

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

The Senate was not in session today. It will next meet at 4 p.m. on Thursday, February 10, 2011.

Committee Meetings

No committee meetings were held.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 34 public bills, H.R. 566–599; 1 private bill, H.R. 600; and 6 resolutions, H.J. Res. 25; H. Con. Res. 15–16; and H. Res. 78, 80–81, were introduced.

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Additional Cosponsors:

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Report Filed: A report was filed today as follows:

H. Res. 79, providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 514) to extend expiring provisions of the USA PATRIOT Improvement and Reauthorization Act of 2005 and Intelligence Reform and Terrorism Prevention Act of 2004 relating to access to business records, individual terrorists as agents of foreign powers, and roving wiretaps until December 8, 2011 (H. Rept. 112–8).

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Speaker: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he appointed Representative Webster to act as Speaker pro tempore for today.

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Recess: The House recessed at 10:29 a.m. and reconvened at 12 noon.

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Congressional Award Board—Appointment: Read a letter from Representative Pelosi, Minority Leader, in which she appointed the Honorable Sheila Jackson Lee of Texas to the Congressional Award Board.

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Tom Lantos Human Rights Commission—Appointment: Read a letter from Representative Pelosi, Minority Leader, in which she reappointed the Honorable James P. McGovern of Massachusetts as Co-Chair of the Tom Lantos Human Rights Commission.

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United States Capitol Preservation Commission—Appointment: Read a letter from Representative Pelosi, Minority Leader, in which she reappointed the Honorable Marcy Kaptur of Ohio to the United States Capitol Preservation Commission.

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

John M. Roll United States Courthouse Designation Act: S. 188, to designate the United States courthouse under construction at 98 West First Street, Yuma, Arizona, as the “John M. Roll United States Courthouse”, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ yea-and-nay vote of 429 yeas with none voting “nay”, Roll No. 27.

Pages H560–63, H569–70

Suspension—Failed: The House failed to agree to suspend the rules and pass the following measure:

United Nations Tax Equalization Refund Act of 2011: H.R. 519, to secure the return to the United States the \$179 million overpaid into the United Nations Tax Equalization Fund as of December 31, 2009, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ yea-and-nay vote of 259 yeas to 169 nays, Roll No. 28.

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Committee Elections: The House agreed to H. Res. 78, electing certain Members to certain standing committees of the House of Representatives.

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Commission on Security and Cooperation in Europe—Appointment: The Chair announced the Speaker’s appointment of the following Member of the House to the Commission on Security and Cooperation in Europe: Representative Burgess.

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Member Resignation: Read a letter from Representative Lee (NY), wherein he resigned as Representative for the Twenty-Sixth Congressional District of New York, effective 5 p.m., Eastern Standard Time, Wednesday, February 9, 2011. **Page H596**

Whole Number of the House: The Speaker announced to the House that, in light of the resignation of the gentleman from New York, Mr. Lee, the whole number of the House is adjusted to 434.

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Quorum Calls—Votes: Two yea-and-nay votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H569–70 and H570. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 5:58 p.m.

Committee Meetings

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE, JUSTICE, SCIENCE APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies held an oversight hearing on the Department of Justice and the Department of Commerce. Testimony was heard from Todd Zinser, Inspector General, Department of Commerce and Cynthia A. Schnedar, Acting Inspector General, Department of Justice.

FINANCIAL SERVICES AND GENERAL GOVERNMENT APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Financial Services and General Government held a hearing on the Department of the Treasury. Testimony was heard from J. Russell George, Inspector General, Tax Administration, Department of Treasury.

MORALE, WELFARE, AND RECREATION PROGRAMS

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Military Personnel held a hearing on morale, welfare, and recreation programs overview. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Defense: Robert L. Gordon, Deputy Assistant Secretary, Military Community and Family Policy; Richard Gorman, Chief Operating Officer, Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation Command USA; Rogers Patrick, Acting Director, Fleet and Family Readiness Programs, Commander, Installations Command, USN; Timothy R. Larsen, Director, Personal and Family Readiness Division, Manpower and Reserve Affairs Department, Headquarters, USMC; and Charles E. Milam, Director, Air Force Services, Headquarters, USAF.

