

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S1255–S1297

Measures Introduced: Twelve bills and one resolution were introduced, as follows: S. 415–426, and S. Res. 45. **Pages S1283–84**

Measures Reported:

S. Res. 45, authorizing expenditures by the Special Committee on Aging. **Page S1283**

Measures Passed:

National Collegiate Athletic Association Division I Women's Volleyball Championship: Committee on Judiciary was discharged from further consideration of S. Res. 44, commending the University of Nebraska-Lincoln women's volleyball team for winning the National Collegiate Athletic Association Division I Women's Volleyball Championship, and the resolution was then agreed to. **Pages S1296–97**

Fair Minimum Wage: Senate resumed consideration of H.R. 2, to amend the Fair Labor Standards Act of 1938 to provide for an increase in the Federal minimum wage, taking action on the following amendments proposed thereto: **Pages S1267–77**

Pending:

Reid (for Baucus) Amendment No. 100, in the nature of a substitute. **Page S1267**

McConnell (for Gregg) Amendment No. 101 (to Amendment No. 100), to provide Congress a second look at wasteful spending by establishing enhanced rescission authority under fast-track procedures. **Page S1267**

Kyl Amendment No. 115 (to Amendment No. 100), to extend through December 31, 2008, the depreciation treatment of leasehold, restaurant, and retail space improvements. **Page S1267**

Enzi (for Ensign/Inhofe) Amendment No. 152 (to Amendment No. 100), to reduce document fraud, prevent identity theft, and preserve the integrity of the Social Security system. **Page S1267**

Enzi (for Ensign) Amendment No. 153 (to Amendment No. 100), to preserve and protect Social Security benefits of American workers, including those making minimum wage, and to help ensure greater Congressional oversight of the Social Security

system by requiring that both Houses of Congress approve a totalization agreement before the agreement, giving foreign workers Social Security benefits, can go into effect. **Page S1267**

Vitter/Voinovich Amendment No. 110 (to Amendment No. 100), to amend title 44 of the United States Code, to provide for the suspension of fines under certain circumstances for first-time paperwork violations by small business concerns. **Page S1267**

DeMint Amendment No. 155 (to Amendment No. 100), to amend the Public Health Service Act to provide for cooperative governing of individual health insurance coverage offered in interstate commerce, and to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 regarding the disposition of unused health benefits in cafeteria plans and flexible spending arrangements and the use of health savings accounts for the payment of health insurance premiums for high deductible health plans purchased in the individual market. **Page S1267**

DeMint Amendment No. 156 (to Amendment No. 100), to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 regarding the disposition of unused health benefits in cafeteria plans and flexible spending arrangements. **Page S1267**

DeMint Amendment No. 157 (to the language proposed to be stricken by Amendment No. 100), to increase the Federal minimum wage by an amount that is based on applicable State minimum wages. **Page S1267**

DeMint Amendment No. 159 (to Amendment No. 100), to protect individuals from having their money involuntarily collected and used for lobbying by a labor organization. **Page S1267**

DeMint Amendment No. 160 (to Amendment No. 100), to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to allow certain small businesses to defer payment of tax. **Page S1267**

DeMint Amendment No. 161 (to Amendment No. 100), to prohibit the use of flexible schedules by Federal employees unless such flexible schedule benefits are made available to private sector employees not later than 1 year after the date of enactment of the Fair Minimum Wage Act of 2007. **Page S1267**

DeMint Amendment No. 162 (to Amendment No. 100), to amend the Fair Labor Standards Act of 1938 regarding the minimum wage. **Page S1267**

Kennedy (for Kerry) Amendment No. 128 (to Amendment No. 100), to direct the Administrator of the Small Business Administration to establish a pilot program to provide regulatory compliance assistance to small business concerns. **Page S1267**

Martinez Amendment No. 105 (to Amendment No. 100), to clarify the house parent exemption to certain wage and hour requirements. **Page S1267**

Sanders Amendment No. 201 (to Amendment No. 100), to express the sense of the Senate concerning poverty. **Page S1267**

