

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S3097–S3122

Measures Introduced: Eleven bills were introduced, as follows: S. 595–605. **Page S3113**

Measures Considered:

Revolutionary War and War of 1812 Battlefield Protection Act: Senate resumed consideration of the motion to proceed to consideration of H.R. 146, 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. **Pages S3101–10**

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

By 73 yeas to 21 nays (Vote No. 99), three-fifths of those Senators duly chosen and sworn, having voted in the affirmative, Senate agreed to the motion to close further debate on the motion to proceed to consideration of the bill. **Page S3109**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the motion to proceed to consideration of the bill at approximately 11 a.m., on Tuesday, March 17, 2009. **Page S3122**

Nomination—Referral Agreement: A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that the nomination of Thomas L. Strickland, of Colorado, to be Assistant Secretary of Fish and Wildlife, sent to the Senate by the President on March 12, 2009, be jointly referred to the Committee on Environment and Public Works and the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources. **Page S3122**

Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

Gary Locke, of Washington, to be Secretary of Commerce.

Roy W. Kienitz, of Pennsylvania, to be Under Secretary of Transportation for Policy.

Regina McCarthy, of Massachusetts, to be an Assistant Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency.

Kim N. Wallace, of Texas, to be a Deputy Under Secretary of the Treasury.

Demetrios J. Marantis, of the District of Columbia, to be a Deputy United States Trade Representative, with the rank of Ambassador.

R. Gil Kerlikowske, of Washington, to be Director of National Drug Control Policy.

Ladda Tammy Duckworth, of Illinois, to be an Assistant Secretary of Veterans Affairs (Public and Intergovernmental Affairs). **Page S3122**

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Record Votes: One record vote was taken today. (Total—99) **Page S3109**

Adjournment: Senate convened at 2 p.m. and adjourned at 6:27 p.m., until 10 a.m. on Tuesday, March 17, 2009. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S3122.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry: Committee ordered favorably reported the nomination of Gary Gensler, of Maryland, to be a Commissioner and Chairman of the Commodity Futures Trading Commission.

GLOBAL COUNTERTERRORISM

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee met in closed session to receive a briefing to examine global counterterrorism efforts from national security briefers.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 31 public bills, H.R. 1509–1539; 1 private bill, H.R. 1540; and 6 resolutions, H. Con. Res. 73–74; and H. Res. 245–248, were introduced. **Pages H3436–38**

Additional Cosponsors: **Page H3438**

Reports Filed: Reports were filed today as follows:
H.R. 1388, to reauthorize and reform the national service laws, with an amendment (H. Rept. 111–37) and

H.R. 1323, to require the Archivist of the United States to promulgate regulations regarding the use of information control designations (H. Rept. 111–38).

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Speaker: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein she appointed Representative Edwards (MD) to act as Speaker Pro Tempore for today. **Page H3403**

Recess: The House recessed at 12:32 p.m. and reconvened at 2 p.m. **Page H3403**

Recess: The House recessed at 2:06 p.m. and reconvened at 4 p.m. **Page H3404**

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

John Scott Challis, Jr. Post Office Designation Act: H.R. 987, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 601 8th Street in Freedom, Pennsylvania, as the “John Scott Challis, Jr. Post Office”, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ yea-and-nay vote of 384 yeas with none voting “nay”, Roll No. 125; **Pages H3404–08, H3411**

Specialist Peter J. Navarro Post Office Building Designation Act: H.R. 1217, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 15455 Manchester Road in Ballwin, Missouri, as the “Specialist Peter J. Navarro Post Office Building”, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ yea-and-nay vote of 384 yeas with none voting “nay”, Roll No. 126; and

Pages H3408–09, H3411–12

Major Ed W. Freeman Post Office Designation Act: H.R. 1284, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 103 West Main Street in McLain, Mississippi, as the “Major Ed W. Freeman Post Office”, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ yea-and-nay vote of 384 yeas with none voting “nay”, Roll No. 127. **Pages H3409–10, H3412–13**

Recess: The House recessed at 4:28 p.m. and reconvened at 6:30 p.m. **Pages H3410–11**

Senate Message: Message received from the Senate by the Clerk and subsequently presented to the House today appears on page H3403.

Senate Referrals: S. 338 and S. 39 were referred to the Committee on Natural Resources. **Page H3434**

Quorum Calls—Votes: Three yea-and-nay votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H3411, H3411–12, and H3412. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 12:30 p.m. and adjourned at 9:48 p.m.

Committee Meetings

AFGHANISTAN

Committee on Appropriations: Select Intelligence Oversight Panel met in executive session to hold a hearing on Afghanistan. Testimony was heard from John Dister, National Intelligence Officer, South Asia, Office of the Director of National Intelligence.

Joint Meetings

No joint committee meetings were held.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR TUESDAY, MARCH 17, 2009

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Armed Services: to hold hearings to examine United States Southern Command, United States Northern Command, United States Africa Command, and United States Transportation Command; with the possibility of a closed session following in SR–322, 10 a.m., SH–216.

