## Friday, September 16, 2011



# Daily Digest

## Senate

## **Chamber** Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S5699–S5705 Measures Considered:

Generalized System of Preferences Act-Cloture: Senate began consideration of the motion to proceed to consideration of H.R. 2832, to extend the Generalized System of Preferences. Pages S5703-04

A motion was entered to close further debate on the motion to proceed to consideration of the bill, and, in accordance with the provisions of rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, and pursuant to the unanimous-consent agreement of Friday, September 16, 2011, a vote on cloture will occur at 5:30 p.m., on Monday, September 19, 2011.

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A unanimous-consent-time agreement was reached providing that Senate resume consideration of the motion to proceed to consideration of the bill at 4:30 p.m., on Monday, September 19, 2011; with the time until 5:30 p.m. equally divided and controlled between Senators Baucus and Hatch, or their designees. Page S5705

Messages from the House: Page S5705

Measures Placed on the Calendar:

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Additional Cosponsors:

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Adjournment: Senate convened at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 11:17 a.m., until 2 p.m. on Monday, September 19, 2011. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today's Record on page S5705.)

## 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 12 noon on Monday, September 19, 2011 in pro forma session.

## Committee Meetings

No hearings were held.

## Joint Meetings

No joint committee meetings were held.

### NEW PUBLIC LAWS

(For last listing of Public Laws, see DAILY DIGEST, p. D921)

H.R. 1249, to amend title 35, United States Code, to provide for patent reform. Signed on September 16, 2011. (Public Law 112–29)

## CONGRESSIONAL PROGRAM AHEAD

Week of September 19 through September 24, 2011

## Senate Chamber

On *Monday*, at 4:30 p.m., Senate will resume consideration of the motion to proceed to consideration of H.R. 2832, Generalized System of Preferences Act, with a vote on the motion to invoke cloture on the motion to proceed to consideration of the bill at 5:30 p.m.

During the balance of the week, Senate may consider any cleared legislative and executive business.

#### Senate Committees

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

*Committee on Appropriations:* September 20, Subcommittee on Transportation and Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies, business meeting to mark up proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2012 for Transportation, Housing and Urban Development and Related Agencies, 10:30 a.m., SD-138.

September 20, Subcommittee on Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, and Related Agencies, business meeting to mark up proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2012 for Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, and Related Agencies, 2:30 p.m., SD-124.

Committee on Armed Services: September 20, to receive a closed briefing on Iran, 9:30 a.m., SVC-217.

September 22, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine the United States strategy in Afghanistan and Iraq, 9:30 a.m., SH-216.

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: September 20, Subcommittee on Housing, Transportation and Community Development, to hold hearings to examine new ideas to address the glut of foreclosed properties, 10 a.m., SD-538.

September 22, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine the nominations of Alan B. Krueger, of New Jersey, to be a Member of the Council of Economic Advisers, Executive Office of the President, David A. Montoya, of Texas, to be Inspector General, Department of Housing and Urban Development, and Cyrus Amir-Mokri, of New York, to be Assistant Secretary of the Treasury, 10 a.m., SD-538.

September 22, Subcommittee on Security and International Trade and Finance, to hold hearings to examine the European debt and financial crisis, focusing on origins, options and implications for the United States and global economy, 2:30 p.m., SD–538.

Committee on the Budget: September 20, to hold hearings to examine promoting job creation in the United States, 9:30 a.m., SD-608.

*Committee on Energy and Natural Resources:* September 21, Subcommittee on National Parks, to hold hearings to examine a recently released report by the National Park Service, focusing on "A Call to Action Preparing for a Second Century of Stewardship and Engagement", 2:30 p.m., SD-366.

Committee on Environment and Public Works: September 21, business meeting to consider S. 97, to amend the Federal Water Pollution Control Act to establish a grant program to support the restoration of San Francisco Bay, S. 893, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to provide financial assistance to the State of Louisiana for a pilot program to develop measures to eradicate or control feral swine and to assess and restore wetlands damaged by feral swine, S. 1400, to restore the natural resources, ecosystems, fisheries, marine and wildlife habitats, beaches, and coastal wetlands of Gulf Coast States, to create jobs and revive the economic health of communities adversely affected by the explosion on, and sinking of, the mobile offshore drilling unit Deepwater Horizon, the nomination of Kenneth J. Kopocis, of Virginia, to be an Assistant Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency, and a proposed resolution relating to the General Services Administration, 10 a.m., SD-406.

