

Daily Digest

HIGHLIGHTS

Senate passed H.R. 1, American Recovery and Reinvestment Act.

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S2037–S2089

Measures Introduced: Seven bills and two resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 402–408, and S.J. Res. 8–9. **Pages S2079–80**

Measures Passed:

American Recovery And Reinvestment Act: By 61 yeas to 37 nays (Vote No. 61), Senate passed H.R. 1, making supplemental appropriations for job preservation and creation, infrastructure investment, energy efficiency and science, assistance to the unemployed, and State and local fiscal stabilization, for fiscal year ending September 30, 2009, after taking action on the following amendments proposed thereto: **Pages S2039–69**

Adopted:

Reid (for Collins/Nelson (NE)) Amendment No. 570, in the nature of a substitute. **Pages S2039–69**

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

By 61 yeas to 37 nays (Vote No. 60), three-fifths of those Senators duly chosen and sworn, having voted in the affirmative, Senate agreed to the motion to waive section 201 of S. Con. Res. 21, FY08 Congressional Budget Resolution, with respect to Reid (for Collins/Nelson (NE)) Amendment No. 570, in the nature of a substitute. The point of order that the amendment was in violation of section 201 of S. Con. Res. 21, FY08 Congressional Budget Resolution, was not sustained. **Page S2069**

Senate insisted on its amendment, requested a conference with the House thereon, and the Chair was authorized to appoint the following conferees on the part of the Senate: Senators Inouye, Baucus, Reid, Cochran, and Grassley. **Page S2069**

Appointments:

Canada-U.S. Interparliamentary Group: The Chair, on behalf of the Vice President, pursuant to 22 U.S.C. 276d–276g, as amended, appointed the following Senator as Vice Chairman of the Senate Delegation to the Canada-U.S. Interparliamentary Group conference during the 111th Congress: Senator Crapo. **Page S2089**

U.S.-Japan Interparliamentary Group: The Chair, on behalf of the Vice President, pursuant to Section 5 of Title I of Division H of Public Law 110–161, appointed the following Senator as Chairman of the U.S.-Japan Interparliamentary Group conference for the 111th Congress: Senator Inouye. **Page S2089**

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Record Votes: Two record votes were taken today. (Total—61) **Page S2069**

Adjournment: Senate convened at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 4:48 p.m., until 10 a.m. on Wednesday, February 11, 2009. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today's Record on page S2089.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: Committee ordered favorably reported the nominations of Austan Dean Goolsbee, of Illinois, and Cecilia Elena Rouse, of California, both to be Members of the Council of Economic Advisers.

Committee ordered favorably reported an original resolution authorizing expenditures by the Committee.

Also, committee announced the following subcommittee assignments:

Subcommittee on Financial Institutions: Senators Johnson (Chair), Reed, Schumer, Bayh, Menendez, Akaka, Tester, Kohl, Merkley, Bennet, Crapo, Bennett, Hutchison, Bunning, Martinez, Corker, and DeMint.

Subcommittee on Housing, Transportation, and Community Development: Senators Menendez (Chair), Johnson, Reed, Schumer, Akaka, Brown, Tester, Kohl, Warner, Merkley, Vitter, Hutchison, Bennett, Johanns, Crapo, Martinez, and DeMint.

Subcommittee on Securities, Insurance, and Investment: Senators Reed (Chair), Johnson, Schumer, Bayh, Menendez, Akaka, Brown, Warner, Bennet, Dodd, Bunning, Martinez, Bennett, Crapo, Vitter, Johanns, and Corker.

Subcommittee on Economic Policy: Senators Brown (Chair), Tester, Merkley, Dodd, and DeMint.

Subcommittee on Security and International Trade and Finance: Senators Bayh (Chair), Kohl, Warner, Bennet, Dodd, Corker, and Johanns.

TROUBLED ASSET RELIEF PROGRAM

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: Committee concluded an oversight hearing to examine the financial rescue program, focusing on a new plan for the Trouble Asset Relief Program (TARP), after receiving testimony from Timothy F. Geithner, Secretary of the Treasury.

HEALTH REFORM BUDGET

Committee on the Budget: Committee concluded a hearing to examine issues and budget options for health reform, focusing on expanding health insurance coverage and the efficiency of the health care system, after receiving testimony from Douglas W. Elmendorf, Director, Congressional Budget Office.

