

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S1171–S1243

Measures Introduced: Twenty-four bills and seven resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 467–490, S. Res. 87–92, and S. Con. Res. 10. **Pages S1218–19**

Measures Passed:

Surface Transportation Extension Act: Senate passed H.R. 662, to provide an extension of Federal-aid highway, highway safety, motor carrier safety, transit, and other programs funded out of the Highway Trust Fund pending enactment of a multiyear law reauthorizing such programs. **Pages S1202–04**

Death of Frank W. Buckles: Senate agreed to S. Res. 89, relating to the death of Frank W. Buckles, the longest surviving United States veteran of the First World War. **Pages S1240–41**

International Women's Day: Senate agreed to S. Res. 90, supporting the goals of "International Women's Day" and recognizing this year's centennial anniversary of International Women's Day. **Page S1241**

Multiple Sclerosis Awareness Week: Senate agreed to S. Res. 91, supporting the goals and ideals of Multiple Sclerosis Awareness Week. **Pages S1241–42**

Payment of Legal Expenses of Senate Employees: Senate agreed to S. Res. 92, to authorize the payment of legal expenses of Senate employees out of the contingent fund of the Senate. **Page S1242**

Measures Considered:

Patent Reform Act: Senate continued 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 S1175–85, S1204–13**

Adopted:

Stabenow/Levin Amendment No. 126, to designate the satellite office of the United States Patent and Trademark Office to be located in Detroit, Michigan as the "Elijah J. McCoy United States Patent and Trademark Office". **Pages S1183–85**

Whitehouse (for Bingaman) Amendment No. 142, to require the PTO to disclose the length of time between the commencement of each inter partes and post-grant review and the conclusion of that review. **Pages S1206–13**

Rejected:

Feinstein Modified Amendment No. 133, to strike the first inventor to file requirement. (By 87 yeas to 13 nays (Vote No. 31), Senate tabled the amendment.) **Pages S1175–83**

Pending:

Leahy Amendment No. 114, to improve the bill. **Page S1175**

Bennet Amendment No. 116, to reduce the fee amounts paid by small entities requesting prioritized examination under Three-Track Examination. **Page S1175**

A motion was entered to close further debate on 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 Monday, March 7, 2011, following disposition of the nominations of James E. Shadid, of Illinois, to be United States District Judge for the Central District of Illinois, and Anthony J. Battaglia, of California, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of California. **Page S1213**

Battaglia, Myerscough, and Shadid Nominations—Agreement: A unanimous-consent-time agreement was reached providing that at 4:30 p.m., on Monday, March 7, 2011, Senate begin consideration of the nominations of Anthony J. Battaglia, of California, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of California, Sue E. Myerscough, of Illinois, to be United States District Judge for the Central District of Illinois, and James E. Shadid, of Illinois, to be United States District Judge for the Central District of Illinois; that there be one hour for debate equally divided and controlled in the usual form; that upon the use or yielding back of time, the nomination of Sue E. Myerscough, of Illinois, to be United States District Judge for the Central District of Illinois, be confirmed, and Senate vote, without intervening action or debate, on the confirmation of the nominations of James E. Shadid, **Page S1213**