

# Daily Digest

## Senate

### Chamber Action

*Routine Proceedings, pages S631–S708*

**Measures Introduced:** Nineteen bills and four resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 310–328, S. Res. 31–32, and S. Con. Res. 2–3. **Pages S670–71**

#### Measures Passed:

**Democracy in Serbia:** Senate agreed to S. Res. 31, expressing support for democratic forces in Serbia and encouraging the people of Serbia to remain committed to a democratic path. **Pages S707–08**

**Ethics Reform:** Senate continued consideration of S. 1, to provide greater transparency in the legislative process, taking action on the following amendments proposed thereto: **Pages S636–41, S647–67**

#### Adopted:

By 89 yeas to 5 nays (Vote No. 13), Feingold Amendment No. 65 (to Amendment No. 4), to prohibit lobbyists and entities that retain or employ lobbyists from throwing lavish parties honoring Members at party conventions. **Page S665**

By 51 yeas to 46 nays (Vote No. 14), Bennett Modified Amendment No. 81 (to Amendment No. 4), to permit travel hosted by preapproved 501(c)(3) organizations. **Pages S664–65, S665**

By 88 yeas to 9 nays (Vote No. 15), 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.) **Pages S665–66**

#### Withdrawn:

Bennett (for Lott) Amendment No. 78 (to Amendment No. 4), to only allow official and officially related travel to be paid for by appropriated funds. **Pages S663–64**

Bennett (for Lott) Amendment No. 79 (to Amendment No. 4), to only allow official and officially related travel to be paid for by appropriated funds. **Pages S663–64**

#### Pending:

Reid Amendment No. 3, in the nature of a substitute. **Page S636**

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 S636**

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 S636**

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 S636, S638–640**

Leahy/Pryor Amendment No. 2 (to Amendment No. 3), to give investigators and prosecutors the tools they need to combat public corruption. **Page S636**

Gregg Amendment No. 17 (to Amendment No. 3), to establish a legislative line item veto. **Page S636**

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 S636**

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 S636**

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 S636**

Cornyn Amendment No. 27 (to Amendment No. 3), to require 3 calendar days notice in the Senate before proceeding to any matter. **Page S636**

Bennett (for McCain) Amendment No. 28 (to Amendment No. 3), to provide congressional transparency. **Page S636**

Bennett (for McCain) Amendment No. 29 (to Amendment No. 3), to provide congressional transparency. **Page S636**

Lieberman Amendment No. 30 (to Amendment No. 3), to establish a Senate Office of Public Integrity. **Page S636**

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

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Thune Amendment No. 37 (to Amendment No. 3), to require any recipient of a Federal award to disclose all lobbying and political advocacy. **Page S636**

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 S636**

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.

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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.

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Feingold Amendment No. 34 (to Amendment No. 3), to require Senate campaigns to file their FEC reports electronically.

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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.

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

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

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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.

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Bond (for Coburn) Amendment No. 49 (to Amendment No. 3), to require all congressional earmark requests to be submitted to the appropriate Senate committee on a standardized form.

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

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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.

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Nelson (NE) Amendment No. 47 (to Amendment No. 3), to help encourage fiscal responsibility in the earmarking process.

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

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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.

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Sanders Amendment No. 57 (to Amendment No. 3), to require a report by the Commission to Strengthen Confidence in Congress regarding political contributions before and after the enactment of certain laws.

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Bennett (for Coburn) Amendment No. 59 (to Amendment No. 3), to provide disclosure of lobbyist gifts and travel instead of banning them as proposed.

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Bennett (for Coleman) Amendment No. 39 (to Amendment No. 3), to require that a publicly available website be established in Congress to allow the public access to records of reported congressional official travel.

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Feingold Amendment No. 63 (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.

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Feingold Amendment No. 64 (to Amendment No. 3), to prohibit lobbyists and entities that retain or employ lobbyists from throwing lavish parties honoring Members at party conventions.

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Feingold/Obama Amendment No. 76 (to Amendment No. 3), to clarify certain aspects of the lobbyist contribution reporting provision.