Committee on Finance: September 20, business meeting to consider S. 1542, to amend part B of title IV of the

Social Security Act to extend the child and family services program through fiscal year 2016, and the nominations of Juan F. Vasquez, of Texas, and Maurice B. Foley, of Maryland, both to be a Judge of the United States Tax Court, and Janice Eberly, of Illinois, to be Assistant Secretary of the Treasury, Time to be announced, SD–215.

September 20, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine tax reform options, focusing on incentives for innovation, 10 a.m., SD-215.

September 21, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine dually-eligible beneficiaries, focusing on improving care while lowering costs, 10 a.m., SD–215.

*Committee on Foreign Relations:* September 21, to hold hearings to examine the nominations of Robert A. Mandell, of Florida, to be Ambassador to Luxembourg, Thomas Charles Krajeski, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to the Kingdom of Bahrain, and Dan W. Mozena, of Iowa, to be Ambassador to the People's Republic of Bangladesh, all of the Department of State, 10 a.m., SD-419.

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: September 20, Subcommittee on Oversight of Government Management, the Federal Workforce, and the District of Columbia, to hold hearings to examine intelligence community contractors, focusing on striking the right balance; to be immediately followed by a closed hearing in Senate Security Conference Room 1, 9:30 a.m., SD-342.

September 21, Full Committee, business meeting to resume consideration of S. 1546, to authorize certain programs of the Department of Homeland Security, 10 a.m., SD-342.

September 21, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine transforming wartime contracting, focusing on recommendations of the Commission on Wartime Contracting, 2:30 p.m., SD-342.

September 22, Subcommittee on Federal Financial Management, Government Information, Federal Services, and International Security, to hold hearings to examine improving educational outcomes for our military and veterans, 1:30 p.m., SD-342.

September 23, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine the nominations of Corinne Ann Beckwith, and Catharine Friend Easterly, both to be an Associate Judge of the District of Columbia Court of Appeals, and Ronald David McCray, of Texas, to be a Member of the Federal Retirement Thrift Investment Board, 10 a.m., SD-342.

*Committee on Indian Affairs:* September 22, to hold an oversight hearing to examine the "Tribal Law and Order Act" one year later, focusing on improved public safety and justice throughout Indian country, 2:15 p.m., SD-628.

*Committee on the Judiciary:* September 20, to hold hearings to examine the nominations of Adalberto Jose Jordan, of Florida, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Eleventh Circuit, John M. Gerrard, to be United States District Judge for the District of Nebraska, Mary Elizabeth Phillips, to be United States District Judge for the Western District of Missouri, Thomas Owen Rice, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Washington, and David Nuffer, to be United States District Judge for the District of Utah, 2:30 p.m., SD–226. September 21, Subcommittee on Crime and Terrorism, to hold hearings to examine countering terrorist financing, focusing on progress and priorities, 10:15 a.m., SD–226.

September 21, Subcommittee on Antitrust, Competition Policy and Consumer Rights, to hold hearings to examine Google, focusing on consumers and competition, 2 p.m., SD-226.

September 22, Full Committee, business meeting to consider S. 1151, to prevent and mitigate identity theft, to ensure privacy, to provide notice of security breaches, and to enhance criminal penalties, law enforcement assistance, and other protections against security breaches, fraudulent access, and misuse of personally identifiable information, S. 1408, to require Federal agencies, and persons engaged in interstate commerce, in possession of data containing sensitive personally identifiable information, to disclose any breach of such information, S. 1535, to protect consumers by mitigating the vulnerability of personally identifiable information to theft through a security breach, providing notice and remedies to consumers in the wake of such a breach, holding companies accountable for preventable breaches, facilitating the sharing of post-breach technical information between companies, and enhancing criminal and civil penalties and other protections against the unauthorized collection or use of personally identifiable information, and H.R. 2480, to amend title 5, United States Code, to authorize appropriations for the Administrative Conference of the United States for fiscal years 2012, 2013, and 2014, 10 a.m., SD-226.

September 22, Subcommittee on Administrative Oversight and the Courts, to hold hearings to examine protecting seniors and persons with disabilities, focusing on an examination of court-appointed guardians, 2:30 p.m., SD-226.

