

Daily Digest

HIGHLIGHTS

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Senate

Chamber Action

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Measures Introduced: Four bills and four resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 506–509, S.J. Res. 12, S. Res. 60–61, and S. Con. Res. 9.

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Measures Passed:

Multiple Sclerosis Awareness Week: Senate agreed to S. Con. Res. 9, supporting the goals and ideals of Multiple Sclerosis Awareness Week.

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Honoring Casimir Pulaski: Senate passed S.J. Res. 12, proclaiming Casimir Pulaski to be an honorary citizen of the United States posthumously.

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Measures Considered:

Omnibus Appropriations Act: Senate began consideration of H.R. 1105, making omnibus appropriations for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2009, taking action on the following amendments proposed thereto:

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Pending:

McCain Amendment No. 592, in the nature of a substitute.

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A unanimous-consent-time agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the bill at 10 a.m., on Tuesday, March 3, 2009, and that the time until 11:45 a.m. be for debate relative to McCain Amendment No. 592 (listed above), with the time equally divided and controlled between Senators Inouye and McCain, or their designees; and that no

amendment be in order to the amendment prior to a vote on or in relation to the amendment; provided further, that at 11:45 a.m. Senate vote on or in relation to McCain Amendment No. 592.

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Senator Paul Simon Study Abroad Foundation Act—Referral Agreement: A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that the Committee on Health, Education, Labor and Pensions be discharged from further consideration of S. 473, to establish the Senator Paul Simon Study Abroad Foundation, and the bill then be referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

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Additional Cosponsors:

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Adjournment: Senate convened at 2 p.m. and adjourned at 6:45 p.m., until 10 a.m. on Tuesday, March 3, 2009. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today's Record on page S2646.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

No committee meetings were held.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 11 public bills, H.R. 1241–1251; 1 private bill, H.R. 1252; and 3 resolutions, H.J. Res. 26; and H. Res. 201–202 were introduced. **Pages H2885–86**

Additional Cosponsors: **Page H2886**

Report Filed: A report was filed today as follows: H.R. 157, to provide for the treatment of the District of Columbia as a Congressional district for purposes of representation in the House of Representatives, with an amendment (H. Rept. 111–22). **Page H2885**

Speaker: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein she appointed Representative Edwards (MD) to act as Speaker Pro Tempore for today. **Page H2877**

Recess: The House recessed at 12:35 p.m. and reconvened at 2 p.m. **Page H2877**

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

Cocopah Lands Act: H.R. 326, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to take lands in Yuma County, Arizona, into trust as part of the reservation of the Cocopah Tribe of Arizona; **Pages H2878–79**

Shark Conservation Act of 2009: H.R. 81, to amend the High Seas Driftnet Fishing Moratorium Protection Act and the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act to improve the conservation of sharks; and **Pages H2879–80**

Marine Mammal Rescue Assistance Amendments of 2009: H.R. 844, to amend the provisions of law relating to the John H. Prescott Marine Mammal Rescue Assistance Grant Program. **Pages H2883–84**

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

Revolutionary War and War of 1812 Battlefield Protection Act: H.R. 146, amended, to amend the American Battlefield Protection Act of 1996 to establish a battlefield acquisition grant program for the acquisition and protection of nationally significant battlefields and associated sites of the Revolutionary War and the War of 1812 and **Pages H2880–82**

Civil War Battlefield Preservation Act of 2009: H.R. 548, amended, to assist citizens, public and private institutions, and governments at all levels in planning, interpreting, and protecting sites where

historic battles were fought on American soil during the armed conflicts that shaped the growth and development of the United States. **Pages H2882–83**

Senate Message: Message received from the Senate by the Clerk and subsequently presented to the House today appears on page H2878.

Senate Referrals: S. 160 was held at the desk and S. 387 was referred to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure. **Page H2885**

Quorum Calls—Votes: There were no yea-and-nay votes, and there were no recorded votes. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 12:30 p.m. and adjourned at 2:50 p.m.