U.S. ECONOMY STATE

Committee on the Budget: Held a hearing on the State of the U.S. Economy. Testimony was heard from Ben S. Bernanke, Chairman, Board of Governors, Federal Reserve System.

HEALTH CARE LAW—IMPACT ON ECONOMY, EMPLOYERS, AND THE WORKFORCE

Committee on Education and the Workforce: Held a hearing on the Impact of the Health Care Law on the Economy, Employers, and the Workforce. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

ENERGY TAX PREVENTION ACT—2011

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Energy and Power held a hearing on the Energy Tax Prevention Act of 2011. Testimony was heard from the following: Senator Inhofe of Oklahoma; Lisa Jackson, Administrator, EPA; Greg Abbott, Attorney General, State of Texas; and public witnesses.

PATIENT PROTECTION AND AFFORDABLE CARE ACT

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Health held a hearing on a measure to amend the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act to modify special rules relating to coverage of abortion services under such Act. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

GSE REFORM

Committee on Financial Services: Subcommittee on Capital Markets and Government Sponsored Enterprises held a hearing entitled “GSE Reform: Immediate Steps To Protect Taxpayers and End the Bailout.” Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

MONETARY POLICY AND JOB CREATION

Committee on Financial Services: Subcommittee on Domestic Monetary Policy and Technology held a hearing entitled “Can Monetary Policy Really Create Jobs?” Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

RECENT DEVELOPMENTS IN EGYPT AND LEBANON; COMMITTEE ORGANIZATION

Committee on Foreign Affairs: Held a hearing on Recent Developments in Egypt and Lebanon: Implications for U.S. Policy and Allies in the Broader Middle East. Testimony was heard from Lorne Craner, Former Assistant Secretary, Democracy, Human Rights and Labor, Department of State; and public witnesses.

Hearings continue tomorrow.

Prior to the hearing, the Committee met for organizational purposes. The Committee approved an Oversight Plan for the 112th Congress.

HOMELAND THREAT LANDSCAPE

Committee on Homeland Security: Held a hearing entitled “Understanding the Homeland Threat Landscape—Considerations for the 112th Congress.” Testimony was heard from Janet Napolitano, Secretary, Department of Homeland Security and Michael E. Leiter, Director, National Counterterrorism Center.

HEALTH ACT—2011

Committee on the Judiciary: Began markup of H.R. 5, Help Efficient, Accessible, Low-cost, Timely Healthcare (HEALTH) Act of 2011.

Will continue February 16.

Prior to the markup, the Committee met for organizational purposes. The Committee adopted an Oversight Plan for the 112th Congress.

STATE AND MUNICIPAL DEBT

Committee on Oversight and Government Reform: Subcommittee on TARP, Financial Services and Bailouts of Public and Private Programs held a hearing on State and Municipal Debt: The Coming Crisis? Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

USA PATRIOT EXTENSIONS

Committee on Rules: Granted, by a record vote of 7 to 2, a closed rule, providing for consideration of H.R. 514, To extend expiring provisions of the USA PATRIOT Improvement and Reauthorization Act of 2005 and Intelligence Reform and Terrorism Prevention Act of 2004 relating to access to business records, individual terrorists as agents of foreign powers, and roving wiretaps until December 8, 2011. The rule waives all points of order against consideration of the bill and provides that the bill shall be considered as read. The rule provides that all points of order against provisions in the bill are waived. The rule provides one hour of debate, with 40 minutes equally divided and controlled by the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on the Judiciary and 20 minutes equally divided and controlled by the chair and ranking minority member of the Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence. Finally, the rule provides one motion to recommit.

PAPERWORK 1099 UPDATE

Committee on Small Business: Held a hearing entitled “Buried in Paperwork a 1099 Update.” Testimony was heard from the following: Representative Daniel E. Lungren of California; and public witnesses.

