

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S783–S872

Measures Introduced: Nineteen bills and two resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 341–359, and S. Res. 35–36. **Pages S827–28**

Measures Reported:

S. 349, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide additional tax incentives to employers and employees of small businesses. (S. Rept. No. 110–1) **Page S827**

Measures Passed:

Joint Session of Congress: Senate agreed to H. Con. Res. 38, providing for a joint session of Congress to receive a message from the President, after agreeing to the following amendment proposed thereto: **Page S868**

Reid Amendment No. 109, of a perfecting nature. **Page S868**

Fair Minimum Wage: Senate began 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 S791–S821**

Pending:

Reid (for Baucus) Amendment No. 100, in the nature of a substitute. **Pages S791–S821**

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. **Pages S791–S803**

Enzi (for Snowe) Amendment No. 103 (to Amendment No. 100), to enhance compliance assistance for small businesses. **Page S803**

Sessions Amendment No. 106 (to Amendment No. 100), to express the sense of the Senate that increasing personal savings is a necessary step toward ensuring the economic security of all the people of the United States upon retirement. **Pages S818–20**

Sessions Amendment No. 107 (to Amendment No. 100), to impose additional requirements to ensure greater use of the advance payment of the

earned income credit and to extend such advance payment to all taxpayers eligible for the credit. **Pages S818–20**

Sessions Amendment No. 108 (to Amendment No. 100), to authorize the Secretary of the Treasury to study the costs and barriers to businesses if the advance earned income tax credit program included all EITC recipients. **Pages S818–20**

A motion was entered to close further debate on McConnell (for Gregg) Amendment No. 101 (to Amendment No. 100), and, in accordance with the provisions of Rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, a vote on cloture will occur on Wednesday, January 24, 2007. **Page S791**

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 Wednesday, January 24, 2007. **Page S821**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that Senators have until 2:30 p.m., on Tuesday, January 23, 2007, to file first-degree amendments. **Page S869**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the bill at approximately 11 a.m., on Tuesday, January 23, 2007. **Page S869**

Ethics Reform—Amendment Modified: A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that, notwithstanding the Thursday, January 18, 2007 passage, of S. 1, to provide greater transparency in the legislative process, Senate modified the following amendment which had previously been agreed to:

Bond (for Coburn) Modified 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. **Pages S783–84**

Hollings Manufacturing Extension Partnership Program—Referral: A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that the Committee on the Judiciary be discharged from further consideration of S. 69, to authorize appropriations for the

Hollings Manufacturing Extension Partnership Program, and be referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation. **Page S868**

Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

Ryan C. Crocker, of Washington, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Iraq.

John D. Negroponte, of New York, to be Deputy Secretary of State.

J. Michael McConnell, of Virginia, to be Director of National Intelligence.

1 Marine Corps nomination in the rank of general. **Page S872**

Messages From the House: **Pages S825–26**

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Privileges of the Floor: **Page S868**

Adjournment: Senate convened at 1 p.m., and adjourned at 6:59 p.m., until 10 a.m., on Tuesday, January 23, 2006. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today's Record on page S869.)

Committee Meetings

No committee meetings were held.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 31 public bills, H.R. 599–629; 1 private bill, H.R. 630; and 3 resolutions, H. Con. Res. 40 and H. Res. 83–84, were introduced. **Pages H834–35**

Additional Cosponsors: **Pages H835–36**

Reports Filed: There were no reports filed today.

Speaker: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein she appointed Representative Susan A. Davis to act as Speaker Pro Tempore for today. **Page H791**

Recess: The House recessed at 12:45 p.m. and reconvened at 2 p.m. **Page H793**

Succession of the Speaker of the House: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein she designated Representative Hoyer to act jointly with the Majority Leader of the Senate, or his designee, in the event of the death or inability of the Speaker to notify Members of the House and Senate of any reassembly. **Page H794**

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

Supporting the goals and ideals of National Mentoring Month 2007: H. Res. 29, to support the goals and ideals of National Mentoring Month 2007, by a 2/3 yeas-and-nays vote of 410 yeas with none voting "nay," Roll No. 46; **Pages H794–96, H817**

Paying tribute to Reverend Waitstill Sharp and Martha Sharp for their recognition by the Yad

Vashem Holocaust Martyrs' and Heroes' Remembrance Authority as Righteous Among the Nations for their heroic efforts to save Jews during the Holocaust: H. Res. 52, to pay tribute to Reverend Waitstill Sharp and Martha Sharp for their recognition by the Yad Vashem Holocaust Martyrs' and Heroes' Remembrance Authority as Righteous Among the Nations for their heroic efforts to save Jews during the Holocaust, by a 2/3 yeas-and-nays vote of 413 yeas with none voting "nay," Roll No. 44; and

Pages H801–05, H815–16

Preservation of Records of Servitude, Emancipation, and Post-Civil War Reconstruction Act: H.R. 390, to require the establishment of a national database in the National Archives to preserve records of servitude, emancipation, and post-Civil War reconstruction and to provide grants to State and local entities to establish similar local databases, by a 2/3 yeas-and-nays vote of 414 yeas to 1 nay, Roll No. 45.

