

# 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. **Page S1332**

#### 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##### Withdrawn: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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