

CORRECTION

# Daily Digest

## Senate

### Chamber Action

*Routine Proceedings, pages S1309–S1333*

**Measures Introduced:** Seven bills and one resolution were introduced, as follows: S. 494–500, and S. Res. 93. **Pages S1328–29**

#### Measures Passed:

*Welcome Home Vietnam Veterans Day:* Committee on Veterans' Affairs was discharged from further consideration of S. Res. 55, expressing support for designation of a "Welcome Home Vietnam Veterans Day," and the resolution was then agreed to. **Pages S1332–33**

#### Measures Considered:

**Patent Reform Act—Agreement:** Senate resumed consideration of S. 23, to amend title 35, United States Code, to provide for patent reform, taking action on the following amendments proposed thereto: **Pages S1323–26**

##### Adopted:

Reid (for Baucus/Grassley) Modified Amendment No. 141, to clarify that section 14 shall not apply to an invention that is a computer program product or system used solely for preparing a tax or information return or other tax filing. **Page S1324**

##### Withdrawn:

Leahy Amendment No. 114, to improve the bill. **Page S1324**

Bennet Amendment No. 116, to reduce the fee amounts paid by small entities requesting prioritized examination under Three-Track Examination. **Page S1324**

##### Pending:

Reid/Ensign Amendment No. 143, to include public institutions of higher education in EPSCOR jurisdictions in the definition of a micro entity. **Pages S1324–26**

Reid Amendment No. 152 (to Reid Amendment No. 143), to provide an effective date. **Pages S1324–26**

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

By 87 yeas to 3 nays (Vote No. 34), 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 bill. **Page S1324**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the bill at approximately 11:30 a.m., on Tuesday, March 8, 2011, and that the time during any adjournment, recess, or period of morning business count post-cloture. **Page S1333**

#### Appointments:

*Public Interest Declassification Board:* The Chair, on behalf of the Majority Leader, pursuant to Public Law 106–567, reappointed the following individual to serve as a member of the Public Interest Declassification Board: Sanford Ungar of Maryland. **Page S1333**

*Board of Trustees of the John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts:* The Chair, on behalf of the President of the Senate, pursuant to Public Law 85–874, as amended, reappointed the following individuals to the Board of Trustees of the John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts: Senators Conrad and Feinstein. **Page S1333**

**Nominations Confirmed:** Senate confirmed the following nominations:

Sue E. Myerscough, of Illinois, to be United States District Judge for the Central District of Illinois. **Pages S1318–22, S1333**

By a unanimous vote of 89 yeas (Vote No. EX. 32), James E. Shadid, of Illinois, to be United States District Judge for the Central District of Illinois. **Pages S1318–22, S1333**

By a unanimous vote of 89 yeas (Vote No. EX. 33), Anthony J. Battaglia, of California, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of California. **Pages S1318–23, S1333**

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**Additional Statements:** **Page S1328**

**Amendments Submitted:** **Pages S1331–32**

**Record Votes:** Three record votes were taken today. (Total—34) **Pages S1322–23, S1324**

**Adjournment:** Senate convened at 2:00 p.m. and adjourned at 7:14 p.m., until 9:30 a.m. on Tuesday, March 8, 2011. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today's Record on page S1333.)

## Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

No committee meetings were held.

# House of Representatives

## Chamber Action

The House was not in session today. The House is scheduled to meet at 2 p.m. on Tuesday, March 8, 2011.

## Committee Meetings

No committee meetings were held.

## Joint Meetings

No joint committee meetings were held.

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### COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR TUESDAY, MARCH 8, 2011

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

#### Senate

*Committee on Armed Services*, to hold hearings to examine the Department of the Navy in review of the Defense Authorization request for fiscal year 2012 and the Future Years Defense Program; with the possibility of a closed session in SH–219 following the open session, 9:45 a.m., SD–G50.

*Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs*, to hold hearings to examine the nominations of Peter A. Diamond, of Massachusetts, to be a Member of the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, and Katharine G. Abraham, of Iowa, and Carl Shapiro, of California, both to be a Member of the Council of Economic Advisers, Executive Office of the President, 10 a.m., SD–538.

*Committee on the Budget*, to hold hearings to examine the report of the National Commission on Fiscal Responsibility and Reform, 10 a.m., SD–608.

*Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation*, Subcommittee on Oceans, Atmosphere, Fisheries, and Coast Guard, to hold hearings to examine implementation of the "Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act", 10:30 a.m., SR–253.

Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine the President's proposed budget request for fiscal year 2012 for the Department of Transportation, 2:30 p.m., SR–253.

*Committee on Energy and Natural Resources*, to hold hearings to examine the nomination of Peter Bruce Lyons, of

New Mexico, to be Assistant Secretary of Energy for Nuclear Energy, 10 a.m., SD–366.

*Committee on Finance*, to hold hearings to examine if the tax system supports economic efficiency, job creation and broad-based economic growth, 10 a.m., SD–215.

*Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs*, Subcommittee on Oversight of Government Management, the Federal Workforce, and the District of Columbia, to hold hearings to examine State Department training, focusing on investing in the workforce to address 21st century challenges, 10 a.m., SD–342.

Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine the nomination of Heather A. Higginbottom, of the District of Columbia, to be Deputy Director of the Office of Management and Budget, Executive Office of the President, 2:30 p.m., SD–342.

*Committee on Veterans' Affairs*, to hold joint hearings to examine the legislative presentation from Veterans of Foreign Wars, 9:30 a.m., 345, Cannon Building.

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

#### House

*Committee on Appropriations*, Subcommittee on Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies, on Department of the Interior FY 2012 Budget Oversight Hearing, 1 p.m., 2359 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Financial Services and General Government, on FY 2012 Budget—Small Business Administration, 3 p.m., H–309 Capitol.

*Committee on Energy and Commerce*, Subcommittee on Energy and Power, hearing entitled "Climate Science and EPA's Greenhouse Gas Regulations," 10 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

*Committee on Foreign Affairs*, Subcommittee on Africa, Global Health, and Human Rights, The Democratic Republic of the Congo: Securing Peace in the Midst of Tragedy, 1 p.m., 2172 Rayburn.

*Committee on the Judiciary*, Subcommittee on Courts, Commercial and Administrative Law hearing on H.R. 10, the "Regulations From the Executive in Need of Scrutiny Act of 2011," 4 p.m., 2141 Rayburn.

*Committee on Natural Resources*; Subcommittee on Indian and Alaska Native Affairs, hearing on "The effectiveness of federal spending on Native American programs, and on the President's FY 2012 budget request for the Bureau of Indian Affairs and the Office of the Special Trustee for American Indians," 11 a.m., 1334 Longworth.

Subcommittee on Indian and Alaska Native Affairs, hearing on the effectiveness of federal spending on Native American programs, and on the President's FY 2012 budget request for the Bureau of Indian Affairs and the Office of the Special Trustee for American Indians, 10 a.m., 1324 Longworth.

*Committee on Transportation*, Subcommittee on Water Resources and Environment hearing entitled "Review of the FY 2012 Budget and Priorities of the Army Corps of Engineers, Tennessee Valley Authority, and the Natural Resources Conservation Service: Finding Ways To Do More With Less," 2 p.m., 2167 Rayburn.

*Next Meeting of the SENATE*

9:30 a.m., Tuesday, March 8

*Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES*

2 p.m., Tuesday, March 8

## Senate Chamber

**Program for Tuesday:** After the transaction of any morning business (not to extend beyond two hours), Senate will continue consideration of S. 23, Patent Reform Act.

*(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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