

# Daily Digest Senate

## **Chamber** Action

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#### Measures Passed:

Airport and Airway Extension Act: Senate passed H.R. 2553, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to extend the funding and expenditure authority of the Airport and Airway Trust Fund, to amend title 49, United States Code, to extend the airport improvement program. Page S5297

Senate met at 10:00:00 a.m. in pro forma session, and recessed at 10:00:59 a.m. until 11 a.m. on Tuesday, August 9, 2011.

### **Committee Meetings**

(Committees not listed did not meet)

#### HOUSING FINANCE SYSTEM

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: On Wednesday, August 3, 2011, Subcommittee on Securities, Insurance and Investment concluded a hearing to examine the housing finance system, focusing on the to-be-announced market, after receiving testimony from Thomas Hamilton, Barclays Capital, on behalf of the Securities Industry and Financial Markets Association, Paul T. Van Valkenburg, Mortgage Industry Advisory Corporation, and Andrew Davidson, Andrew Davidson and Co., Inc., all of New York, New York.

#### DEBT FINANCING

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: On Wednesday, August 3, 2011, Subcommittee on Financial Institutions and Consumer Protection concluded a hearing to examine debt financing in the domestic financial sector, after receiving testimony from Joseph E. Stiglitz, Columbia University Business School, New York, New York; Edward J. Kane, Boston College, Tucson, Arizona; Eugene A. Ludwig, Promontory Financial Group, Washington, D.C.; and Paul Pfleiderer, Stanford University Graduate School of Business, Palo Alto, California.

#### PUBLIC LANDS AND FORESTS BILLS

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: On Wednesday, August 3, 2011, Subcommittee on Pub-

lic Lands and Forests concluded a hearing to examine S. 1024, to designate the Organ Mountains and other public land as components of the National Wilderness Preservation System and the National Landscape Conservation System in the State of New Mexico, S. 1090, to designate as wilderness certain public land in the Cherokee National Forest in the State of Tennessee, S. 1144, to amend the Soda Ash Royalty Reduction Act of 2006 to extend the reduced royalty rate for soda ash, S. 1149, to expand geothermal production, and S. 1344, to direct the Secretary of Agriculture to take immediate action to recover ecologically and economically from a catastrophic wildfire in the State of Arizona, after receiving testimony from Senator Kyl; Robert Abbey, Director, Bureau of Land Management, Department of the Interior; Tom Tidwell, Chief, Forest Service, Department of Agriculture; Edward T. Flynn, FMC Corporation, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania; and Scott H. Nichols, U.S. Geothermal Inc., Boise, Idaho.

## DROUGHT AND FAMINE IN THE HORN OF AFRICA

Committee on Foreign Relations: On Wednesday, August 3, 2011, Subcommittee on African Affairs concluded a hearing to examine responding to drought and famine in the horn of Africa, after receiving testimony from Nancy Lindborg, Assistant Administrator, Bureau of Democracy, Conflict, and Humanitarian Assistance, United States Agency for International Development; Donald Yamamoto, Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary, Bureau of African Affairs, and Reuben Brigety, Deputy Assistant Secretary, Bureau of Population, Refugees, and Migration, both of the Department of State; Jeremy Konyndyk, Mercy Corps, and J. Peter Pham, Atlantic Council Michael S. Ansari Africa Center, both of Washington, D.C.; and Wouter Schaap, CARE International Somalia, Nairobi, Kenva.

#### FEDERAL LEASED PROPERTY

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: On Thursday, August 4, 2011, Subcommittee on Federal Financial Management, Government Information, Federal Services, and International Security concluded a hearing to examine Federal leased property, focusing on if Federal agencies are getting a bad deal, and the overreliance on leasing contributed to high-risk designation, after receiving testimony from David Foley, Deputy Commissioner, Public Buildings Service, General Services Administration; James Sullivan, Director, Office of Asset Enterprise Management, Department of Veterans Affairs; H. David Kotz, Inspector General, and Jeff Heslop, Chief Operating Officer, both of the Securities and Exchange Commission; and David J. Wise, Director, Physical Infrastructure Issues, Government Accountability Office.