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: to hold hearings to examine perspectives on modernizing insurance regulation, 9:30 a.m., SD–538.

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: to hold oversight hearings to examine energy development on public lands and the outer Continental Shelf, 10 a.m., SD–366.

Committee on Finance: to hold hearings to examine tax issues related to fraud schemes and an update on offshore tax evasion legislation, 10 a.m., SD–215.

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Crime and Drugs, with the United States Senate Caucus on International Narcotics Control, to hold joint hearings to examine law enforcement responses to Mexican drug cartels, 10:30 a.m., SD–226.

Select Committee on Intelligence: to hold closed hearings on examine certain intelligence matters, 2:30 p.m., SH–219.

United States Senate Caucus on International Narcotics Control: with the Committee on the Judiciary, Subcommittee on Crime and Drugs, to hold joint hearings to examine law enforcement responses to Mexican drug cartels, 10:30 a.m., SD-226.

House

Committee on Appropriations, Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies, on Status of Climate Change Science, 10 a.m., H-309 Capitol.

Subcommittee on Defense, on Military Personnel-Air Force, 10 a.m., H-104 Capitol.

Subcommittee on Energy and Water Development, and Related Agencies, on Nuclear Weapons Complex, 1 p.m., 2359 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Homeland Security, on Interoperable Communications, 10 a.m., 2359 Rayburn.

Committee on Armed Services, Subcommittee on Air and Land Forces, hearing on the status of the future combat systems program, 3 p.m., 2118 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Strategic Forces, hearing on the status of U.S. strategic programs, 10 a.m., 2118 Rayburn.

Committee on the Budget, hearing on Budgeting for Transportation: Financing Investments in Highways and Mass Transit, 10 a.m., 210 Cannon.

Committee on Education and Labor, hearing on The Importance of Early Childhood Development, 10 a.m., 2175 Rayburn.

Committee on Energy and Commerce, Subcommittee on Commerce, Trade, and Consumer Protection, hearing on Stimulating the Economy through Trade: Examining the Role of Export Promotion, 10 a.m., 2322 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Health, hearing on Making Health Care Work for American Families: Ensuring Affordable Coverage, 10 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

Committee on Financial Services, hearing entitled "Perspectives on Regulation of Systemic Risk in the Financial Services Industry," 10 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.

Committee on Homeland Security, Subcommittee on Emergency Communications, Preparedness and Response, hearing on PKEMRA Implementation: An Examination of FEMA's Preparedness and Response Mission, 10 a.m., 311 Cannon.

Committee on the Judiciary, Subcommittee on Courts and Competition Policy, hearing on Too Big To Fail?: The Role of Antitrust Law in Government-Funded Consolidation in the Banking Industry, 2 p.m., 2141 Rayburn.

Committee on Natural Resources, Subcommittee on Energy and Mineral Resources, oversight hearing entitled "Leasing and Development of Oil and Gas Resources on the Outer Continental Shelf," 10 a.m., 1324 Longworth.

Committee on Rules, to consider H.R. 1388, Generations Invigorating Volunteerism and Education Act, 2:30 p.m., H-313 Capitol.

Committee on Science and Technology, hearing on New Directions for Energy Research and Development at the U.S. Department of Energy, 10 a.m., 2318 Rayburn.

Committee on Veterans' Affairs, Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations, hearing on the Vision Center of Excellence: What Has Been Accomplished in Thirteen Months? 10 a.m., 334 Cannon.

Committee on Ways and Means, Subcommittee on Health, hearing on MedPAC's Annual March Report to the Congress on Medicare Payment Policy, 10 a.m., 1100 Longworth.

Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence, executive, briefing on NSA Compliance Issues, 1 p.m., 304-HVC.

Next Meeting of the SENATE

10 a.m., Tuesday, March 17

Senate Chamber

Program for Tuesday: After the transaction of any morning business (not to extend beyond one hour), Senate will continue consideration of the motion to proceed to consideration of H.R. 146, Revolutionary War and War of 1812 Battlefield Protection Act.

(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, March 17

House Chamber

Program for Tuesday: Consideration of the following suspensions:

(1) H. Res. 240—To support the goals and ideals of Professional Social Work Month and World Social Work Day;

(2) H. Res. 211—Supporting the goals and ideals of National Women's History Month;

(3) H.R. 955—To designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 10355 Northeast Valley Road in Rollingbay, Washington, as the "John 'Bud' Hawk Post Office";

(4) H.R. 1216—To designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 1100 Town and Country Commons in Chesterfield, Missouri, as the "Lance Corporal Matthew P. Pathenos Post Office Building";

(5) H.R. 1323—Reducing Information Control Designations Act;

(6) H.R. 628—To establish a pilot program in certain United States district courts to encourage enhancement of expertise in patent cases among district judges;

(7) H.R. 1110—PHONE Act of 2009;

(8) H.R. 1429—Stop AIDS in Prison Act of 2009; and

(9) H.R.—Providing for an additional temporary extension of programs under the Small Business Act and the Small Business Investment Act of 1958.

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