Gregg Amendment No. 203 (to Amendment No. 100), to enable employees to use employee option time. **Page S1267**

Burr Amendment No. 195 (to Amendment No. 100), to provide for an exemption to a minimum wage increase for certain employers who contribute to their employees health benefit expenses. **Page S1267**

Chambliss Amendment No. 118 (to Amendment No. 100), to provide minimum wage rates for agricultural workers. **Page S1267**

Kennedy (for Feinstein) Amendment No. 167 (to Amendment No. 118), to improve agricultural job opportunities, benefits, and security for aliens in the United States. **Page S1267**

Enzi (for Allard) Amendment No. 169 (to Amendment No. 100), to prevent identity theft by allowing the sharing of social security data among government agencies for immigration enforcement purposes. **Page S1267**

Enzi (for Cornyn) Amendment No. 135 (to Amendment No. 100), to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to repeal the Federal unemployment surtax. **Pages S1267, S1271**

Enzi (for Cornyn) Amendment No. 138 (to Amendment No. 100), to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to expand workplace health incentives by equalizing the tax consequences of employee athletic facility use. **Pages S1267, S1271**

Sessions (for Kyl) Amendment No. 209 (to Amendment No. 100), to extend through December 31, 2012, the increased expensing for small businesses. **Page S1267**

Division I of Sessions (for Kyl) Amendment No. 210 (to Amendment No. 100), to provide for the permanent extension of increasing expensing for small businesses, the depreciation treatment of leasehold, restaurant, and retail space improvements, and the work opportunity tax credit. **Page S1267**

Division II of Sessions (for Kyl) Amendment No. 210 (to Amendment No. 100), to provide for the permanent extension of increasing expensing for

small businesses, the depreciation treatment of leasehold, restaurant, and retail space improvements, and the work opportunity tax credit. **Page S1267**

Division III of Sessions (for Kyl) Amendment No. 210 (to Amendment No. 100), to provide for the permanent extension of increasing expensing for small businesses, the depreciation treatment of leasehold, restaurant, and retail space improvements, and the work opportunity tax credit. **Page S1267**

Division IV of Sessions (for Kyl) Amendment No. 210 (to Amendment No. 100), to provide for the permanent extension of increasing expensing for small businesses, the depreciation treatment of leasehold, restaurant, and retail space improvements, and the work opportunity tax credit. **Page S1267**

Division V of Sessions (for Kyl) Amendment No. 210 (to Amendment No. 100), to provide for the permanent extension of increasing expensing for small businesses, the depreciation treatment of leasehold, restaurant, and retail space improvements, and the work opportunity tax credit. **Page S1267**

Durbin Amendment No. 221 (to Amendment No. 157), to change the enactment date. **Page S1275**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the bill at 11:00 a.m. on Tuesday, January 30, 2007; that the time until 12:15 p.m., be equally divided and controlled between the Majority and Republican Leaders, or their designees; that the time from 11:55 a.m. until 12:05 p.m., be under the control of the Republican Leader and the time from 12:05 p.m. until 12:15 p.m., be under the control of the Majority Leader; that at 12:15 p.m., Senate vote on the motion to invoke cloture on Reid (for Baucus) Amendment No. 100 (listed above); provided further, that Members have until 11:00 a.m. to file any second-degree amendments. **Page S1297**

Appointments:

Mexico-United States Parliamentary Group: The Chair, on behalf of the Vice President, pursuant to 22 U.S.C. 276h–276k, as amended, appointed the following Senator as Chairman of the Senate Delegation to the Mexico-U.S. Interparliamentary Group during the 110th Congress: Senator Dodd. **Page S1296**

Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

James R. Clapper, Jr., of Virginia, to be Under Secretary of Defense for Intelligence.

William Herbert Heyman, of New York, to be a Director of the Securities Investor Protection Corporation for a term expiring December 31, 2008.

32 Air Force nominations in the rank of general.
1 Army nomination in the rank of general.

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Adjournment: Senate convened at 2:00 p.m., and adjourned at 5:32 p.m., until 10:00 a.m., on Tuesday, January 30, 2007. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today's Record on page S1297.)