RENEWABLE ELECTRICITY STANDARD PROPOSAL

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Committee concluded a hearing to examine renewable electricity standards proposal, after receiving testimony from David A. Wright, South Carolina Public Service Commissioner, Columbia, on behalf of the Southeastern Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners; Ralph Izzo, Public Service Enterprise Group Incorporated, Newark, New Jersey; Donald N. Furman, Iberdrola Renewables, Inc., Portland, Oregon; Scott P. Jones, Forest Landowners Association, Atlanta, Georgia; and Lester B. Lave, Carnegie Mellon University, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

NORTH KOREA

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee met in closed session to receive a briefing on North Korea from officials of the National Security community.

NOMINATIONS

Committee on the Judiciary: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of Elena Kagan, of Massachusetts, to be Solicitor General of the United States, who was introduced by Senator Reed, and Thomas John Perrelli, of Virginia, to be Associate Attorney General, both of the Department of Justice, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

INTELLIGENCE

Select Committee on Intelligence: Committee held closed hearings on intelligence matters, receiving testimony from officials of the intelligence community.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 44 public bills, H.R. 930–973; 3 private bills, H.R. 974–976; and 19 resolutions, H.J. Res. 20; H. Con. Res. 41–46; and H.Res. 141–153, were introduced.

Pages H1156–59

Additional Cosponsors:

Pages H1159–60

Reports Filed: Reports were filed today as follows:

H.R. 787, to make improvements in the Hope for Homeowners Program, with an amendment (H. Rept. 111–12) and H.R. 788, to provide a safe harbor for mortgage servicers who engage in specified

mortgage loan modifications, with an amendment (H. Rept. 111–13). **Page H1156**

Speaker: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein she appointed Representative Edwards (MD) to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. **Page H1083**

Recess: The House recessed at 1:12 p.m. and reconvened at 2 p.m. **Page H1088**

Committee Leave of Absence: Read a letter from Representative Smith (WA) wherein he notified the House that he would be taking a leave of absence from his position on the House Committee on Foreign Affairs. **Page H1090**

American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009—Motion To Go to Conference: The House disagreed to the amendment of the Senate to H.R. 1, making supplemental appropriations for job preservation and creation, infrastructure investment, energy efficiency and science, assistance to the unemployed, and State and local fiscal stabilization, for fiscal year ending September 30, 2009, and agreed to a conference. **Pages H1090–H1102**

Agreed to the Lewis (CA) motion to instruct conferees on the bill by a yea-and-nay vote of 403 yeas with none voting “nay”, Roll No. 54.

Pages H1096–H1102

Later, the Chair appointed the following conferees: Representatives Obey, Rangel, Waxman, Lewis (CA), and Camp. **Page H1103**

Suspensions—Proceedings Resumed: The House agreed to suspend the rules and pass the following measures which were debated on Monday, February 9th:

Supporting the goals and ideals of “National Girls and Women in Sports Day”: H. Res. 114, to support the goals and ideals of “National Girls and Women in Sports Day”, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ yea-and-nay vote of 398 yeas with none voting “nay”, Roll No. 55; and

Page H1102

Recognizing and commending University of Oklahoma quarterback Sam Bradford for winning the 2008 Heisman Trophy and for his academic and athletic accomplishments: H. Res. 60, to recognize and commend University of Oklahoma quarterback Sam Bradford for winning the 2008 Heisman Trophy and for his academic and athletic accomplishments, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ yea-and-nay vote of 394 yeas with none voting “nay”, Roll No. 56. **Page H1103**

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. **Page H1102**

Privileged Resolution: The House agreed to H. Con. Res. 41, providing for a joint session of Congress to receive a message from the President. **Pages H1103–04**

Privileged Resolution: The House agreed to table H. Res. 143, raising a question of the privileges of the House, by a yea-and-nay vote of 242 yeas to 157 nays with 16 voting “present”, Roll No. 57.