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Obama/Feingold Amendment No. 41 (to Amendment No. 3), to require lobbyists to disclose the candidates, leadership PACs, or political parties for whom they collect or arrange contributions, and the aggregate amount of the contributions collected or arranged.

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Nelson (NE)/Salazar Amendment No. 71 (to Amendment No. 3), to extend the laws and rules passed in this bill to the executive and judicial branches of government.

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

By 51 yeas to 46 nays (Vote No. 16), three-fifths of those Senators duly chosen and sworn, not having voted in the affirmative, Senate rejected the motion to close further debate on the motion to invoke cloture on Reid Amendment No. 3 (listed above).

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Senator Reid entered a motion to reconsider the vote by which the motion to invoke cloture failed on Reid Amendment No. 3 (listed above). **Pages S666–67**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that the vote on the motion to invoke cloture on the bill be delayed to occur only if cloture is invoked on Reid Amendment No. 3 (listed above).

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Senate expects to continue consideration of the bill at approximately 11 a.m., on Thursday, January 18, 2007.

**Messages From the House:** **Page S669**

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**Authorities for Committees to Meet:** **Page S707**

**Record Votes:** Four record votes were taken today. (Total—16) **Pages S665, S666**

**Adjournment:** Senate convened at 10 a.m., and adjourned at 10:52 p.m., until 9 a.m., on Thursday, January 18, 2006. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today's Record on page S708.)

## Committee Meetings

*(Committees not listed did not meet)*

### LAND CONSERVATION

*Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine Conservation Security Program and Environmental Quality Incentives Program relating to working land conservation, focusing on the Natural Resources Conservation Service's (NRCS) process for allocating Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP) funds to the states to optimize environmental benefits, NRCS's measures to monitor EQIP's performance, and the legislative and regulatory measures available to prevent duplication between CSP and other conservation programs, such as EQIP, after receiving testimony from Arlen Lancaster, Chief, Natural Resources Conservation Service, Department of Agriculture; Lisa Shames, Acting Director, Natural Resources and Environment, Government Accountability Office; Craig Cox, Soil and Water Conservation Society, Ankeny, Iowa; Kathleen A. Merrigan,

Tufts University Friedman School of Nutrition Science and Policy, Winchester, Massachusetts; Duane Hovorka, National Wildlife Federation, Elmwood, Nebraska, on behalf of the Sustainable Agriculture Coalition and the Izaak Walton League of America; and James Ham, Monroe County Commission, Smarr, Georgia, on behalf of the National Association of Conservation Districts and Georgia Association of Conservation District Supervisors.

### DOD CONTRACTING

*Committee on Armed Services:* Subcommittee on Readiness and Management Support concluded a hearing to examine practices in Department of Defense contracting for services and inter-agency contracting, focusing on increasing reliance on contractors, failure to follow business practices when acquiring services, and opportunities for DOD to improve its management of services, after receiving testimony from Thomas F. Gimble, Acting Inspector General, Department of Defense; and Katherine V. Schinasi, Managing Director, Acquisition and Sourcing Management, Government Accountability Office.

### AVIATION SECURITY

*Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine the progress of the Department of Homeland Security regarding the recommendations of the 9/11 Commission related to aviation security, after receiving testimony from Kip Hawley, Assistant Secretary of Homeland Security, Transportation Security Administration.

### BUSINESS MEETING

*Committee on Environment and Public Works:* Committee adopted its rules of procedure for the 110th Congress.

### BUSINESS MEETING

*Committee on Finance:* Committee ordered favorably reported an original bill entitled "Small Business and Work Opportunity Act".

Also, committee adopted its rules of procedure for the 110th Congress.

Also, Committee appointed the following Members to the Joint Committee on Taxation, the Congressional Trade Advisors on Trade Policy and Negotiations, and the Congressional Oversight Group: Senators Baucus, Rockefeller, Conrad, Grassley, and Hatch.

