

Friday, October 3, 2008

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

The Senate was not in session today. It will next meet at 3 p.m. on Monday, October 6, 2008.

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

EMPLOYMENT

Joint Economic Committee: Committee concluded hearings to examine the employment-unemployment situation for September 2008, after receiving testimony from Keith Hall, Commissioner, Bureau of Labor Statistics, Department of Labor.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 18 public bills, H.R. 7252–7270; 11 private bill, H.R. 7271; and 2 resolutions, H. Res. 1527–1528 were introduced. **Pages H10827–28**

Additional Cosponsors: **Page H10828**

Reports Filed: Reports were filed today as follows:

H.R. 1071, to provide the nonimmigrant spouses and children of nonimmigrant aliens who perished in the September 11 terrorist attacks an opportunity to adjust their status to that of an alien lawfully admitted for permanent residence, with an amendment (H. Rept. 110–909);

H.R. 6870, to ensure that implementation of proposed regulations under subchapter IV of chapter 53 of title 31, United States Code, does not cause harm to the payments system, with an amendment (H. Rept. 110–910);

H.R. 6034, to amend the Immigration and Nationality Act to provide for relief to surviving spouses and children, with an amendment (H. Rept. 110–911);

H.R. 6020, to amend the Immigration and Nationality Act to protect the well-being of soldiers and their families (H. Rept. 110–912);

H.R. 5546, to amend the antitrust laws to ensure competitive market-based rates and terms for mer-

chants access to electronic payment systems, with an amendment (H. Rept. 110–913); and

Report on Challenges and Recommendations for United States Overhead Architecture (H. Rept. 110–914). **Page H10827**

Extending the Andean Trade Preference Act: The House agreed by unanimous consent to the Senate amendment to H.R. 7222, to extend the Andean Trade Preference Act. **Pages H10710–12**

Emergency Economic Stabilization Act of 2008: The House agreed to the Senate amendments to H.R. 1424, to amend section 712 of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974, section 2705 of the Public Health Service Act, section 9812 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to require equity in the provision of mental health and substance-related disorder benefits under group health plans, and to prohibit discrimination on the basis of genetic information with respect to health insurance and employment, by a yeas-and-nays vote of 263 yeas to 171 nays, Roll No. 681.

Pages H10702–10, H10712–H10806

H. Res. 1525, the rule providing for consideration of the Senate amendments, was agreed to by a yeas-and-nays vote of 223 yeas to 205 nays, Roll No. 680, after agreeing to order the previous question by a yeas-and-nays vote of 235 yeas to 190 nays, Roll No. 679. **Pages H10709–10**

Suspension—Proceedings Resumed: The House agreed to suspend the rules and pass the following measure which was debated on Thursday, October 2nd:

National Guard and Reservists Debt Relief Act of 2008: S. 3197, to amend title 11, United States Code, to exempt for a limited period, from the application of the means-test presumption of abuse under chapter 7, qualifying members of reserve components of the Armed Forces and members of the National Guard who, after September 11, 2001, are called to active duty or to perform a homeland defense activity for not less than 90 days, by a 2/3 yeas-and-nay vote of 411 yeas with none voting “nay”, Roll No. 682. **Pages H10806–07**

Organ Transplant Authorization Act of 2008: The House agreed by unanimous consent to the Senate amendment to H.R. 6469, to amend the Public Health Service Act to authorize increased Federal funding for the Organ Procurement and Transplantation Network. **Page H10807**

Child Safe Viewing Act: The House agreed to discharge from committee and pass S. 602, as amended, to develop the next generation of parental control technology. **Pages H10807–08**

Suspension: The House agreed to suspend the rules and pass the following measures:

Unemployment Compensation Extension Act of 2008: H.R. 6867, amended, to provide for additional emergency unemployment compensation, by a 2/3 yeas-and-nay vote of 368 yeas to 28 nays, Roll No. 683. **Pages H10808–14**

Congratulating the members of the United States Olympic and Paralympic Teams: The House agreed to discharge from committee and agree to H. Res. 1527, to congratulate the members of the United States Olympic and Paralympic Teams on their success in the 2008 Summer Olympic and Paralympic Games and to support the selection of Chicago, Illinois, as the site of the 2016 Summer Olympic and Paralympic Games. **Pages H10814–15**

United States Army Commemorative Coin Act of 2008: The House agreed to discharge from committee and pass H.R. 5714, as amended, to require the Secretary of the Treasury to mint coins in recognition and celebration of the establishment of the United States Army in 1775, to honor the American soldier of both today and yesterday, in wartime and in peace, and to commemorate the traditions, history, and heritage of the United States Army and its role in American society, from the Colonial period to today. **Pages H10815–16**

Presidential Message: Read a message from the President wherein he transmitted a report on the continued production of the Naval Petroleum Reserves for a period of 3 years from April 5, 2009 referred to the Committee on Armed Services and ordered printed (H. Doc. 110–149). **Page H10808**

Senate Messages: Messages received from the Senate today appear on pages H10806 and H10816.

Senate Referrals: S. 2579, S. 3625, and S. 3521 were held at the desk. **Page H10806**

Quorum Calls—Votes: Five yeas-and-nay votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H10709, H10710, H10805–06, H10806–07 and H10814. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 9 a.m. and at 3:29 p.m., pursuant to the provisions of H. Con. Res. 440, the House stands adjourned until 11 a.m. on Saturday, January 3, 2009.

Committee Meetings

U.S. ATTORNEYS CONTROVERSY AND RELATED MATTERS

Committee on the Judiciary: Continued hearings on the investigation into the U.S. Attorneys Controversy and Related Matters (Part IV). Testimony was heard from Glenn A. Fine, Inspector General, U.S. Department of Justice.

CONGRESSIONAL PROGRAM AHEAD

Week of October 6 through October 11, 2008

Senate Chamber

To be announced.

Senate Committees

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

To be announced.

House Committees

Committee on Education and Labor, October 7, hearing on the Impact of the Financial Crisis on Workers' Retirement Security, 1 p.m., 2175 Rayburn.

Committee on Foreign Affairs, October 8, Subcommittee on International Organizations, Human Rights, and Oversight, briefing on Political Reconciliation in Iraq and the Helsinki II Process: Lessons from South Africa and Northern Ireland, 9:30 a.m., 2172 Rayburn.

Committee on Oversight and Government Reform, October 6, hearing on the Causes and Effects of the Lehman Brothers Bankruptcy, 10 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

October 7, hearing on the Causes and Effects of the AIG Bailout, 10 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

Next Meeting of the SENATE

3 p.m., Monday, October 6

Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

11 a.m., Saturday, January 3, 2009

Senate Chamber

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House Chamber

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