*Committee on Veterans' Affairs:* September 21, to hold joint hearings to examine the legislative presentation of The American Legion, 10 a.m., SDG-50.

Select Committee on Intelligence: September 20, to hold closed hearings to examine certain intelligence matters, 2:30 p.m., SH-219.

September 22, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine the nomination of Irvin Charles McCullough III, of Maryland, to be Inspector General of the Intelligence Community, Office of the Director of National Intelligence, 2:30 p.m., SH–216.

#### House Committees

*Committee on Armed Services*, September 20, Panel on Business Challenges with the Defense Industry, hearing on challenges to doing business with the Department of Defense, 3 p.m., 2212 Rayburn.

September 21, Subcommittee on Readiness, hearing on Army Reserve, Army National Guard and Air National Guard readiness, training and operations, 1 p.m., 2212 Rayburn.

September 22, full Committee, hearing on Afghan national security forces, 1 p.m., 2118 Rayburn.

September 22, Panel on Defense Financial Management and Auditability Reform, hearing on the Department of Defense's efforts to improve payment and funds control, 8 a.m., 2212 Rayburn.

September 22, Subcommittee on Emerging Threats and Capabilities, hearing on the Future of U.S. Special Operations Forces: Ten Years After 9/11 and Twenty-Five Years After Goldwater-Nichols, 10 a.m., 2212 Rayburn.

September 23, Subcommittee on Military Personnel and Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations, joint hearing on Arlington Cemetery Reforms, 10 a.m., 2212 Rayburn.

*Committee on the Budget,* September 21, full Committee, hearing entitled "The Broken Budget Process: Perspectives from Former CBO Directors." 10 a.m., 210 Cannon.

September 22, full Committee, hearing entitled "The Broken Budget Process: Perspectives from Members of Congress." 10 a.m., 210 Cannon.

*Committee on Education and the Workforce,* September 21, Subcommittee on Early Childhood, Elementary, and Secondary Education, hearing entitled "Education Reforms: Ensuring the Education System is Accountable to Parents and Communities." 10 a.m., 2175 Rayburn.

September 22, Subcommittee on Early Childhood, Elementary, and Secondary Education, hearing entitled "Culture of Union Favoritism: Recent Actions of the National Labor Relations Board." 10 a.m., 2175 Rayburn.

*Committee on Energy and Commerce,* September 20, full Committee, begin markup of the following: H.R. 2250, the "EPA Regulatory Relief Act of 2011"; H.R. 2681, the "Cement Sector Regulatory Relief Act of 2011"; and H.R. 2937, the "Pipeline Infrastructure and Community Protection Act of 2011." 4:30 p.m., 2123 Rayburn. This markup will continue on September 21, 10 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

September 22, Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations, hearing entitled "Regulatory Reform Series #7—The EPA's Regulatory Planning, Analysis, and Major Actions." 9 a.m., 2322 Rayburn.

September 23, Subcommittee on Health, hearing entitled "Examining the Increase in Drug Shortages." 9:30 a.m., 2322 Rayburn.

September 23, Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations, hearing entitled "From DOE Loan Guarantee to Bankruptcy to FBI Raid: What Solyndra's Executives Knew." 9:30 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

*Committee on Financial Services,* September 21, Subcommittee on Capital Markets and Government Sponsored Enterprises, hearing entitled "Legislative Proposals to Facilitate Small Business Capital Formation and Job Creation." 10 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.

September 21, Subcommittee on International Monetary Policy and Trade, hearing entitled "The Impact of the World Bank and Multi-Lateral Development Banks on National Security." 2 p.m., 2128 Rayburn.

September 22, Subcommittee on Financial Institutions and Consumer Credit, hearing entitled "An Examination of the Availability of Credit for Consumers." 9:30 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations of the Committee on Financial Services and the Subcommittee on TARP, Financial Services and Bailouts of Public and Private Programs of the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform, joint hearing entitled "Potential Conflicts of Interest at the SEC: The Becker Case." 2 p.m., 2128 Rayburn.

*Committee on Foreign Affairs,* September 20, Subcommittee on Africa, Global Health, and Human Rights, hearing entitled "Human Rights in North Korea: Challenges and Opportunities." 3 p.m., 2172 Rayburn.

