

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S1573–S1611

Measures Introduced: Nine bills and one resolution were introduced, as follows: S. 565–573, and S. Res. 101. **Page S1600**

Measures Reported:

Special Report entitled “Report on the Activities of the Committee on Armed Services, United States Senate, 111th Congress”. (S. Rept. No. 112–2) **Page S1600**

Measures Passed:

World Plumbing Day: Committee on the Judiciary was discharged from further consideration of S. Res. 100, designating March 11, 2011, as “World Plumbing Day”, and the resolution was then agreed to. **Page S1610**

Earthquake and Tsunami in Japan: Senate agreed to S. Res. 101, expressing the sense of the Senate relating to the March 11, 2011, earthquake and tsunami in Japan. **Pages S1610–11**

Measures Considered:

SBIR/STTR Reauthorization Act—Agreement: Senate resumed consideration of the motion to proceed to consideration of S. 493, to reauthorize and improve the SBIR and STTR programs. **Page S1590**

By 84 yeas to 12 nays (Vote No. 40), 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 S1590**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that Senate begin consideration of the bill at 11 a.m., on Tuesday, March 15, 2011. **Page S1611**

Maiden Speeches—Agreement: A unanimous-consent-time agreement was reached providing that the following Senators be recognized at the times listed below, as if in morning business, for the purpose of giving their maiden speech to the Senate: Senator Portman following the maiden speech of Senator Coats on Tuesday, March 15, 2011, for up to 15

minutes; and Senator Blumenthal at 12 noon, Wednesday, March 16, 2011, for up to 20 minutes.

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Nomination Confirmed: Senate confirmed the following nomination:

By a unanimous vote of 96 yeas (Vote No. EX. 39), James Emanuel Boasberg, of the District of Columbia, to be United States District Judge for the District of Columbia. **Pages S1586–90, S1611**

Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

Madelyn R. Creedon, of Indiana, to be an Assistant Secretary of Defense.

Alan F. Estevez, of the District of Columbia, to be Assistant Secretary of Defense for Logistics and Materiel Readiness.

Major General Michael J. Walsh, United States Army, to be a Member and President of the Mississippi River Commission.

Rear Admiral Jonathan W. Bailey, NOAA, to be a Member of the Mississippi River Commission.

Lewis Alan Lukens, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Senegal, and to serve concurrently and without additional compensation as Ambassador to the Republic of Guinea-Bissau.

Paul D. Wohlers, of Washington, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Macedonia.

Ariel Pablos-Mendez, of New York, to be an Assistant Administrator of the United States Agency for International Development.

Dan Arvizu, of Colorado, to be a Member of the National Science Board, National Science Foundation, for a term expiring May 10, 2016.

Alan I. Leshner, of Maryland, to be a Member of the National Science Board, National Science Foundation, for a term expiring May 10, 2016.

Robert C. Granger, of New Jersey, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the National Board for Education Sciences for a term expiring November 28, 2014. **Page S1611**

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Statements on Introduced Bills/Resolutions: Pages S1602–07
Additional Statements: Pages S1598–99
Amendments Submitted: Pages S1607–10
Record Votes: Two record votes were taken today. (Total—40) Pages S1589–90, S1590
Adjournment: Senate convened at 2 p.m. and adjourned at 7:19 p.m., until 10 a.m. on Tuesday,

March 15, 2011. (For Senate’s program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today’s Record on page S1611.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

No committee meetings were held.

House of Representatives

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Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 20 public bills, H.R. 1056–1075, were introduced.

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Additional Cosponsors: Pages H1797–98

Reports Filed: Reports were filed today as follows: H. Res. 167, providing for consideration of the joint resolution (H.J. Res. 48) making further continuing appropriations for fiscal year 2011, and for other purposes (H. Rept. 112–33);

Supplemental report on H.R. 839, to amend the Emergency Economic Stabilization Act of 2008 to terminate the authority of the Secretary of the Treasury to provide new assistance under the Home Affordable Modification Program, while preserving assistance to homeowners who were already extended an offer to participate in the Program, either on a trial or permanent basis (H. Rept. 112–31, Part 2); and

Supplemental report on H.R. 861, to rescind the third round of funding for the Neighborhood Stabilization Program and to terminate the program (H. Rept. 112–32, Pt. 2). Pages H1795–96

Speaker: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he appointed Representative Campbell to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. Page H1773

Recess: The House recessed at 12:07 p.m. and reconvened at 2 p.m. Page H1774

Journal: The House agreed to the Speaker’s approval of the Journal by voice vote. Pages H1774, H1780

Recess: The House recessed at 2:05 p.m. and reconvened at 5:02 p.m. Pages H1774–75

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

Specialist Jake Robert Velloza Post Office Designation Act: H.R. 793, to designate the facility of

the United States Postal Service located at 12781 Sir Francis Drake Boulevard in Inverness, California, as the “Specialist Jake Robert Velloza Post Office”, by a 2/3 yeas-and-nays vote of 394 yeas with none voting “nay” and 1 voting “present”, Roll No. 175 and

Pages H1775–76, H1779

Providing for the acceptance of a statue of Gerald R. Ford: H. Con. Res. 27, to provide for the acceptance of a statue of Gerald R. Ford from the people of Michigan for placement in the United States Capitol, by a 2/3 yeas-and-nays vote of 396 yeas with none voting “nay”, Roll No. 176.

