

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S485–S528

Measures Introduced: Seventeen bills and four resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 277–293, S.J. Res. 2, and S. Res. 27–29. **Pages S508–09**

Measures Passed:

Majority Party Committee Membership: Senate agreed to S. Res. 27, to constitute the majority party's membership on certain committees for the One Hundred Tenth Congress, or until their successors are chosen. **Pages S501–02**

Minority Party Committee Membership: Senate agreed to S. Res. 28, to constitute the minority party's membership on certain committees for the One Hundred Tenth Congress, or until their successors are chosen. **Page S502**

Ethics Bill: Senate continued consideration of S. 1, to provide greater transparency in the legislative process, taking action on the following amendments proposed thereto: **Pages S485–S501, S502–04**

Adopted:

By a unanimous vote of 87 yeas (Vote No. 8), Kerry Modified Amendment No. 1 (to Amendment No. 3), to amend title 5, United States Code, to deny Federal retirement benefits to individuals convicted of certain offenses. **Pages S486–87, S489**

By 81 yeas to 6 nays (Vote No. 9), Vitter Amendment No. 10 (to Amendment No. 3), to increase the penalty for failure to comply with lobbying disclosure requirements. **Page S489**

Withdrawn:

Stevens Amendment No. 40 (to Amendment No. 4), to permit a limited flight exception for necessary State travel. **Pages S486, S496–99**

Pending:

Reid Amendment No. 3, in the nature of a substitute. **Page S485**

Reid Modified Amendment No. 4 (to Amendment No. 3), to strengthen the gift and travel bans. (As modified, the amendment incorporates the provisions of Bennett (for McCain) Amendment No. 19, listed below.) **Pages S485, S490–91**

DeMint Amendment No. 11 (to Amendment No. 3), to strengthen the earmark reform. (By 46 yeas to

51 nays (Vote No. 5), Senate earlier failed to table the amendment.) **Page S485**

DeMint Amendment No. 12 (to Amendment No. 3), to clarify that earmarks added to a conference report that are not considered by the Senate or the House of Representatives are out of scope. **Page S485**

DeMint Amendment No. 14 (to Amendment No. 3), to protect individuals from having their money involuntarily collected and used for lobbying by a labor organization. **Page S485**

Vitter/Inhofe Further Modified Amendment No. 9 (to Amendment No. 3), to prohibit Members from having official contact with any spouse of a Member who is a registered lobbyist. **Pages S485, S491–92**

Leahy/Pryor Amendment No. 2 (to Amendment No. 3), to give investigators and prosecutors the tools they need to combat public corruption. **Page S485**

Gregg Amendment No. 17 (to Amendment No. 3), to establish a legislative line item veto. **Page S486**

Ensign Amendment No. 24 (to Amendment No. 3), to provide for better transparency and enhanced Congressional oversight of spending by clarifying the treatment of matter not committed to the conferees by either House. **Page S486**

Ensign Modified Amendment No. 25 (to Amendment No. 3), to ensure full funding for the Department of Defense within the regular appropriations process, to limit the reliance of the Department of Defense on supplemental appropriations bills, and to improve the integrity of the Congressional budget process. **Page S486**

Cornyn Amendment No. 26 (to Amendment No. 3), to require full separate disclosure of any earmarks in any bill, joint resolution, report, conference report or statement of managers. **Page S486**

Cornyn Amendment No. 27 (to Amendment No. 3), to require 3 calendar days notice in the Senate before proceeding to any matter. **Page S486**

Bennett (for McCain) Amendment No. 28 (to Amendment No. 3), to provide congressional transparency. **Page S486**

Bennett (for McCain) Amendment No. 29 (to Amendment No. 3), to provide congressional transparency. **Page S486**

Lieberman Amendment No. 30 (to Amendment No. 3), to establish a Senate Office of Public Integrity. **Page S486**

Bennett/McConnell Amendment No. 20 (to Amendment No. 3), to strike a provision relating to paid efforts to stimulate grassroots lobbying. **Page S486**

Thune Amendment No. 37 (to Amendment No. 3), to require any recipient of a Federal award to disclose all lobbying and political advocacy. **Page S486**

Feinstein/Rockefeller Amendment No. 42 (to Amendment No. 3), to prohibit an earmark from being included in the classified portion of a report accompanying a measure unless the measure includes a general program description, funding level, and the name of the sponsor of that earmark. **Page S486**