September 21, full Committee, markup of the following: H.R. 2699, to establish policies and procedures in the Peace Corps to provide for the safety and security of volunteers from rape and sexual assault, and for other purposes; and H.R. 2337, to amend the Peace Corps Act to require sexual assault risk-reduction and response training, the development of sexual assault protocol and guidelines, the establishment of victims advocates, the establishment of a Sexual Assault Advisory Council, and for other purposes. 10 a.m., 2172 Rayburn.

September 21, Subcommittee on Asia and the Pacific, hearing entitled "China's Monopoly on Rare Earths: Implications for U.S. Foreign and Security Policy." 1 p.m., 2172 Rayburn.

September 22, Subcommittee on the Middle East and South Asia, hearing entitled "Axis of Abuse: U.S. Human Rights Policy toward Iran and Syria, Part II." 2 p.m., 2172 Rayburn.

September 22, Subcommittee on Africa, Global Health, and Human Rights, hearing entitled "China's One-Child Policy: The Government's Massive Crime Against Women and Unborn Babies." 2 p.m., 2200 Rayburn.

September 23, full Committee, hearing entitled "Job Creation Made Easy: The Columbia, Panama, and South Korea Free Trade Agreement." 9:30 a.m., 2172 Rayburn.

Committee on Homeland Security, September 22, Subcommittee on Transportation Security, hearing entitled "TSA Reform: Exploring Innovations in Technology Procurement to Stimulate Job Growth." 10 a.m., 311 Cannon.

Committee on the Judiciary, September 20, hearing entitled "The Proposed Merger between Express Scripts and Medco." 3:30 p.m., 2141 Rayburn.

September 21, full Committee, continued markup of the following: H.R. 2885, the "Legal Workforce Act"; and H.R. 2847, the "American Specialty Agriculture Act." 10:15 a.m., 2141 Rayburn.

Committee on Natural Resources, September 21, full Committee, hearing entitled "ANWR: Jobs, Energy and Deficit Reduction." 10 a.m., 1324 Longworth.

September 22, Subcommittee on National Parks, Forests and Public Lands, hearing on the following: H.R. 2852, the "Action Plan for Public Lands and Education Act of 2011"; and legislation regarding the "National Forest County Revenue, Schools, and Jobs Act of 2011." 10 a.m., 1324 Longworth.

September 22, Subcommittee on Indian and Alaska Native Affairs, markup of the following: H.R. 443, to provide for the conveyance of certain property from the United States to the Maniilaq Association located in Kotzebue, Alaska; H.R. 444, to provide for the conveyance of certain property located in Anchorage, Alaska, from the United States to the Alaska Native Tribal Health Consortium; H.R. 1461, to authorize the Mescalero Apache Tribe to lease adjudicated water rights; H.R. 1556, to amend the Omnibus Indian Advancement Act to allow certain land to be used to generate income to provide funding for academic programs, and for other purposes; and H.R. 2444, to amend the Indian Self-Determination and Education Assistance Act to provide further self-governance by Indian tribes, and for other purposes. 2 p.m., 1334 Longworth.

September 22, Subcommittee on Water and Power, hearing on the following legislation: H.R. 1719, the "Endangered Species Compliance and Transparency Act of 2011"; and H.R. 2915, the "American Taxpayer and Western Area Power Administration Customer Protection Act of 2011." 2 p.m., 1324 Longworth.

September 23, full Committee, hearing entitled "BOEMRE/U.S. Coast Guard Joint Investigation Team Report." 10 a.m., 1324 Longworth.

September 23, Subcommittee on Fisheries, Wildlife, Oceans, and Insular Affairs, hearing to Review the Impact of Minimum Wage Increases in American Samoa and the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, 9 a.m., 1334 Longworth.

Committee on Oversight and Government Reform, September 21, Subcommittee on Technology, Information Policy, Intergovernmental Relations and Procurement Reform, will hold a business meeting, 9:30 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

September 21, Subcommittee on Health Care, District of Columbia, Census and the National Archives, hearing entitled "Examining Abuses of Medicaid Eligibility Rules." 10 a.m., 2247 Rayburn.

September 21, Subcommittee on Federal Workforce, U.S. Postal Service and Labor Policy, will hold a business meeting, 1:30 p.m., 2154 Rayburn.