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Recess: The House recessed at 5:36 p.m. and reconvened at 6:30 p.m. Page H1778

Moment of Silence: The House observed a moment of silence in honor of all those who were injured, are missing, and who perished in the devastating earthquake and tsunami that struck Japan on March 11, 2011. Page H1779

Quorum Calls—Votes: Two yeas-and-nays votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H1779 and H1780. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 12 noon and adjourned at 8:58 p.m.

Committee Meetings

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Full Committee began markup of H.R. 910, the Energy Tax Prevention Act of 2011; and H.J. Res. 37, a resolution disapproving the rule submitted by the Federal Communications Commission with respect to regulating the Internet and broadband industry practices.

ONLINE COMMERCE

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Intellectual Property, Competition and the Internet held a hearing on Promoting Investment and Protecting Commerce Online: Legitimate Sites v. Parasites, Part I. Testimony was heard from Maria A. Pallante, Acting Register of Copyrights, Copyright Office and public witnesses.

ADDITIONAL CONTINUING APPROPRIATIONS AMENDMENTS, 2011

Committee on Rules: Granted, by a vote of 8 to 3, a closed rule providing for consideration of H.J. Res. 48. The rule provides one hour of debate equally divided and controlled by the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on Appropriations. The rule waives all points of order against consideration of the joint resolution. The rule provides that the joint resolution shall be considered as read and that all points of order against provisions in the joint resolution are waived. Finally, the rule provides one motion to recommit. Testimony was heard from Chairman Rogers of Kentucky; and Rep. Dicks.

VIEWS AND ESTIMATES ON THE PRESIDENT'S PROPOSED BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2012

Committee on Rules: The Committee adopted, by a non-record vote, its views and estimates on the President's fiscal year 2012 budget and authorized transmission to the Committee on the Budget.

Joint Meetings

No joint committee meetings were held.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR TUESDAY, MARCH 15, 2011

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Armed Services: to hold hearings to examine the situation in Afghanistan; with the possibility of a closed session in SVC-217 following the open session, 9:30 a.m., SD-G50.

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: to hold hearings to examine the Administration's report to Congress, focusing on reforming America's housing finance market, 10 a.m., SD-538.

Committee on the Budget: to hold hearings to examine the report of the Bipartisan Policy Center's Debt Reduction Task Force, 10 a.m., SD-608.

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: to hold hearings to examine realizing NASA's potential, focusing on programmatic challenges in the 21st century, 2:30 p.m., SR-253.

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: Subcommittee on Federal Financial Management, Government Information, Federal Services, and International Security, to hold hearings to examine enhancing the President's authority to eliminate wasteful spending and reduce the budget deficit, 2:30 p.m., SD-342.

Committee on Indian Affairs: to hold hearings to examine the President's proposed budget request for fiscal year 2012 for Tribal Programs, 10 a.m., SD-628.

Committee on the Judiciary: to hold hearings to examine the "Freedom of Information Act", focusing on ensuring transparency and accountability in the digital age, 10:15 a.m., SD-226.

Select Committee on Intelligence: closed business meeting to mark up the fiscal year 2011 Intelligence Authorization, 2:30 p.m., SH-219.

House

Committee on Agriculture, Full Committee, hearing to consider the Budget Views and Estimates Letter of the Committee on Agriculture for the agencies and programs under jurisdiction of the Committee for FY 2012, 10 a.m., 1300 Longworth.

Committee on Appropriations, Subcommittee on Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies, hearing on FY 2012 Budget Request, 10 a.m., 2362-A Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies, hearing on FY 2012 Budget Request, 10 a.m., H-309 Capitol.

Subcommittee on Energy and Water Development, and Related Agencies, hearing on FY 2012 Budget Request for the Department of Energy, 10 a.m., 2359 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Financial Services and General Government, hearing on FY 2012 Budget Securities and Exchange Commission, 10 a.m., 2362-B Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Homeland Security, hearing on FY 2012 Oversight & Budget, 10 a.m., B-308 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies, hearing on FY 2012 Budget Oversight, 1 p.m., B-308 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, Education and Related Agencies, hearing on Pell Grants, 10:30 a.m., 2358-B Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Legislative Branch, hearing on FY 2012 Budget, 10:30 a.m., HT-2, Capitol.