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Recess: The House recessed at 3:19 p.m. and reconvened at 5:53 p.m. **Page H807**

Recess: The House recessed at 5:54 p.m. and reconvened at 6:20 p.m. **Page H807**

Suspensions—Proceedings Postponed: The House debated the following measures under suspension of the rules. Further proceedings were postponed until a later date.

Honoring the contributions of Catholic schools: H. Res. 51, to honor the contributions of Catholic schools; **Pages H796–H800**

Congratulating Illinois State University as it celebrates its sesquicentennial: H. Res. 57, to congratulate Illinois State University as it celebrates its sesquicentennial; and **Pages H800–01**

Amending title 5, United States Code, to make noncreditable for Federal retirement purposes any Member service performed by an individual who is convicted of any of certain offenses committed by that individual while serving as a Member of Congress: H.R. 476, to amend title 5, United States Code, to make noncreditable for Federal retirement purposes any Member service performed by an individual who is convicted of any of certain offenses committed by that individual while serving as a Member of Congress. **Pages H807–15**

During the course of debate on H.R. 476, the House agreed to table the appeal of the ruling of the Chair on a point of order raised by Mr. Shadegg, by a yea-and-nay vote of 223 yeas to 190 nays, with 1 voting “present,” Roll No. 43. **Pages H812–13**

Joint Economic Committee—Appointment: The Chair announced the Speaker’s appointment of Representative Saxton to the Joint Economic Committee. **Page H817**

Quorum Calls Votes: Four yea-and-nay votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H812–13, H815–16, H816–17, and H817. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 12:30 p.m. and adjourned at 10:39 p.m.

Committee Meetings

INTELLIGENCE READINESS

Committee on Appropriations, Subcommittee on Defense met in executive session on Intelligence Readiness. Testimony was heard from Steven Kappes, Deputy Director, CIA; and John D. Negroponte, Director of National Intelligence.

SUBCOMMITTEE ORGANIZATION

Committee on Ways and Means: Subcommittee on Health met for organizational purposes.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR TUESDAY, JANUARY 23, 2007

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Armed Services: to hold hearings to examine the nomination of Lieutenant General David H. Petraeus, USA, to be General and Commander, Multi-National Forces—Iraq, 9:30 a.m., SR–325.

Committee on the Budget: to hold hearings to examine the growing tax gap and strategies for reducing it, 10 a.m., SD–608.

Committee on Foreign Relations: to resume hearings to examine the remaining options relating to securing America’s interests in Iraq, focusing on Federalism, strategic redeployment or negotiate, 9:15 a.m., SD–106.

Full Committee, to resume hearings to examine the remaining options relating to securing America’s interests in Iraq, 2:30 p.m., SD–106.

Committee on Veterans’ Affairs: to hold oversight hearings to examine Department of Defense and Veterans Affairs collaboration and cooperation to meet the needs of returning military service members, 9:30 a.m., SR–418.

Select Committee on Intelligence: to hold hearings to examine intelligence reform, 2:30 p.m., SH–216.

House

Committee on Agriculture, to meet for organizational purposes, 1 p.m., 1302 Longworth.

Committee on Armed Services, hearing on implications of Iraq policy on total force readiness, 10 a.m., 2118 Rayburn.

Committee on the Budget, hearing on Why Deficits Matter, 10 a.m., 210 Cannon.

Committee on Foreign Affairs, to meet for organizational purposes; followed by a markup of H. Res. 24, Establishing the House Democracy Assistance Commission for the One Hundred Tenth Congress, 2:30 p.m., 2172 Rayburn.

Committee on Homeland Security, to meet for organizational purposes, 11 a.m., 311 Cannon.

Committee on the Judiciary, to meet for organizational purposes, 1 p.m., 2141 Rayburn.

Committee on Rules, to consider H. Res. 78, Amending the Rules of the House of Representatives to permit Delegates and the Resident Commissioner to the Congress to cast votes in the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union, 11:30 a.m., H–313 Capitol.

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, Subcommittee on Economic Development, Public Buildings, and Emergency Management, on the State of Economic Development, 10 a.m., 2167 Rayburn.

Committee on Ways and Means, hearing on the State of the U.S. Economy, 10 a.m., 1100 Longworth.

Subcommittee on Oversight, to meet for organizational purposes, 2 p.m., 1105 Longworth.

Next Meeting of the SENATE

10 a.m., Tuesday, January 23

Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

10:30 a.m., Tuesday, January 23

Senate Chamber

Program for Tuesday: After the transaction of any morning business (not to extend beyond 1 hour), Senate will continue consideration of H.R. 2, Fair Minimum Wage.

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

(At 9 p.m., Senate will join the House of Representatives in the House Chamber for a joint session to receive the State of the Union Address by the President of the United States.)

House Chamber

Program for Tuesday: Consideration of the following suspensions: (1) H.R. 323—To amend section 5313 of title 31, United States Code, to reform certain requirements for reporting cash transactions; (2) H.R. 392—District of Columbia and United States Territories Circulating Quarter Dollar Program Act and (3) H.R. ____—To direct the Secretary of Homeland Security to streamline the SAFETY Act and anti-terrorism technology procurement process. Joint Meeting of Congress for the President's State of the Union Message.

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