Committee Meetings

YOUTH CLIMATE: GREEN JOBS, CLEAN FUTURES

Select Committee on Energy Independence and Global Warming: Held a briefing entitled “Youth Climate: Green Jobs, Clean Futures.” Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

Joint Meetings

No joint committee meetings were held.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR TUESDAY, MARCH 3, 2009

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Armed Services: to hold hearings to examine acquisition of major weapons systems by the Department of Defense, and S. 454, to improve the organization and procedures of the Department of Defense for the acquisition of major weapon systems, 9:30 a.m., SH–216.

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: to hold hearings to examine consumer protections in financial services, 10 a.m., SD–538.

Committee on the Budget: to hold hearings to examine economic and budget challenges for the short and long term, 10 a.m., SD–608.

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: to hold an oversight hearing to examine the progress on smart grid initiatives authorized in the Energy Independence and Security Act of 2007, and funded in the stimulus bill, and opportunities and impediments in installation of smart grid technologies, 10 a.m., SD–106.

Committee on Foreign Relations: to hold hearings to examine Iranian political and nuclear realities and United States policy options, 10 a.m., SD–419.

Select Committee on Intelligence: to hold closed hearings to examine intelligence matters, receiving testimony from officials of the intelligence community, 2:30 p.m., SH-219.

House

Committee on Appropriations, Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies, on Science Overview, 10 a.m., and on The Place of NASA Science in the Overall Science Enterprise, 2 p.m., H-309 Capitol.

Subcommittee on Defense, on Psychological Health and Traumatic Brain Injury Programs, 10 a.m., H-140 Capitol.

Subcommittee on Homeland Security, on Health Services for Detainees in U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) Custody, 10 a.m., 2359 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Interior, Environment and Related Agencies, on Department of the Interior Oversight, 9:30 a.m., B-308 Rayburn.

Committee on Armed Services, Subcommittee on Military Personnel, hearing on recruiting, retention and end strength overview, 10 a.m., 2118 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Readiness, hearing on Department of Defense fuel demand management at forward-deployed locations and operational initiatives, 1 p.m., 2118 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Terrorism, Unconventional Threats and Capabilities, hearing on Special Operations Forces: Challenges and Opportunities, 3:30 p.m., 2212 Rayburn.

Committee on the Budget, hearing on the President's Fiscal Year 2010 Budget, 11 a.m., 210 Cannon.

Committee on Education and Labor, Subcommittee on Workforce Protections, hearing on Encouraging Family-Friendly Workplace Policies, 10 a.m., 2175 Rayburn.

Committee on Foreign Affairs, Subcommittee on the Western Hemisphere, hearing on U.S.-Bolivia Relations: Looking Ahead, 2 p.m., 2172 Rayburn.

Committee on Homeland Security, Subcommittee on Emergency Communications, Preparedness and Response, hearing on FEMA's Gulf Coast Rebuilding Efforts: The Path Forward, 10 a.m., 311 Cannon.

Committee on Natural Resources, Subcommittee on Insular Affairs, Oceans and Wildlife, oversight hearing on Man-

aging Our Ocean and Wildlife Resources in a Dynamic Environment: Priorities for the New Administration and the 111th Congress, 10 a.m., 1324 Longworth.

Subcommittee on National Parks, Forests and Public Lands, oversight hearing on the Role of Federal Lands in Combating Climate Change, 2 p.m., 1324 Longworth.

Subcommittee on National Parks, Forests and Public Lands, hearing on the following bills: H.R. 1018, To amend the Wild Free-Roaming Horses and Burros Act to improve the management and long-term health of wild free-roaming horses and burros; H.R. 715, Saguaro National Park Boundary Expansion and Study Act of 2009; and H.R. 409, To provide for the conveyance of certain Bureau of Land Management land in the state of Nevada to the Las Vegas Motor Speedway, 10 a.m., and an oversight hearing on the Role of Federal Lands in Combating Climate Change, 2 p.m., 1324 Longworth.

Committee on Rules, to consider H.R. 157, District of Columbia House Voting Rights Act of 2009 and H.R. 1241, To increase the penalty for failure to file a partnership or S corporation return, 5 p.m., H-313 Capitol.