### IRAQ

*Committee on Foreign Relations:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine the remaining options and regional diplomatic strategy relating to securing

America's interests in Iraq, focusing on sectarian violence, its expansion within the region, and the challenges facing U.S. policy in the Middle East, after receiving testimony from Vali R. Nasr, Professor Naval Postgraduate School, and Richard N. Haass, New York, New York, both of the Council on Foreign Relations; and Dennis Ross, Washington Institute for Near East Policy, Washington, DC.

### PRESCRIPTION DRUGS

*Committee on the Judiciary:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine paying off generics to prevent competition with brand name drugs, including S. 316, to prohibit brand name drug companies from compensating generic drug companies to delay the

entry of a generic drug into the market, after receiving testimony from former Representative Billy Tauzin, on behalf of the Pharmaceutical Research and Manufacturers of America, Merril Hirsh, Ross, Dixon and Bell, LLP, and Bruce L. Downey, Barr Pharmaceuticals, Inc., all of Washington, DC.; Jon Leibowitz, Commissioner, Federal Trade Commission; and Michael Wroblewski, Consumers Union, Yonkers, New York.

### INTELLIGENCE

*Select Committee on Intelligence:* Committee held closed hearings on intelligence matters, receiving testimony from officials of the intelligence community.

Committee recessed subject to call.

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## House of Representatives

### Chamber Action

**Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced:** 44 public bills, H.R. 502–545; 1 private bill, H.R. 546; and 7 resolutions, H.J. Res. 16–18; and H. Res. 69–72 were introduced. **Pages H670–72**

**Additional Cosponsors:** **Page H672**

**Reports Filed:** There were no reports filed today.

**Speaker:** Read a letter from the Speaker wherein she appointed Representative John B. Larson to act as Speaker Pro Tempore for today. **Page H575**

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

*Providing for an additional temporary extension of programs under the Small Business Act and the Small Business Investment Act of 1958:* H.R. 434, to provide for an additional temporary extension of programs under the Small Business Act and the Small Business Investment Act of 1958 through December 31, 2007, by a  $\frac{2}{3}$  yeas-and-nay vote of 413 yeas to 2 nays, Roll No. 28; **Pages H582–84, H595–96**

*Honoring Muhammad Ali, global humanitarian, on the occasion of his 65th birthday and extending best wishes to him and his family:* H. Res. 58, to honor Muhammad Ali, global humanitarian, on the occasion of his 65th birthday and to extend best wishes to him and his family, by a  $\frac{2}{3}$  yeas-and-nay vote of 421 yeas with none voting “nay,” Roll No. 33; and **Pages H584–87, H631–32**

*Repealing certain sections of the Act of May 26, 1936, pertaining to the Virgin Islands:* H.R. 57,

to repeal certain sections of the Act of May 26, 1936, pertaining to the Virgin Islands. **Pages H587–88**

**Suspension—Proceedings Resumed:** The House agreed to suspend the rules and agree to the following measure which was debated on Tuesday, January 16:

*Honoring the Mare Island Original 21ers for their efforts to remedy racial discrimination in employment at Mare Island Naval Shipyard:* H. Con. Res. 31, to honor the Mare Island Original 21ers for their efforts to remedy racial discrimination in employment at Mare Island Naval Shipyard, by a  $\frac{2}{3}$  yeas-and-nay vote of 416 yeas with none voting “nay,” Roll No. 27. **Page H595**

**College Student Relief Act of 2007:** The House passed H.R. 5, to amend the Higher Education Act of 1965 to reduce interest rates for student borrowers, by a yeas-and-nay vote of 356 yeas to 71 nays, Roll No. 32. **Pages H597–H628, H630–31**

Rejected the McKeon motion to recommit the bill to the Committee on Education and Labor with instructions to report the same back to the House forthwith with an amendment, by a yeas-and-nay vote of 186 yeas to 241 nays, Roll No. 31. **Pages H628–30**

H. Res. 65, the rule providing for consideration of the bill, was agreed to by a Recorded vote of 223 yeas to 190 noes, Roll No. 30, after agreeing to order the previous question by a yeas-and-nay vote of 225 yeas to 191 nays, Roll No. 29.