Feingold Amendment No. 31 (to Amendment No. 3), to prohibit former Members of Congress from engaging in lobbying activities in addition to lobbying contacts during their cooling off period. **Page S488**

Feingold Amendment No. 32 (to Amendment No. 3), to increase the cooling off period for senior staff to 2 years and to prohibit former Members of Congress from engaging in lobbying activities in addition to lobbying contacts during their cooling off period. **Page S488**

Feingold Amendment No. 33 (to Amendment No. 3), to prohibit former Members who are lobbyists from using gym and parking privileges made available to Members and former Members. **Page S488**

Feingold Amendment No. 34 (to Amendment No. 3), to require Senate campaigns to file their FEC reports electronically. **Pages S488–89**

Durbin Modified Amendment No. 44 (to Amendment No. 11), to strengthen earmark reform. **Pages S492–94, S503–04**

Durbin Amendment No. 36 (to Amendment No. 3), to require that amendments and motions to recommit with instructions be copied and provided by the clerk to the desks of the Majority Leader and the Minority Leader before being debated. **Pages S494–96**

Cornyn Amendment No. 45 (to Amendment No. 3), to require 72-hour public availability of legislative matters before consideration. **Page S496**

Cornyn Amendment No. 46 (to Amendment No. 2), to deter public corruption. **Page S496**

Bond (for Coburn) Amendment No. 48 (to Amendment No. 3), to require all recipients of Federal earmarks, grants, subgrants, and contracts to disclose amounts spent on lobbying and a description of all lobbying activities. **Page S499**

Bond (for Coburn) Amendment No. 49 (to Amendment No. 3), to require all congressional ear-

mark requests to be submitted to the appropriate Senate committee on a standardized form. **Page S499**

Bond (for Coburn) Amendment No. 50 (to Amendment No. 3), to provide disclosure of lobbyist gifts and travel instead of banning them as proposed. **Pages S499–S500**

Bond (for Coburn) Amendment No. 51 (to Amendment No. 3), to prohibit Members from requesting earmarks that may financially benefit that Member or immediate family member of that Member. **Page S500**

Nelson (NE) Amendment No. 47 (to Amendment No. 3), to help encourage fiscal responsibility in the earmarking process. **Pages S500–01**

Reid (for Feingold/Obama) Amendment No. 54 (to Amendment No. 3), to prohibit lobbyists and entities that retain or employ lobbyists from throwing lavish parties honoring Members at party conventions. **Page S503**

Reid (for Lieberman) Amendment No. 43 (to Amendment No. 3), to require disclosure of earmark lobbying by lobbyists. **Page S503**

Reid (for Casey) Amendment No. 56 (to Amendment No. 3), to eliminate the K Street Project by prohibiting the wrongful influencing of a private entity's employment decisions or practices in exchange for political access or favors. **Page S503**

During consideration of this measure today, the following action, also occurred:

Bennett (for McCain) Amendment No. 19 (to Amendment No. 4), to include a reporting requirement, rendered moot due to its incorporation into the modification of Reid Amendment No. 4 (listed above). **Page S486**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that on Tuesday, January 16, 2007, at 5:30 p.m., Senate vote on, or in relation to, Durbin Modified Amendment No. 44 (to Amendment No. 11), to be followed by a vote on, or in relation to, DeMint Amendment No. 11 (to Amendment No. 3) as amended, if amended; and if Durbin Modified Amendment No. 44 (listed above), is not modified to satisfy Senator DeMint then the agreement with respect to the two amendments be vitiated. **Pages S502–04**

A motion was entered to close further debate on Reid Modified Amendment No. 4, and, notwithstanding the provisions of rule XXII of the standing Rules of the Senate, and pursuant to the unanimous-consent agreement of Friday, January 12, 2007, a vote on cloture will occur following the vote on DeMint Amendment No. 11 (listed above), on Tuesday, January 16, 2007. **Pages S502–03**

A motion was entered to close further debate on Reid/McConnell Amendment No. 3, and, notwithstanding the provisions of rule XXII of the Standing

Rules of the Senate, and pursuant to the unanimous-consent agreement of Friday, January 12, 2007, a vote on cloture will occur following the vote on the motion to invoke cloture on Reid Modified Amendment No. 4, on Tuesday, January 16, 2007.