Pages H1128–29

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

Honoring Miami University for its 200 years of commitment to extraordinary higher education: H. Res. 128, amended, to honor Miami University for its 200 years of commitment to extraordinary higher education, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ yea-and-nay vote of 413 yeas with none voting “nay”, Roll No. 58;

Pages H1104–07, H1129–30

Recognizing the 50th Anniversary of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.’s visit to India, and the positive influence that the teachings of Mahatma Gandhi had on Dr. King’s work during the Civil Rights Movement: H. Res. 134, to recognize the 50th Anniversary of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.’s visit to India, and the positive influence that the teachings of Mahatma Gandhi had on Dr. King’s work during the Civil Rights Movement, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ yea-and-nay vote of 406 yeas with none voting “nay”, Roll No. 59;

Pages H1107–11, H1130

Missing Alzheimer’s Disease Patient Alert Program Reauthorization of 2009: H.R. 908, to amend the Violent Crime Control and Law Enforcement Act of 1994 to reauthorize the Missing Alzheimer’s Disease Patient Alert Program; and

Pages H1118–20

National Silver Alert Act 2009: H.R. 632, to encourage, enhance, and integrate Silver Alert plans throughout the United States and to authorize grants for the assistance of organizations to find missing adults. **Pages H1123–28**

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

Honoring and praising the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People on the occasion of its 100th anniversary: H. Con. Res. 35, to honor and praise the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People on the occasion of its 100th anniversary; **Pages H1111–16**

Acknowledging the lifelong service of Griffin Boyette Bell to the State of Georgia and the United States as a legal icon: H. Res. 71, to acknowledge the lifelong service of Griffin Boyette Bell to the State of Georgia and the United States as a legal icon; and **Pages H1116–18**

Elder Abuse Victims Act of 2009: H.R. 448, amended, to protect seniors in the United States from elder abuse by establishing specialized elder abuse prosecution and research programs and activities to aid victims of elder abuse, to provide training to prosecutors and other law enforcement related to elder abuse prevention and protection, and to establish programs that provide for emergency crisis response teams to combat elder abuse. **Pages H1120–23**

Senate Message: Message received from the Senate today appears on page H1088.

Quorum Calls—Votes: Six yea-and-nay votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H1101–02, H1102, H1103, H1129, H1129–30, and H1130. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 12:30 p.m. and adjourned at 11:03 p.m.

Committee Meetings

COMMITTEE'S OVERSIGHT PLAN; ISSUANCE OF A SUBPOENA

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Approved its Oversight Plan for the 111th Congress.

The Committee also approved a motion to issue a subpoena to Stewart Parnell in conjunction with the Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations hearing tomorrow on the Salmonella Outbreak.

FEDERAL RESERVE BANK LIQUIDITY EFFORTS

Committee on Financial Services: Held a hearing entitled "An Examination of the Extraordinary Efforts by the Federal Reserve Bank to Provide Liquidity in the Current Financial Crisis." Testimony was heard from Ben S. Bernanke, Chairman, Board of Governors, Federal Reserve System.

Joint Meetings

No joint committee meetings were held.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 11, 2009

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Energy and Water Development, to hold hearings to examine protecting residents of the Devils Lake region from rising water, 9:30 a.m., SD–138.

Committee on the Budget: to hold hearings to examine policies to address the crises in financial and housing markets, 10 a.m., SD–608.

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: organizational business meeting to consider an original resolution authorizing expenditures for committee operations, and subcommittee assignments for the 111th Congress, 11:30 a.m., SD–366.

Committee on Foreign Relations: to hold hearings to examine foreign policy implications of the global economic crisis, 2:30 p.m., SD–419.

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: business meeting to consider S. 160, to provide the Dis-

trict of Columbia a voting seat and the State of Utah an additional seat in the House of Representatives, S. 303, to reauthorize and improve the Federal Financial Assistance Management Improvement Act of 1999, S. 69, to establish a fact-finding Commission to extend the study of a prior Commission to investigate and determine facts and circumstances surrounding the relocation, internment, and deportation to Axis countries of Latin Americans of Japanese descent from December 1941 through February 1948, and the impact of those actions by the United States, and to recommend appropriate remedies, and S. 234, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 2105 East Cook Street in Springfield, Illinois, as the "Colonel John H. Wilson, Jr. Post Office Building," an original resolution authorizing expenditures for committee operations, and committee's rules of procedure for the 111th Congress, 10 a.m., SD–342.