FAA REAUTHORIZATION

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure: Subcommittee on Aviation concluded hearings on Federal Aviation Administration Reauthorization: Stakeholders. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

SERVICEMEMBERS CIVIL RELIEF ACT VIOLATIONS—ALLEGED VIOLATIONS

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: Held a hearing on alleged violations of the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act (SCRA). Testimony was heard from COL Shawn Shumake, USA, Director, Office of Legal Policy, Office of the Secretary, Department of Defense; Hollister K. Petraeus, Team Lead, Office of Servicemember Affairs, Consumer Financial Protection Bureau Implementation Team, Department of Treasury; and public witnesses.

TRADE POLICY

Committee on Ways and Means: Held a hearing on the status of the President's trade policy agenda. Testimony was heard from Ron Kirk, U.S. Trade Representative, Office of the U.S. Trade Representative.

SUBCOMMITTEE ORGANIZATION

Committee on Ways and Means: Subcommittee on Social Security met for organizational purposes.

COMMITTEE ORGANIZATION

Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence: Met for organizational purposes.

**COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR THURSDAY,
FEBRUARY 10, 2011**

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

No meetings/hearings scheduled.

House

Committee on Agriculture, to consider the Committee's Oversight Plan for the 112th Congress, followed by a hearing to review Implementation of Title VII of the Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act, 10 a.m., 1300 Longworth.

Committee on Appropriations, Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies, on oversight of the NSF and NASA, 10 a.m., H-309 Capitol.

Subcommittee on Financial Services and General Government, on the SEC, 10 a.m., 2359 Rayburn.

Committee on Armed Services, Subcommittee on Military Personnel, hearing on military resale programs overview, 2 p.m., 2212 Rayburn.

Committee on the Budget, hearing on the Congressional Budget Office's Budget and Economic Outlook, 10 a.m., 210 Cannon.

Committee on Education and the Workforce, hearing on “Education in the Nation: Examining the Challenges and Opportunities Facing America's Classrooms,” 10 a.m., 2175 Rayburn.

Committee on Energy and Commerce, Subcommittee and Communications and Technology, hearing entitled “ARRA Broadband Spending,” 10 a.m., 2322 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Energy and Power, hearing entitled “The Effects of Middle East Events on U.S. Energy Markets,” 9:30 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

Committee on Financial Services, to consider the Oversight Plan of the Committee for the 112th Congress, 10 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.

Committee on Foreign Affairs, to continue hearings on Recent Developments in Egypt and Lebanon: Implications for U.S. Policy and Allies in the Broader Middle East, Part 2, 10:30 a.m., 2172 Rayburn.

Committee on Homeland Security, Subcommittee on Transportation Security, hearing entitled “Terrorism and Transportation Security,” 10 a.m., 311 Cannon.

Committee on the Judiciary, Subcommittee on Courts, Commercial and Administrative Law, hearing on the Regulatory Flexibility Improvements Act of 2011—Unleashing Small Businesses to Create Jobs, 1:30 p.m., 2141 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Immigration Policy and Enforcement, hearing on E-Verify-Preserving Jobs for American Workers, 10 a.m., 2141 Rayburn.

Committee on Oversight and Government Reform, to consider the Committee Oversight Plan for the 112th Congress; followed by a hearing on Regulatory Impediments to Job Creation, 9:30 a.m., 2167 Rayburn.

Committee on Science, Space, and Technology, to meet for organizational purposes, 2 p.m., 2318 Rayburn.

Committee on Ways and Means, hearing to examine what impact the health care overhaul will have on Medicare and Medicare beneficiaries, 10 a.m., 1100 Longworth.

Subcommittee on Human Resources, to meet for organizational purposes, followed by a hearing on improving efforts to help unemployed Americans find jobs, 2 p.m., B-318 Rayburn.

Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence, hearing on World Threats, 10 a.m., 210–HVC.

Next Meeting of the SENATE
4 p.m., Thursday, February 10

Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
10 a.m., Thursday, February 10

Senate Chamber

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

House Chamber

Program for Thursday: Begin consideration of H. Res. 72—Directing certain standing committees to inventory and review existing, pending, and proposed regulations and orders from agencies of the Federal Government, particularly with respect to their effect on jobs and economic growth (Subject to a Rule).

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