Committee Meetings

No committee meetings were held.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 20 public bills, H.R. 698–717; and 5 resolutions, H.J. Res. 20; H. Con. Res. 46; and H. Res. 102–104 were introduced. Pages H986–87

Additional Cosponsors: Pages H987–88

Reports Filed: Reports were filed today as follows:

H. Con. Res. 34, honoring the life of Percy Lavon Julian, a pioneer in the field of organic chemistry research and development and the first and only African American chemist to be inducted into the National Academy of Sciences (H. Rept. 110–4) and

H. Res. 59, supporting the goals and ideals of National Engineers Week (H. Rept. 110–5).

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Speaker: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein she appointed Representative Baird to act as Speaker Pro Tempore for today. Page H947

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

Lane Evans Post Office Building Designation Act: H.R. 521, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 2633 11th Street in Rock Island, Illinois, as the "Lane Evans Post Office Building," by a $\frac{2}{3}$ yea-and-nay vote of 405 yeas to 3 nays, Roll No. 58;

Pages H948–54, H958–59

Gerald R. Ford, Jr. Post Office Building Designation Act: H.R. 49, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 1300 North Frontage Road West in Vail, Colorado, as the "Gerald R. Ford, Jr. Post Office Building," by a $\frac{2}{3}$ yea-and-nay vote of 409 yeas with none voting "nay," Roll No. 59;

Pages H954–55, H959–60

Gale W. McGee Post Office Building Designation Act: H.R. 335, to designate the facility of the

United States Postal Service located at 152 North 5th Street in Laramie, Wyoming, as the "Gale W. McGee Post Office";

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Congratulating the University of California at Santa Barbara men's soccer team: H. Res. 70, amended, to congratulate the University of California at Santa Barbara men's soccer team, the 2006 National Collegiate Athletic Association Champions; and

Pages H956–57

Commending the University of Louisville Cardinals football team: H. Res. 82, amended, to commend the University of Louisville Cardinals football team for their victory in the 2007 Orange Bowl, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ yea-and-nay vote of 408 yeas to 1 nay, Roll No. 60.

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Recess: The House recessed at 3:03 p.m. and reconvened at 6:30 p.m.

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United States Group of the NATO Parliamentary Assembly—Appointment: The Chair announced the Speaker's appointment of the following Members of the House of Representatives, in addition to Representative Tanner, Chairman, to the United States Group of the NATO Parliamentary Assembly: Representative Tauscher, Vice Chairman; Representatives Ross, Chandler, Larson (CT), Meek (FL), Scott (GA), and Bean.

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Senate Message: Message received from the Senate by the Clerk and subsequently presented to the House today appears on page H948.

Quorum Calls—Votes: Three yea-and-nay votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H958–59, H959–60 and H960. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 2:00 p.m. and adjourned at 11:03 p.m.

Committee Meetings

No committee meetings were held.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR TUESDAY, JANUARY 30, 2007

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Armed Services: to hold hearings to examine the nomination of Admiral William J. Fallon, USN, for reappointment to the grade of admiral and to be Commander, United States Central Command, 9:30 a.m., SD-106.

Committee on the Budget: to hold hearings to examine long-term fiscal challenges, 10 a.m., SD-608.

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: to hold hearings to examine the status of Federal land management agencies' efforts to contain the costs of their wildlife suppression activities and to consider recent independent reviews of and recommendations for those efforts, 10 a.m., SD-366.

Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine transportation sector fuel efficiency, including challenges to and incentives for increased oil savings through technological innovation including plug-in hybrids, 2:30 p.m., SD-366.

Committee on Environment and Public Works: organizational business meeting to consider an original resolution authorizing expenditures for committee operations; to be followed by a hearing to examine Senators' perspectives on global warming, focusing on Senators' views on global warming and what each Senator believes the Nation's response should be to the issue, 9:05 a.m., SD-406.