Committee on the Judiciary: to hold hearings to examine the need for increased fraud enforcement in the wake of the economic downturn, 10 a.m., SD–226.

Committee on Rules and Administration: organizational business meeting to consider committee's funding resolution for the 111th Congress, and other pending business, 10:30 a.m., SR–301.

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: to hold hearings to examine veterans' disability compensation, focusing on the appeals process, 9:30 a.m., SR–418.

Select Committee on Intelligence: closed business meeting to consider pending intelligence matters, 2:30 p.m., SH–219.

House

Committee on Appropriations, Subcommittee on Defense, executive, hearing on Air Force Nuclear Enterprise, 10 a.m., and a hearing on Contract Services and Acquisition Management, 1:30 p.m., H–140 Capitol.

Committee on Education and Labor, to mark up H.R. 911, Stop Child Abuse in Residential Programs for Teens Act of 2009; and to consider the Committee Oversight Plan for the 111th Congress, 10:15 a.m., 2175 Rayburn.

Committee on Energy and Commerce, Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations, hearing entitled "The Salmonella Outbreak: The Continued Failure to Protect the Food Supply," 10 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

Committee on Financial Services, hearing entitled "TARP Accountability: Use of Federal Assistance by the First TARP Recipients," 10 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.

Committee on House Administration, hearing on Committee Funding for the 111th Congress, 10 a.m., 1310 Longworth.

Committee on the Judiciary, Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism, and Homeland Security, hearing on Youth Violence: Trends, Myths and Solutions, 2 p.m., 2141 Rayburn.

Committee on Natural Resources, oversight hearing entitled, "Offshore Drilling: Environmental and Commercial Perspectives," 10 a.m., 1324 Longworth.

Committee on Oversight and Government Reform, to meet for organizational purposes; and to mark up the following measures: H.R. 854, Over-Classification Reduction Act;

H. Res. 18, To recognize the life, achievements and contributions of Paul Newman; H. Res. 83, To recognize the significance of Black History Month, which is commemorated annually during the month of February; H. Res. 47, To express support for the goals and ideals of Peace Officers Memorial Day, which is commemorated annually on May 15th; H. Res. 110, To congratulate the National Football League champion Pittsburgh Steelers for winning Super Bowl XLIII (43) and becoming the most successful franchise in NFL history with their record 6th Super Bowl title; H. Res. 112, To express support for the goals and ideals of American Heart Month and National Wear Red Day; H.R. 516, To designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 2105 East Cook Street in Springfield, Illinois, as the "Colonel John H. Wilson, Jr. Post Office Building;" H.R. 657, To designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 369 Martin Luther King Jr. Drive in Jersey City, New Jersey as the "Bishop E. Brower Post Office Building;" and H.R. 663, To designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 12877 Broad Street in Sparta Georgia, as the "Yvonne Ingram-Ephraim Post Office Building," 10 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

Committee on Rules, to consider a resolution providing for consideration of motions to suspend the rules, 5 p.m., H313 Capitol.

Committee on Science and Technology, hearing on Electronic Waste: Investing in Research and Innovation to Reuse, Reduce, and Recycle, 10 a.m., 2318 Rayburn.

Committee on Small Business, hearing entitled "The State of SBA's Entrepreneurial Development Programs and Their Role in Promoting an Economic Recovery," 1 p.m., 2360 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Rural Development, Entrepreneurship and Trade, hearing entitled "The Impact of Competitive Bidding on Small Businesses in the Durable Medical Equipment Community," 10 a.m., 2360 Rayburn.

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, Subcommittee on Aviation, hearing on the FAA Reauthorization Act of 2009, 2 p.m., 2167 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Economic Development, Public Buildings, and Emergency Management, hearing on GSA's Economic Recovery Role: Job Creation, Repair, and Energy Efficiency in Federal Buildings and Accountability, 9 a.m., 2167 Rayburn.

Committee on Ways and Means, to meet for organizational purposes, 10 a.m., 1100 Longworth.

Next Meeting of the SENATE

10 a.m., Wednesday, February 11

Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

10 a.m., Wednesday, February 11

Senate Chamber

Program for Wednesday: Senate will be in a period of morning business.

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