

# Daily Digest

## Senate

The Senate was not in session today. It will next meet at 11:00 a.m. on Monday, September 29, 2008.

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## House of Representatives

### *Chamber Action*

**Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced:** 19 public bills, H.R. 7197–7215; and 4 resolutions, H.J. Res. 100; H. Con. Res. 439; and H. Res. 1518–1519, were introduced. **Pages H10330–31**

**Additional Cosponsors:** **Page H10331**

**Reports Filed:** Reports were filed today as follows:

H.R. 971, to ensure and foster continued patient safety and quality of care by making the antitrust laws apply to negotiations between groups of independent pharmacies and health plans and health insurance issuers (including health plans under parts C and D of the Medicare Program) in the same manner as such laws apply to protected activities under the National Labor Relations Act, with an amendment (H. Rept. 110–898);

H. Res. 1382, honoring the heritage of the Coast Guard (H. Rept. 110–899);

H.R. 5788, to amend title 49, United States Code, to establish prohibitions against voice communications using a mobile communications device on commercial airline flights, with an amendment (H. Rept. 110–900);

H.R. 6598, to amend title 18, United States Code, to prohibit certain conduct relating to the use of horses for human consumption, with an amendment (H. Rept. 110–901, Pt. 1);

H. Res. 1516, providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 7201) to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide incentives for energy production and conservation and providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 7202) to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to extend certain expiring provisions and to provide individual income tax relief (H. Rept. 110–902); and

H. Res. 1517, providing for consideration of the Senate amendment to the bill (H.R. 3997) to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide earnings assistance and tax relief to members of the uniformed services, volunteer firefighters, and Peace Corps volunteers (H. Rept. 110–903). **Page H10330**

**Recess:** The House recessed at 1:22 p.m. and reconvened at 4:30 p.m. **Page H10304**

**Suspensions—Proceedings Resumed:** The House agreed to suspend the rules and pass the following measures which were debated on Saturday, September 27th:

**Enforcement of Intellectual Property Rights Act of 2008:** S. 3325, to enhance remedies for violations of intellectual property laws, by a  $\frac{2}{3}$  yeas-and-nays vote of 381 yeas to 41 nays, Roll No. 664—clearing the measure for the President; **Pages H10304–05**

**Great Lakes Legacy Reauthorization Act of 2008:** Agreed to the Senate amendment to H.R. 6460, to amend the Federal Water Pollution Control Act to provide for the remediation of sediment contamination in areas of concern, by a  $\frac{2}{3}$  yeas-and-nays vote of 411 yeas to 9 nays, Roll No. 665—clearing the measure for the President; and **Page H10305**

**Military Personnel Citizenship Processing Act:** S. 2840, to establish a liaison with the Federal Bureau of Investigation in United States Citizenship and Immigration Services to expedite naturalization applications filed by members of the Armed Forces and to establish a deadline for processing such applications, by a  $\frac{2}{3}$  recorded vote of 416 yeas with none voting “no”, Roll No. 668—clearing the measure for the President. **Page H10309**

**Recess:** The House recessed at 5:12 p.m. and reconvened at 8:01 p.m. **Page H10305**

**Waiving a requirement of clause 6(a) of rule XIII with respect to consideration of certain resolutions reported from the Committee on Rules:** The House agreed to H. Res. 1514, waiving a requirement of clause 6(a) of rule XIII with respect to consideration of certain resolutions reported from the Committee on Rules, by a yea-and-nay vote of 216 yeas to 200 nays, Roll No. 667, after agreeing to order the previous question by a yea-and-nay vote of 211 yeas to 201 nays, Roll No. 666. **Pages H10306–08**

**Energy Improvement and Extension Act of 2008 and Temporary Tax Relief Act of 2008—Rule for Consideration:** The House began consideration of H. Res. 1516, providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 7201) to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide incentives for energy production and conservation and providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 7202) to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to extend certain expiring provisions and to provide individual income tax relief. Subsequently, the resolution was withdrawn.

