

Daily Digest

HIGHLIGHTS

Senator Isakson read Washington's Farewell Address.

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S929–S1022

Measures Introduced: Six bills and eight resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 416–421, S.J. Res. 7–9, S. Res. 77–79, and S. Con. Res. 7–8.

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Measures Reported:

S. Res. 79, authorizing expenditures by the Committee on Foreign Relations.

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Measures Passed:

Death of Former Senator James Albertus McClure of Idaho: Senate agreed to S. Res. 78, relative to the death of James Albertus McClure, former United States Senator for the State of Idaho.

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Recognizing Women Serving in the United States Armed Forces: Senate agreed to S. Con. Res. 8, recognizing women serving in the United States Armed Forces.

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Measures Considered:

Patent Reform Act—Agreement: Senate began consideration of S. 23, to amend title 35, United States Code, to provide for patent reform, agreeing to the committee reported amendments, and taking action on the following amendments proposed thereto:

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Pending:

Leahy Amendment No. 114, to improve the bill.

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Vitter/Toomey Amendment No. 112, to require that the Government prioritize all obligations on the debt held by the public in the event that the debt limit is reached.

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

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Bennet Amendment No. 117, to establish additional USPTO satellite offices. **Pages S956–57**

Lee Amendment No. 115, to express the sense of the Senate in support of a balanced budget amendment to the Constitution. **Page S957**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the bill at approximately 11 a.m., on Tuesday, March 1, 2011.

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Reduce Federal Spending—Cloture: Senate began consideration of the motion to proceed to consideration of H.R. 359, to reduce Federal spending and the deficit by terminating taxpayer financing of presidential election campaigns and party conventions.

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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, a vote on cloture will occur on Wednesday, March 2, 2011.

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Subsequently, the motion to proceed was withdrawn.

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Washington's Farewell Address: Senator Isakson performed the traditional reading of Washington's Farewell Address.

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Authorizing Expenditures—Agreement: A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that the Rules Committee be discharged from further consideration of S. Res. 70, authorizing expenditures by the Committee on Rules and Administration, and the resolution be placed on the Calendar. **Page S1022**

Nominations Confirmed: Senate confirmed the following nominations:

Amy Totenberg, of Georgia, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of Georgia.

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