Subcommittee on Military Construction, Veterans Affairs, and Related Agencies, hearing on Army Posture, 2 p.m., H-140 Capitol.

Subcommittee on State, Foreign Operations and Related Agencies, hearing on Millennium Challenge Corporation, 10:30 a.m., H-140 Capitol.

Subcommittee on Transportation and Housing and Urban Development and Related Agencies, hearing on Department of Housing and Urban Development—Transformation Initiative FY 2012 Oversight and Budget, 10 a.m., 2358 Rayburn.

Committee on Armed Services, Subcommittee on Military Personnel, hearing on military health system overview and Defense Health Program cost efficiencies, 10 a.m., 2212 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Readiness, hearing on long-term readiness challenges in the Pacific, 2 p.m., 2212 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Strategic Forces, hearing on the fiscal year 2012 national defense authorization budget request for national security space activities, 3 p.m., 2118 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Tactical Air and Land Forces, hearing on Navy, Marine Corps and Air Force tactical aviation programs, 11:30 a.m., 2118 Rayburn.

Committee on Education and the Workforce, Subcommittee on Early Childhood, Elementary, and Secondary Education, hearing on Education Regulations: Burying Schools in Paperwork, 10 a.m., 2175 Rayburn.

Committee on Energy and Commerce, Full Committee, continued markup of H.R. 910, the Energy Tax Prevention Act of 2011; and H.J. Res. 37, a resolution disapproving the rule submitted by the Federal Communications Commission with respect to regulating the Internet and broadband industry practices.

Committee on Financial Services, Full Committee, markup on legislation to Approve the Views and Estimates of the Committee on Financial Services on Matters to be Set Forth in the Concurrent Resolution on the Budget for Fiscal Year 2012, 10 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.

Committee on Homeland Security, Subcommittee on Border and Maritime Security, hearing entitled “Strengthening the Border—Finding the Right Mix of Personnel, Infrastructure and Technology.” 10 a.m., 311 Cannon.

Committee on the Judiciary, Subcommittee on Courts Commercial and Administrative Law, hearing on H.R. 1002, the “Wireless Tax Fairness Act of 2011”, 1:30 p.m., 2141 Rayburn.

Committee on Natural Resources, Subcommittee on Water and Power hearing entitled “Examining the Spending, Priorities and the Missions of the Bonneville Power Administration, the Western Area Power Administration,

the Southwestern Power Administration and the Southeastern Power Administration” including the President’s Fiscal Year 2012 budget requests and other spending as it relates to the four Power Marketing Administrations, 10 a.m., 1324 Longworth.

Committee on Oversight and Government Reform, Subcommittee on TARP, Financial Services and Bailouts of Public and Private Programs, hearing entitled, “State and Municipal Debt: The Coming Crisis? Part II.” 1:30 p.m., 2154 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Health Care, District of Columbia, Census and the National Archives, hearing entitled, “Obamacare: Why the Need for Waivers?” 1:30 p.m., 2247 Rayburn.

Committee on Rules, Full Committee, hearing on H.R. 839, the HAMP Termination Act of 2011; and H.R. 861, the NSP Termination Act, 3 p.m., H-313 Capitol.

Committee on Science, Space, and Technology, Subcommittee on Technology and Innovation, hearing on An Overview of Science and Technology Research and Development Programs and Priorities to Effectively Protect Homeland Security, 10 a.m., 2318 Rayburn.

Committee on Small Business, Full Committee, markup to consider the views and estimates on the Small Business Administration’s FY 2012 budget request, 1 p.m., 2360 Rayburn.

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, Subcommittee on Coast Guard and Maritime Transportation, hearing on Assuring the Freedom of Americans on the High Seas: The United States Response to Piracy, 10 a.m., 2167 Rayburn.

Committee on Ways and Means, Subcommittee on Health, organizational meeting and hearing on the Medicare Payment Advisory Commission’s (MedPAC) annual March Report to the Congress which details the Commission’s recommendations for updating Medicare payment policies, 1 p.m., 1100 Longworth.

Next Meeting of the SENATE

10 a.m., Tuesday, March 15

Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

10 a.m., Tuesday, March 15

Senate Chamber

Program for Tuesday: After the transaction of any morning business (not to extend beyond 11 a.m.), Senate will begin consideration of S. 493, SBIR/STTR Reauthorization Act.

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

House Chamber

Program for Tuesday: Consideration of H.J. Res. 48—Additional Continuing Appropriations Amendments, 2011 (Subject to a Rule).

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