**Pages H588–94, H596–97**

**Suspension—Proceedings Postponed:** The House completed debate on the following measure under

suspension of the rules. Further proceedings were postponed until tomorrow, Thursday, January 18.

*Congratulating the Grand Valley State University Lakers for winning the 2006 NCAA Division II Football National Championship:* H. Res. 62, to congratulate the Grand Valley State University Lakers for winning the 2006 NCAA Division II Football National Championship. **Pages H580–82**

**Quorum Calls—Votes:** Six yea-and-nay votes and one Recorded vote developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H595, H595–96, H596, H630, H630–31, and H631–32. There were no quorum calls.

**Senate Message:** Message received from the Senate today appears on page H575.

**Adjournment:** The House met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 10:48 p.m.

## Committee Meetings

### DEFENSE APPROPRIATIONS

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Defense met in executive session on Army and Marine Corps Readiness. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Defense: GEN Peter J. Schoomaker, USA, Chief of Staff; and GEN James T. Conway, USMC, Commandant of the Marine Corps.

The Subcommittee also met in executive session on Army and Marine Operations and Equipment Reconstitution. Testimony was heard from GEN Benjamin Griffin, USA, Commander, Army Materiel Command; LTG Jim Lovelace, U.S. Army, G3; and LTG Steve Speakes, USA, G8; LTG Emerson N. Gardner, Jr., USMC, Deputy Commandant, Programs and Resources; LTG Richard F. Natonski, USMC, Deputy Commandant, Plans, Policies and Operations; and BG Michael M. Brogan, USMC, Commander, Marine Corps Systems Command.

### ALTERNATIVE IRAQ STRATEGIES

*Committee on Armed Services:* Held a hearing on alternative perspectives on the President's strategy for Iraq. Testimony was heard from William J. Perry, former Secretary of Defense; and public witnesses.

### IRAQ OVERSIGHT

*Committee on Foreign Affairs:* Held a briefing on Iraq. The Committee was briefed by Madeleine Albright, former Secretary of State.

### COMMITTEE ORGANIZATION

*Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure:* Met for organizational purposes.

### COMMITTEE ORGANIZATION; OVERSIGHT PLAN

*Committee on Ways and Means:* Met for organizational purposes.

The Committee approved an Oversight Plan for organizational purposes.

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### NEW PUBLIC LAWS

(For last listing of Public Laws, see DAILY DIGEST, p. D48)

H.R. 6164, to amend title IV of the Public Health Service Act to revise and extend the authorities of the National Institutes of Health. Signed on January 15, 2007 (Public Law 109–482)

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### COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR THURSDAY, JANUARY 18, 2007

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

#### Senate

*Committee on Armed Services:* 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:* organizational business meeting to consider subcommittee assignments; to be followed by a hearing to examine the state of transit security, 10 a.m., SD–538.

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

*Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation:* 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:* 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–G50.

*Committee on Foreign Relations:* 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 Indian Affairs:* 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:* to hold an oversight hearing to examine the Department of Justice, 9:30 a.m., SD–106.

*Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship:* 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:* to hold closed hearings to examine intelligence matters, 2:30 p.m., SH–219.

**House**

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

*Committee on Armed Services*, hearing on approaches to audit of reconstruction and support activities in Iraq, 10 a.m., 2118 Rayburn.

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*, briefing on North Korea, 1:30 p.m., 2172 Rayburn.

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

*Committee on Rules*, to consider a resolution providing for consideration of motions to suspend the rules, 3 p.m., H-313 Capitol.

*Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence*, hearing on Current and Projected Threats to U.S. National Security, 9:30 a.m., 2212 Rayburn, and, executive, at 12 p.m., H-405 Capitol.

*Next Meeting of the SENATE*

9 a.m., Thursday, January 18

*Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES*

10 a.m., Thursday, January 18

## Senate Chamber

**Program for Thursday:** After the transaction of any morning business (not to extend beyond 2 hours), Senate expects to continue consideration of S. 1, Ethics Reform.

## House Chamber

**Program for Thursday:** Consideration of H.R. 6—Creating Long-Term Energy Alternatives for the Nation (CLEAN) Act of 2007.

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