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**Appointing the day for the convening of the first session of the One Hundred Eleventh Congress:** The House agreed by unanimous consent to H.J. Res. 100, appointing the day for the convening of the first session of the One Hundred Eleventh Congress and establishing the date for the counting of the electoral votes for President and Vice President cast by the electors in December 2008.

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**Meeting Hour:** Agreed that when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet at 8 a.m. tomorrow, September 29th.

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**Recess:** The House recessed at 10:10 p.m. and reconvened at 12:02 a.m. on Monday, September 29th.

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**Emergency Economic Stabilization Act of 2008—Rule for Consideration:** The House began consideration of H. Res. 1517, providing for consideration of the Senate amendment to the bill (H.R. 3997) to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide earnings assistance and tax relief to members of the uniformed services, volunteer firefighters, and Peace Corps volunteers. Further proceedings were postponed until tomorrow, September 29th.

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**Quorum Calls—Votes:** Four yea-and-nay votes and one recorded vote developed during the proceedings

of today and appear on pages H10304–05, H10305, H10307–08, H10308, and H10309. There were no quorum calls.

**Adjournment:** The House met at 1 p.m. and adjourned at 1:03 a.m. on Monday, September 29th.

## *Committee Meetings*

### **ENERGY IMPROVEMENT AND EXTENSION ACT OF 2008; TEMPORARY TAX RELIEF ACT OF 2008**

*Committee on Rules:* Granted, by a non-record vote, a closed rule providing for consideration of H.R. 7201, the “Energy Improvement and Extension Act of 2008,” and H.R. 7202, the “Temporary Tax Relief Act of 2008.”

The rule provides that each bill will be debatable for one hour equally divided and controlled by the chairman and ranking minority member of the Committee on Ways and Means. The rule waives all points of order against consideration of each bill except those arising under clause 10 of rule XXI. The rule provides that each bill shall be considered as read. The rule waives all points of order against each bill. The rule provides one motion to recommit each bill with or without instructions. Finally, notwithstanding the operation of the previous question, the Chair may postpone further consideration of either bill until a time designated by the Speaker. Testimony was heard from Representative Neal.

### **PROVIDING FOR CONSIDERATION OF THE SENATE AMENDMENT TO H.R. 3997, TO AMEND THE INTERNAL REVENUE CODE OF 1986 TO PROVIDE EARNINGS ASSISTANCE AND TAX RELIEF TO MEMBERS OF THE ARMED SERVICES, VOLUNTEER FIREFIGHTERS, AND PEACE CORPS VOLUNTEERS, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES (EMERGENCY ECONOMIC STABILIZATION ACT OF 2008)**

*Committee on Rules:* Granted, by a non-record vote, a rule providing for consideration of the Senate amendment to the House amendment to the Senate amendment to H.R. 3997, the “Emergency Economic Stabilization Act of 2008.” The rule makes in order a motion by the Chairman of the Committee on Financial Services to concur in the Senate amendment to the House amendment to the Senate amendment with the text of the House amendment printed in the report of the Committee on Rules.

The rule waives all points of order against the motion and provides that the Senate amendment and the motion shall be considered as read. The rule provides three hours of debate on the motion equally divided and controlled by the chairman and ranking minority member of the Committee on Financial

Services. The rule provides that the Chair may postpone further consideration of the motion to a time designated by the Speaker. Testimony was heard from Chairman Frank and Representatives Sherman, Jackson-Lee of Texas, Kucinich and Shays.

## Next Meeting of the SENATE

11 a.m., Monday, September 29

## Senate Chamber

**Program for Monday:** After the transaction of any morning business (not to extend beyond 12:00 noon), Senate will resume consideration of the motion to concur in the amendment of the House of Representatives to the amendment of the Senate to H.R. 2095, Federal Railroad Safety Improvement Act.

## Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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## House Chamber

**Program for Monday:** To be announced.

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