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A motion was entered to close further debate on the bill and, notwithstanding the provisions of rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, and pursuant to the unanimous-consent agreement of Friday, January 12, 2007, a vote on cloture will occur following the vote on the motion to invoke cloture on Reid/McConnell Amendment No. 3, on Tuesday, January 16, 2007.

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A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the bill at 1 p.m., on Tuesday, January 16, 2007; that Members have until 10:30 a.m., to file first-degree amendments to the bill and until 4:30 p.m. to file second-degree amendments; provided further that Monday, January 15, 2007, be counted as an intervening day under rule XXII with respect to the cloture motion filed on Reid Modified Amendment No. 4.

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Designations for Select Committee on Intelligence: In accordance with the provisions of S. Res. 445 of the 108th Congress, Senator Rockefeller was designated as the Chairman of the Select Committee on Intelligence by the Majority Leader, Senator Reid, and Senator Bond was designated as the Vice-Chair by the Republican Leader, Senator McConnell.

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Appointments:

United States-China Economic Security Review Commission: The Chair, on behalf of the President pro tempore, pursuant to Public Law 106-398, as amended by Public Law 108-7, in accordance with the qualifications specified under section 1238(b)(3)(E) of Public Law 106-398, and upon the

recommendation of the Majority Leader, in consultation with the chairmen of the Senate Committee on Armed Services and the Senate Committee on Finance, appointed the following individuals to the United States-China Economic Security Review Commission: Peter Videnieks of Virginia, for a term beginning January 1, 2007 and expiring December 31, 2008, vice Patrick A. Mulloy.

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Messages From the House: **Page S508**

Message Referred: **Page S508**

Measures Placed on the Calendar: **Pages S503, S508**

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Additional Cosponsors: **Page S509**

Statements on Introduced Bills/Resolutions:
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Amendments Submitted: **Pages S521-27**

Authorities for Committees to Meet: **Page S527**

Record Votes: Two record votes were taken today. (Total—9) **Page S489**

Adjournment: Senate convened at 9:30 a.m., and adjourned at 3:46 p.m., until 10:00 a.m., on Tuesday, January 16, 2006. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S528.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

IRAQ

Committee on Armed Services: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the current situation in Iraq, after receiving testimony from Robert M. Gates, Secretary of Defense; and General Peter Pace, USMC, Chairman, Joint Chiefs of Staff.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 42 public bills, H.R. 5-6, 432-471; and 11 resolutions, H.J. Res. 14; H. Con. Res. 31-32; and H. Res. 56-63; were introduced.

Pages H512-15

Additional Cosponsors: **Pages H515-16**

Reports Filed: There were no reports filed today.

Committee Elections: The House agreed to H. Res. 56, electing the following Members and Delegates to serve on certain standing committees of the House of Representatives: Committee on Rules: Representatives McGovern, Hastings (FL), Matsui, Cardoza, Welch (VT), Castor, and Sutton. Committee on Financial Services: Representative Frank, Chairman; Representatives Kanjorski, Waters, Maloney (NY), Gutierrez, Velázquez, Watt, Ackerman, Carson, Sherman, Meeks (NY), Moore (KS), Capuano,

Hinojosa, Clay, McCarthy (NY), Baca, Lynch, Miller (NC), Scott (GA), Al Green (TX), Cleaver, Bean, Moore (WI), Davis (TN), Sires, Hodes, Ellison, Klein (FL), Mahoney, Wilson (OH), Perlmutter, Murphy (CT), Donnelly, and Marshall (GA). Committee on Agriculture: Representative Peterson, Chairman; Representatives Holden, McIntyre, Etheridge, Boswell, Baca, Cardoza, Scott (GA), Marshall (GA), Herseth, Cuellar, Costa, Salazar, Ellsworth, Boyda, Space, Walz, Gillibrand, Kagen, Pomeroy, Davis (TN), Barrow, Lampson, Donnelly, and Mahoney (FL). Committee on Foreign Affairs: Representative Lantos, Chairman; Representatives Berman, Ackerman, Faleomavaega, Payne, Sherman, Wexler, Engel, Delahunt, Meeks, Watson, Smith (WA), Carnahan, Tanner, Woolsey, Jackson-Lee, Hinojosa, Wu, Miller (NC), Linda T. Sánchez (CA), Scott (GA), Costa, Sires, Giffords, and Klein (FL). Committee on Homeland Security: Representative Thompson (MS), Chairman; Representatives Loretta Sanchez (CA), Markey, Dicks (WA), Harman, DeFazio, Lowey, Norton, Zoe Lofgren, Jackson-Lee, Christensen, Etheridge, Langevin, Cuellar, Carney (PA), Clarke, Al Green (TX), and Perlmutter. Committee on Oversight and Government Reform: Representative Waxman, Chairman; Representatives Lantos, Towns, Kanjorski, Maloney (NY), Cummings, Kucinich, Davis (IL), Tierney, Clay, Watson, Lynch, Higgins, Yarmuth, Braley, Norton, McCollum, Cooper (TN), Van Hollen, Hodes, Murphy (CT), Sarbanes, and Welch (VT). Committee on Veterans' Affairs: Representative Filner, Chairman; Representatives Brown (FL), Snyder, Michaud, Herseth, Mitchell (AZ), Hall (NY), Hare, Doyle, Salazar, Rodriguez, Donnelly, McNerney, and Space.

