

# Daily Digest

## HIGHLIGHTS

Senator-Elect Edward E. Kaufman, of Delaware, was administered the oath of office by the Vice President.

## Senate

### Chamber Action

*Routine Proceedings, pages S633–S659*

**Measures Introduced:** Eight bills and four resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 274–281, S.J. Res. 6, and S. Res. 15–17. **Page S652**

#### Measures Reported:

S. 275, to amend title XXI of the Social Security Act to extend and improve the Children’s Health Insurance Program. **Page S652**

#### Measures Passed:

*Acknowledging Griffin Boyette Bell:* Senate agreed to S. Res. 15, acknowledging the lifelong service of Griffin Boyette Bell, a legal icon, to the State of Georgia and to the United States. **Pages S657–58**

*National School Counseling Week:* Senate agreed to S. Res. 16, designating the week of February 2 through February 6, 2009, as “National School Counseling Week”. **Page S658**

*U.S. Airways Flight 1549:* Senate agreed to S. Res. 17, recognizing and honoring Captain Chesley “Sully” Sullenberger III, his co-pilot Jeffrey Skiles, the crewmembers of U.S. Airways Flight 1549, and the first responders, ferry operators and tug boat drivers of New York City, for their heroic and intuitive roles in the safe emergency landing of U.S. Airways Flight 1549. **Pages S658–59**

**Message from the President:** Senate received the following message from the President of the United States:

Transmitting, pursuant to law, the Economic Report of the President dated January 2009 with the Annual Report of the Council of Economic Advisers for 2009; which was referred to the Joint Economic Committee. (PM–7) **Pages S650–52**

**Measures Placed on the Calendar:** **Page S652**

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**Privileges of the Floor:** **Pages S656–57**

**Adjournment:** Senate convened at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 2:52 p.m., until 3 p.m. on Tuesday, January 20, 2009. (For Senate’s program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today’s Record on page S659.)

### Committee Meetings

*(Committees not listed did not meet)*

#### NOMINATION

*Committee on the Judiciary:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nomination of Eric H. Holder, to be Attorney General of the United States, after receiving testimony from Louis J. Freeh, former Director, Federal Bureau of Investigations, Department of Justice; Frances Fragos Townsend, former Homeland Security and Counterterrorism Advisor to President George W. Bush; Chuck Canterbury, Fraternal Order of Police, Washington, D.C.; John Payton, National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP) Legal Defense and Educational Fund, Inc., New York, New York; Richard Hahn, R. Hahn and Company, Inc., Seal Beach, California; Joseph F. Connor, Glen Rock, New Jersey; and Stephen P. Halbrook, Fairfax, Virginia.

# House of Representatives

## Chamber Action

**Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced:** 13 public bills, H.R. 598–610; and 1 resolution, H. Res. 73, were introduced. **Pages H386–87**

**Additional Cosponsors:** **Page H387**

**Reports Filed:** There were no reports filed today.

**Speaker:** Read a letter from the Speaker wherein she appointed Representative Edwards (MD) to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. **Page H383**

**Presidential Message:** Read a message from the President wherein he transmitted to Congress the Economic Report of the President—referred to the Joint Economic Committee and ordered printed (H. Doc. 111–2). **Pages H383–85**

**Senate Message:** Message received from the Senate by the Clerk and subsequently presented to the House today appears on page H385.

**Senate Referrals:** S. 22 was held at the desk and S. 273 was referred to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure. **Page H385**

**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 4 p.m. and adjourned at 4:08 p.m.

## Committee Meetings

No committee hearings were held.

## Joint Meetings

No joint committee meetings were held.

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### NEW PUBLIC LAWS

S.J. Res. 3, ensuring that the compensation and other emoluments attached to the office of Secretary of the Interior are those which were in effect on January 1, 2005. Signed on January 16, 2009. (Public Law 111–1)

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### CONGRESSIONAL PROGRAM AHEAD

Week of January 19 through January 24, 2009

#### Senate Chamber

On *Tuesday*, at approximately 3 p.m., Senate will be in a period of morning business.

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 the Budget:** January 21, to hold hearings to examine addressing short- and long-term fiscal challenges, 10 a.m., SD–608.

**Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation:** January 21, to hold hearings to examine the nomination of Ray LaHood, to be Secretary of Transportation, 2 p.m., SR–253.

**Committee on Finance:** January 21, to hold hearings to examine the nomination of Timothy F. Geithner, of New York, to be Secretary of the Treasury, 10 a.m., SD–215.

**Committee on Foreign Relations:** January 21, business meeting to consider the nomination of Susan E. Rice, to be Permanent Representative to the United Nations, with the rank and status of Ambassador, and to be Representative to the Sessions of the General Assembly of the United Nations during her tenure of service as Representative to the United Nations, 2:30 p.m., S–116, Capitol.

January 22, Full Committee, business meeting to consider pending calendar business; immediately followed by a hearing to examine the nominations of James B. Steinberg, to be Deputy Secretary, and Jacob J. Lew, to be Deputy Secretary for Management and Resources, both of the Department of State, 9:30 a.m., SD–419.

**Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions:** January 22, to hold hearings to examine what States are doing to keep citizens healthy, 10 a.m., SD–430.

**Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs:** January 21, to hold hearings to examine the financial crisis and the breakdown of financial governance, 10 a.m., SD–342.

**Select Committee on Intelligence:** January 22, to hold hearings to examine the nomination of Dennis Blair to be Director of National Intelligence, 10 a.m., SH–216.

#### House Committees

**Committee on Appropriations,** January 21, to meet for organizational purposes; followed by a markup of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009, 12 p.m., 2359 Rayburn.

**Committee on Armed Services,** January 22, hearing on preventing weapons of mass destruction proliferation and terrorism, 10 a.m., 2118 Rayburn.

**Committee on Education and Labor,** January 21, to meet for organizational purposes, 5:15 p.m., 2175 Rayburn.

**Committee on Energy and Commerce,** January 21, to mark up the Digital Television Extension Act, 1:30 p.m., 2123 Rayburn.

January 22, to consider the portions of the economic recovery package under the Committee on Energy and Commerce's jurisdiction, 10 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

**Committee on House Administration,** January 22, to meet for organizational purposes, 1 p.m., 1310 Longworth.

*Committee on the Judiciary*, January 22, to meet for organizational purposes, 10 a.m., and to hold a hearing on the following bills: H.R. 200, Helping Families Save Their Homes in Bankruptcy Act of 2009; and H.R. 225, Emergency Homeownership and Equity Protection Act, 2 p.m., 2141 Rayburn.

*Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure*, January 22, hearing on Infrastructure Investment: Ensuring an Ef-

fective Economic Recovery Package, 10 a.m., 2167 Rayburn.

*Committee on Veterans' Affairs*, January 22, to meet for organizational purposes, 10 a.m., 334 Cannon.

*Committee on Ways and Means*, January 22, to mark up H.R. 598, To provide for a portion of the economic recovery package relating to revenue measures, unemployment, and health, 10 a.m., 1100 Longworth.

*Next Meeting of the SENATE*

3 p.m., Tuesday, January 20

*Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES*

10 a.m., Tuesday, January 20

Senate Chamber

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

House Chamber

**Program for Tuesday:** Inauguration of the President and Vice President of the United States.

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