September 22, full Committee, hearing entitled "How Obama's Green Energy Agenda is Killing Jobs." 9:30 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

September 23, Subcommittee on Government Organization, Efficiency and Financial Management, hearing entitled "The Department of Defense: Challenges in Financial Management." 10 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

Committee on Rules, September 20, full Committee, hearing on H.R. 2401, the "Transparency in Regulatory Analysis of Impacts on the Nation (TRAIN) Act of 2011." 5 p.m., H-313 Capitol.

*Committee on Science, Space, and Technology,* September 21, Subcommittee on Technology and Innovation, hearing entitled "The Next IT Revolution? Cloud Computing Opportunities and Challenges." 10 a.m., 2318 Rayburn.

September 21, Subcommittee on Research and Science Education, hearing entitled "Oversight of the Networking and Information Technology Research and Development Program and Priorities for the Future." 2 p.m., 2318 Rayburn.

September 22, full Committee, hearing entitled "NASA Human Spaceflight Past, Present, and Future: Where Do We Go from Here?" 10 a.m., 2318 Rayburn.

September 23, Subcommittee on Investigations and Oversight and Subcommittee on Energy and Environment, joint hearing entitled "From NPOESS to JPSS: An Update on the Nation's Restructured Polar Weather Satellite Program." 10 a.m., 2318 Rayburn. Committee on Small Business, September 21, full Committee, hearing entitled "Eliminating Job-Sapping Federal Rules through Retrospective Reviews—Oversight of the President's Efforts." 1 p.m., 2360 Rayburn.

*Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure,* September 21, Subcommittee on Water Resources and Environment, hearing entitled "The Economic Importance and Financial Challenges of Recapitalizing the Nation's Inland Waterways Transportation System." 10 a.m., 2167 Rayburn.

September 23, Subcommittee on Coast Guard and Maritime Transportation, hearing entitled "Review and Status of the Multi-Billion Dollar Department of Homeland Security Relocation Project in Washington, D.C. and its Impacts on the U.S. Coast Guard." 10 a.m., 2167 Rayburn.

Committee on Veterans' Affairs, September 20, Subcommittee on Health, hearing on the Federal Recovery Coordination Program; Assessing Progress Toward Improvement, 4 p.m., 334 Cannon.

*Committee on Ways and Means,* September 21, full Committee, hearing to review and examine the variety of economic models used by the Joint Committee on Taxation (JCT) to analyze and score tax reform legislation, 10 a.m., 1100 Longworth.

September 21, full Committee, hearing to examine certain expiring Medicare provider payment provisions, 2 p.m., 1100 Longworth. September 22, Subcommittee on Select Revenue Measures and Subcommittee on Oversight, joint hearing on the intersection of energy policy and tax policy, with a focus on the dual priorities of comprehensive tax reform and a sustainable energy policy that addresses our economic, security, and environmental needs, 9:30 a.m., 1100 Longworth.

House Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence, September 22, full Committee, hearing of ongoing intelligence activities, 11 a.m., HVC-304. This is a closed hearing.

#### Joint Meetings

Commission on Security and Cooperation in Europe, September 22, to hold hearings to examine Russia's upcoming elections and the struggle for public and competitive politics, 2 p.m., 210, Cannon Building.

Joint Select Committee on Deficit Reduction, September 22, to hold hearings to examine an overview of revenue options and reforming the tax code, 10 a.m., 2123, Rayburn Building.

Joint Economic Committee, September 21, to hold hearings to examine manufacturing in the United States of America, focusing on how United States trade policy offshores jobs, 2 p.m., SH-216.

Joint Economic Committee, September 20, to hold hearings to examine the debt limit, 10 a.m., 210, Cannon Building.

Next Meeting of the SENATE 2 p.m., Monday, September 19

#### Senate Chamber

Program for Monday: After the transaction of any morning business (not to extend beyond 4:30 p.m.), Senate will resume consideration of the motion to proceed to consideration of H.R. 2832, Generalized System of Preferences Act, with a vote on the motion to invoke cloture on the motion to proceed to consideration of the bill at 5:30 p.m.

Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

12 noon, Monday, September 19

#### House Chamber

Program for Monday: The House is scheduled to meet at 12 noon in pro forma session.



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