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Medicare Prescription Drug Price Negotiation Act of 2007: The House passed H.R. 4, to amend part D of title XVIII of the Social Security Act to require the Secretary of Health and Human Services to negotiate lower covered part D drug prices on behalf of Medicare beneficiaries, by a Recorded vote of 255 ayes to 170 noes, Roll No. 23. Pages H440–89

Rejected the Barton of Texas motion to recommit the bill to the Committees on Ways and Means and Energy and Commerce with instructions to report the same back to the House forthwith with an amendment, by a Yea-and-Nay vote of 196 yeas to 229 nays, Roll No. 22. Pages H486–88

Committee Elections: The House agreed to H. Res. 60, electing the following Members to serve on certain standing committees of the House of Representatives: Committee on Armed Services: Representative Cummings (to rank immediately after Representative Giffords). Committee on Transportation and Infra-

structure: Representative Matsui (to rank immediately after Representative Lipinski). Page H489

Meeting Hour: Agreed that when the House adjourns today it adjourn to meet at 12:30 p.m. on Tuesday, January 16 for Morning Hour debate.

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Calendar Wednesday: Agreed by unanimous consent to dispense with the Calendar Wednesday business of Wednesday, January 17. Page H491

Commission on Security and Cooperation in Europe—Appointment: The Chair announced the Speaker's appointment of the following Member of the House of Representatives to the Commission on Security and Cooperation in Europe: Mr. Hastings of Florida, Chairman. Page H491

Quorum Calls—Votes: One Yea-and-Nay vote and one Recorded vote developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H488, H488–89. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 9:00 a.m. and adjourned at 5:20 p.m.

Committee Meetings

COMMITTEE ORGANIZATION

Committee on Rules: Met for organizational purposes.

CONGRESSIONAL PROGRAM AHEAD

Week of January 15 through January 19, 2007
Senate Chamber

On Tuesday, at 1:00 p.m., Senate will resume consideration of S. 1, Ethics Bill, with votes on amendments and motions to invoke cloture.

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 Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry: January 17, to hold hearings to examine conservation security program and environmental quality incentives program relating to working land conservation, 9:30 a.m., SR–328A.

Committee on Appropriations: January 19, Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, Education, and Related Agencies, with the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions, to hold joint hearings to examine stem cell research, 9:30 a.m., SD–192.

Committee on Armed Services: January 17, Subcommittee on Readiness and Management Support, to hold hearings to examine practices in Department of Defense contracting for services and inter-agency contracting, 2:30 p.m., SR–232A.

January 18, Full Committee, to receive a closed briefing on intelligence assessments on the situation in Iraq, 2:30 p.m., S-407, Capitol.

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: January 18, organizational business meeting to consider an original resolution authorizing expenditures for committee operations, committee's rules of procedure for the 110th Congress, and subcommittee assignments; to be followed by a hearing to examine the state of transit security, 10 a.m., SD-538.

Committee on the Budget: January 18, to hold hearings to examine long-term economic and budget challenges, 10 a.m., SD-608.

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: January 17, to hold hearings to examine aviation security, focusing on the recommendations of the 9/11 Commission, 10 a.m., SR-253.

January 18, Full Committee, to hold oversight hearings to examine Federal efforts for rail and surface transportation security, 10 a.m., SR-253.

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: January 18, to hold an oversight hearing to examine issues relating to oil and gas royalty management at the Department of the Interior, 9:30 a.m., SD-106.