#### THE AMERICAN INDIAN PROBATE REFORM ACT

Committee on Indian Affairs: On Thursday, August 4, 2011, Committee concluded an oversight hearing to examine "The American Indian Probate Reform Act", focusing on empowering Indian land owners,

after receiving testimony from John Berrey, Quapaw Tribe of Oklahoma, duapaw; David Gipp, National Congress of American Indians, Washington, D.C.; Douglas Nash, Seattle University School of Law Institute for Indian Estate Planning and Probate, Seattle, Washington; Majel Russell, Elk River Law Office, P.L.L.P., Billings, Montana, on behalf of the Coalition of Large Tribes (COLT); and Sharon Redthunder, Indian Land Working Group, Elmer City, Washington.

#### EMPLOYMENT SITUATION

Joint Economic Committee: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the employment situation for July 2011, after receiving testimony from Keith Hall, Commissioner, Bureau of Labor Statistics, Department of Labor.

## House of Representatives

## **Chamber** Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 21 public bills, H.R. 2793–2813; and 5 resolutions, H.J. Res. 75–76; and H.Res. 388–390 were introduced. Pages H5895–96

#### Additional Cosponsors:

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**Reports Filed:** Reports were filed today as follows: In the Matter of Allegations Relating to Representative Luis V. Gutierrez (H. Rept. 112–192);

In the Matter of Allegations Relating to Michael Collins (H. Rept. 112–193);

In the Matter of Allegations Relating to Gregory Hill (H. Rept. 112–194); and

In the Matter of Allegations Relating to Representative Jean Schmidt (H. Rept. 112–195).

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Speaker: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he appointed Representative Harris to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. Page H5893

Chaplain: The prayer was offered by the Deputy Parliamentarian, Tom Wickham. Page H5893

Member Resignation: Read a letter from Representative Wu, wherein he resigned as Representative for the First Congressional District of Oregon, effective immediately. Page H5893

Whole Number of the House: The Speaker announced to the House that, in light of the resignation of the gentleman from Oregon, Mr. Wu, the whole number of the House is 432. Pages H5893-94

Communication from the Clerk of the House: Read a letter from the Clerk wherein she transmitted notification that Jay Eagen, Allison Hayward and Kelly Brewington have each signed an agreement not to be a candidate for the office of Senator or Representative in, or Delegate or Resident Commissioner to, the Congress for purposes of the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971 until at least 3 years after he or she is no longer a member of the board or staff of the Office of Congressional Ethics. Further, the Clerk notified the House that copies of the signed agreements shall be retained by the Office of the Clerk as part of the records of the House.

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**Presidential Message:** Read a message from the President wherein he transmitted a certification he has made pursuant to section 3101A(a)(1)(A) of title 31, United States Code—referred to the Committee on Ways and Means and ordered to be printed (H. Doc. 112–48). Page H5893

Senate Messages: Messages received from the Senate by the Clerk and subsequently presented to the House today appear on pages H5894.

Senate Referrals: S. 1302 was referred to the Committees on Oversight and Government Reform and Transportation and Infrastructure; S. 710 was held at the desk. Page H5894

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 10 a.m. and adjourned at 10:09 a.m.

### Committee Meetings

No hearings were held. On Thursday, August 4, 2011 the following hearing was held:

#### SOUTHERN KORDOFAN: ETHNIC CLEANSING AND HUMANITARIAN CRISIS IN SUDAN

Committee on Foreign Affairs: Subcommittee on Africa, Global Health, and Human Rights held a hearing entitled "Southern Kordofan: Ethnic Cleansing and

Humanitarian Crisis in Sudan." Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

#### COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR MONDAY, AUGUST 8, 2011

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

#### Senate

No meetings/hearings scheduled.

#### House

No hearings are scheduled.

Next Meeting of the SENATE

11 a.m., Tuesday, August 9

#### Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

10 a.m., Tuesday, August 9

#### Senate Chamber

Program for Tuesday: Senate will meet in pro forma session.

House Chamber

Program for Tuesday: The House will meet in pro forma session at 10 a.m.

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