to examine the economic outlook and options for stimulus, 10 a.m., SD–608.

Committee on Finance: November 19, to hold hearings to examine health care reform, focusing on the economic perspective, 10 a.m., SD–215.

Committee on the Judiciary: November 19, to hold hearings to examine helping families stay in their homes, focusing on the role of bankruptcy laws, 10 a.m., SH–216.

House Committees

To be announced.

Résumé of Congressional Activity

SECOND SESSION OF THE ONE HUNDRED TENTH 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.

DATA ON LEGISLATIVE ACTIVITY

January 3 through October 31, 2008

	<i>Senate</i>	<i>House</i>	<i>Total</i>
Days in session	161	114	..
Time in session	933 hrs., 38'	881 hrs., 22'	..
Congressional Record:			
Pages of proceedings	10,525	10,828	..
Extensions of Remarks .....	..	2,247	..
Public bills enacted into law	93	103	..
Private bills enacted into law .....	..	..	..
Bills in conference	4	5	1,545
Measures passed, total	555	990	..
Senate bills	104	93	..
House bills	171	424	..
Senate joint resolutions	4	4	..
House joint resolutions	4	3	..
Senate concurrent resolutions	23	6	..
House concurrent resolutions	37	94	..
Simple resolutions	212	366	..
Measures reported, total	*449	*398	847
Senate bills	294	4	..
House bills	127	288	..
Senate joint resolutions	3	1	..
House joint resolutions	1	..	..
Senate concurrent resolutions	2	..	..
House concurrent resolutions	2	5	..
Simple resolutions	20	100	..
Special reports	6	6	..
Conference reports	1	4	..
Measures pending on calendar	650	89	..
Measures introduced, total	1,498	3,147	4,645
Bills	1,152	2,341	..
Joint resolutions	18	25	..
Concurrent resolutions	41	164	..
Simple resolutions	287	617	..
Quorum calls	3	2	..
Yea-and-nay votes	213	468	..
Recorded votes .....	..	213	..
Bills vetoed .....	..	4	..
Vetoes overridden	3	3	..

DISPOSITION OF EXECUTIVE NOMINATIONS

January 3 through October 31, 2008

Civilian nominations, totaling 489 (including 180 nominations carried over from the First Session), disposed of as follows:		
Confirmed		258
Unconfirmed		191
Withdrawn		40
Other Civilian nominations, totaling 2,600 (including 8 nominations carried over from the First Session), disposed of as follows:		
Confirmed		2,449
Unconfirmed		151
Air Force nominations, totaling 5,917 (including 5 nominations carried over from the First Session), disposed of as follows:		
Confirmed		5,904
Unconfirmed		12
Withdrawn		1
Army nominations, totaling 5,667 (including 19 nominations carried over from the First Session), disposed of as follows:		
Confirmed		5,640
Unconfirmed		26
Withdrawn		1
Navy nominations, totaling 4,677 (including 3 nominations carried over from the First Session), disposed of as follows:		
Confirmed		4,665
Unconfirmed		11
Withdrawn		1
Marine Corps nominations, totaling 1,558 (including 1 nomination carried over from the First Session), disposed of as follows:		
Confirmed		1,557
Unconfirmed		1

Summary

Total nominations carried over from the First Session	216
Total nominations received this Session	20,692
Total confirmed	20,473
Total unconfirmed	392
Total withdrawn	43
Total returned to the White House	0

*These figures include all measures reported, even if there was no accompanying report. A total of 265 reports have been filed in the Senate, a total of 407 reports have been filed in the House.

Next Meeting of the SENATE

9:30 a.m., Wednesday, November 19

Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

1 p.m., Wednesday, November 19

Senate Chamber

Program for Wednesday: After the transaction of any morning business, Senate will resume consideration of the motion to proceed to consideration of S. 3297, Advancing America's Priorities Act.

House Chamber

Program for Wednesday: To be announced.



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