Committee on Finance: January 17, organizational business meeting to consider an original resolution authorizing expenditures for committee operations, committee's rules of procedure for the 110th Congress, and subcommittee assignments; committee will also consider The Small Business and Work Opportunity Act of 2007, 10 a.m., SD-215.

Committee on Foreign Relations: January 17, to hold hearings to examine the remaining options and regional diplomatic strategy relating to securing America's interests in Iraq, 9:30 a.m., SH-216.

January 18, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine the military and security strategy relating to securing America's interests in Iraq, 9:30 a.m., SH-216.

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: January 16, to hold hearings to examine economic opportunity and security for working families, 10 a.m., SD-430.

January 19, Full Committee, with the Committee on Appropriations, Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, Education, and Related Agencies, to hold joint hearings to examine stem cell research, 9:30 a.m., SD-192.

Committee on Indian Affairs: January 18, organizational business meeting to consider an original resolution authorizing expenditures for committee operations, committee's rules of procedure for the 110th Congress, and subcommittee assignments, 10 a.m., SR-485.

Committee on the Judiciary: January 16, to hold hearings to examine the plight of Iraqi refugees, 2 p.m., SD-226.

January 17, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine paying off generics to prevent competition with brand name drugs, 10 a.m., SD-226.

January 18, Full Committee, to hold an oversight hearing to examine the Department of Justice, 9:30 a.m., SDG-50.

Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship: January 18, organizational business meeting to consider an original resolution authorizing expenditures for committee operations, committee's rules of procedure for the 110th Congress, and subcommittee assignments, 9 a.m., SR-428A.

Select Committee on Intelligence: January 17, to hold closed hearings to examine intelligence matters, 2:30 p.m., SH-219.

January 18, Full Committee, to hold closed hearings to examine intelligence matters, 2:30 p.m., SH-219.

House Committees

Committee on Appropriations, January 16, to meet for organizational purposes, 5:30 p.m., 2359 Rayburn.

January 17, Subcommittee on Defense, executive, on Army and Marine Corps Readiness, 10 a.m., and, executive, on Army and Marine Operations and Equipment Reconstitution, 1:30 p.m., H-140 Capitol.

January 18, executive, on Navy and Air Force Readiness, 10 a.m., and, executive, on Guard and Reserve Readiness, 1:30 p.m., H-140 Capitol.

January 19, on Military Medical Readiness and Related Issues, 10 a.m., H-140 Capitol.

Committee on Armed Services, January 16, Subcommittee on Seapower and Expeditionary Forces, hearing on Marine Corps force protection equipment for Operation Iraqi Freedom and Operation Enduring Freedom, 3 p.m., 2212 Rayburn.

January 17, full Committee, hearing on alternative perspectives on the President's strategy for Iraq, 10 a.m., 2118 Rayburn.

January 18, hearing on approaches to audit of reconstruction and support activities in Iraq, 10 a.m., 2118 Rayburn.

January 18, Subcommittee on Air and Land Forces, hearing on Army force protection equipment for Operation Iraqi Freedom and Operation Enduring Freedom, 2 p.m., 2118 Rayburn.

Committee on Foreign Affairs, January 17, hearing on Iraq, 10 a.m., 2172 Rayburn.

January 18, hearing on North Korea, 1:30 p.m., 2172 Rayburn.

January 19, hearing on the Baker-Hamilton Commission Report, 10 a.m., 2172 Rayburn.

Committee on Oversight and Reform, January 18, to meet for organizational purposes, 10 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

Committee on Rules, January 16, to consider the following: H.R. 5, College Student Relief Act of 2007; and H.R. 6, Creating Long-Term Energy Alternatives for the Nation Act of 2007, 4 p.m., H-313 Capitol.

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, January 17, to meet for organizational purposes, 10:30 a.m., 2167 Rayburn.

January 19, Subcommittee on Water Resources and Environment, hearing on the Need for Renewed Investment in Clean Water Infrastructure, 9:30 a.m., 2167 Rayburn.

Committee on Ways and Means, January 17, to meet for organizational purposes, 2 p.m., 1100 Longworth.

Next Meeting of the SENATE

10:00 a.m., Tuesday, January 16

Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

12:30 p.m., Tuesday, January 16

Senate Chamber

Program for Tuesday: After the transaction of any morning business (not to extend beyond 1:00 p.m.), Senate will resume consideration of S.1, Ethics Bill at 1:00 p.m., with votes on certain amendments, to be followed by votes on the motions to invoke cloture on certain other amendments.

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