Committee on Foreign Relations: to hold hearings to examine the nomination of John D. Negroponte, of New York, to be Deputy Secretary of State, 9:30 a.m., SH-216.

Full Committee, to resume hearings to examine securing America's interests in Iraq, focusing on the remaining options, alternative plans and the Iraq Study Group, 1 p.m., SH-216.

Committee on the Judiciary: to hold hearings to examine exercising Congress' constitutional power to end a war, 10 a.m., SD-226.

Select Committee on Intelligence: closed business meeting and hearing regarding certain intelligence matters, 2:30 p.m., SH-219.

House

Committee on Appropriations, Subcommittee on Homeland Security, on 5- and 10-year Homeland Security Goals: Where We Need To Be as a Nation and How We Judge Progress, 10 a.m., and 2 p.m., 2359 Rayburn.

Committee on Armed Services, hearing on Security and Stability in Afghanistan: Challenges and Opportunities, 10 a.m., 2118 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Military Personnel, hearing on examination of the force requirements determination process, 2 p.m., 2212 Rayburn.

Committee on the Budget, hearing on the Congressional Budget Office's Budget and Economic Outlook, 10 a.m., 210 Cannon.

Committee on Education and Labor, Subcommittee on Health, Employment, Labor and Pensions, hearing on Protecting Workers from Genetic Discrimination, 10:30 a.m., 2175 Rayburn.

Committee on Energy and Commerce, Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations, hearing entitled "Continuing Security Concerns at Los Alamos National Laboratory," 10 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

Committee on Oversight and Government Reform, hearing on allegations of political interference with the work of government climate change scientists, 10 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

Committee on Rules, to consider a House Joint Resolution making Continuing Appropriations for the fiscal year 2007, 3 p.m., H-313 Capitol.

Committee on Science and Technology, Subcommittee on Energy and Environment, hearing on H.R. 547, Advanced Fuels Infrastructure Research and Development Act, 2 p.m., 2318 Rayburn.

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, Subcommittee on Coast Guard and Maritime Transportation, oversight hearing of the Coast Guard Integrated Deep-water System, 11 a.m., 2167 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Railroads, Pipelines, and Hazardous Materials, hearing on Reauthorization of the Federal Rail Safety Program, 2 p.m., 2167 Rayburn.

Committee on Veterans' Affairs, to meet for organizational purposes, 2 p.m., 334 Cannon.

Committee on Ways and Means, hearing on Trade and Globalization, 10 a.m., 1100 Longworth.

Subcommittee on Select Revenue Measures, to meet for organizational purposes, 4 p.m., B-318 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Trade, to meet for organizational purposes, 3 p.m., 1105 Longworth.

Next Meeting of the SENATE

10:00 a.m., Tuesday, January 30

Senate Chamber

Program for Tuesday: After the transaction of any morning business (not to extend beyond 60 minutes) Senate will continue consideration of H.R. 2, Fair Minimum Wage, and vote on the motion to invoke cloture on Reid (for Baucus) Amendment No. 100 at approximately 12:15 p.m.

(Senate will recess from 12:30 p.m. until 2:15 p.m. for their respective party conferences.)

Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

10:30 a.m., Tuesday, January 30

House Chamber

Program for Tuesday: Consideration of the following suspensions: (1) H. Res. 24—Establishing

the House Democracy Assistance Commission for the One Hundred Tenth Congress; (2) H. Con. Res. 20—Calling on the Government of the United Kingdom to immediately establish a full, independent, and public judicial inquiry into the murder of Northern Ireland defense attorney Patrick Finucane, as recommended by Judge Peter Cory as part of the Weston Park Agreement, in order to move forward on the Northern Ireland peace process; (3) H. Res. 59—Supporting the goals and ideals of National Engineers Week; (4) H. Con. Res. 34—Honoring the life of Percy Lavon Julian, a pioneer in the field of organic chemistry research and development and the first and only African American chemist to be inducted into the National Academy of Sciences; and (5) H. Con. Res. 5—Expressing support for the designation and goals of “Hire a Veteran Week” and encouraging the President to issue a proclamation supporting those goals.

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