Committee on Veterans' Affairs, Subcommittee on Health, hearing on the following legislation: H.R. 784, To amend title 38, United States Code, to direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to submit to Congress quarterly reports on vacancies in mental health professional positions in Department of Veterans Affairs medical facilities; H.R. 785, To direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to carry out a pilot program to provide outreach and training to certain college and university mental health centers relating to the mental health of veterans of Operation Iraqi Freedom and Operation Enduring Freedom; and other draft legislation. 10 a.m., 334 Cannon.

Subcommittee on Disability Assistance and Memorial Affairs and the Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigation, joint hearing on Document Tampering and Mis-handling at the Veterans Benefits Administration, 1:30 p.m., 334 Cannon.

Committee on Ways and Means, hearing on the President's Fiscal Year 2010 Budget Overview, 12:30 p.m. on March 3, and 2 p.m., on March 4, 1100 Longworth.

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.

DATA ON LEGISLATIVE ACTIVITY

January 6 through February 28, 2009

	<i>Senate</i>	<i>House</i>	<i>Total</i>
Days in session	34	27	..
Time in session	248 hrs., 32'	159 hrs., 12'	..
Congressional Record:			
Pages of proceedings	2,596	2,875	..
Extensions of Remarks .....	..	503	..
Public bills enacted into law	3	2	..
Private bills enacted into law .....	..	..	..
Bills in conference .....	..	..	..
Measures passed, total	46	106	152
Senate bills	10	3	..
House bills	2	28	..
Senate joint resolutions	1	1	..
House joint resolutions .....	..	1	..
Senate concurrent resolutions	3	2	..
House concurrent resolutions	5	6	..
Simple resolutions	25	65	..
Measures reported, total	*23	*20	43
Senate bills	5	..	..
House bills .....	..	7	..
Senate joint resolutions .....	..	..	..
House joint resolutions .....	..	..	..
Senate concurrent resolutions .....	..	..	..
House concurrent resolutions .....	..	..	..
Simple resolutions	18	13	..
Special reports	3	..	..
Conference reports .....	..	1	..
Measures pending on calendar	20	7	..
Measures introduced, total	573	1,525	2,098
Bills	495	1,232	..
Joint resolutions	11	25	..
Concurrent resolutions	8	68	..
Simple resolutions	59	200	..
Quorum calls	1	1	..
Yea-and-nay votes	73	71	..
Recorded votes .....	..	18	..
Bills vetoed .....	..	..	..
Vetoes overridden .....	..	..	..

DISPOSITION OF EXECUTIVE NOMINATIONS

January 6 through February 28, 2009

Civilian nominations, totaling 51, disposed of as follows:	
Confirmed	30
Unconfirmed	20
Withdrawn	1
Civilian nominations, totaling 7, disposed of as follows:	
Unconfirmed	7
Air Force nominations, totaling 1,572, disposed of as follows:	
Confirmed	222
Unconfirmed	1,350
Army nominations, totaling 703, disposed of as follows:	
Confirmed	436
Unconfirmed	267
Navy nominations, totaling 106, disposed of as follows:	
Confirmed	35
Unconfirmed	71
Marine Corps nominations, totaling 1,448, disposed of as follows:	
Confirmed	74
Unconfirmed	1,374
<i>Summary</i>	
Total nominations carried over from the First Session	0
Total nominations received this Session	3,887
Total confirmed	797
Total unconfirmed	3,089
Total withdrawn	1
Total returned to the White House	0

*These figures include all measures reported, even if there was no accompanying report. A total of 4 written reports have been filed in the Senate, a total of 21 reports have been filed in the House.

Next Meeting of the SENATE

10 a.m., Tuesday, March 3

Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

10:30 a.m., Tuesday, March 3

Senate Chamber

Program for Tuesday: Senate will continue consideration of H.R. 1105, Omnibus Appropriations Act, and after a period of debate, vote on or in relation to McCain Amendment No. 592 at 11:45 a.m.

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

House Chamber

Program for Tuesday: To be announced.

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