

Daily Digest

HIGHLIGHTS

Senator-Elect Michael F. Bennet, of Colorado, was administered the oath of office by the Vice President.

Senate passed S. 181, Lilly Ledbetter Fair Pay Act.

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S733–S795

Measures Introduced: Seventeen bills were introduced, as follows: S. 296–312. **Pages S786–87**

Measures Passed:

Lilly Ledbetter Fair Pay Act: By 61 yeas to 36 nays (Vote No. 14), Senate passed S. 181, to amend title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 and the Age Discrimination in Employment Act of 1967, and to modify the operation of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 and the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, to clarify that a discriminatory compensation decision or other practice that is unlawful under such Acts occurs each time compensation is paid pursuant to the discriminatory compensation decision or other practice, after taking action on the following amendments proposed thereto:

Pages S739–59, S759–76

Rejected:

By 40 yeas to 55 nays (Vote No. 7), Hutchison Amendment No. 25, in the nature of a substitute.

Pages S739, S741–45

Specter Amendment No. 26, to provide a rule of construction. (By 53 yeas to 43 nays (Vote No. 8), Senate tabled the amendment.) **Pages S739, S753–58**

Specter Amendment No. 27, to limit the application of the bill to discriminatory compensation decisions. (By 55 yeas to 39 nays (Vote No. 9), Senate tabled the amendment.) **Pages S739, S754, S758**

Enzi Amendment No. 28, to clarify standing. (By 55 yeas to 41 nays (Vote No. 10), Senate tabled the amendment.) **Pages S739, S748–53, S758–59**

Enzi Amendment No. 29, to clarify standing.

Pages S739, S748–53

DeMint/Vitter Amendment No. 31, to preserve and protect the free choice of individual employees to form, join, or assist labor organizations, or to re-

frain from such activities. (By 66 yeas to 31 nays (Vote No. 11), Senate tabled the amendment.)

Pages S741, S761–64

Isakson Amendment No. 37, to limit the application of the Act to claims resulting from discriminatory compensation decisions, that are adopted on or after the date of enactment of the Act. (By 59 yeas to 38 nays (Vote No. 12), Senate tabled the amendment.)

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Vitter Amendment No. 34, to preserve open competition and Federal Government neutrality towards the labor relations of Federal Government contractors on Federal and federally funded construction projects. (By 59 yeas to 38 nays (Vote No. 13), Senate tabled the amendment.)

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Appointments:

Congressional Budget Office: The Chair, on behalf of the Vice President, pursuant to the provisions of Section 201(a)(2) of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974, the Speaker of the House of Representatives and the President Pro Tempore of the Senate, appointed Dr. Douglas W. Elmendorf as Director of the Congressional Budget Office effective immediately for the remainder of the term expiring January 3, 2011.

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Commission on Security and Cooperation in Europe: The Chair, on behalf of the Vice President, pursuant to Public Law 94–304, as amended by Public Law 99–7, appointed the following Senator as Chairman of the Commission on Security and Cooperation in Europe during the 111th Congress: Senator Cardin.

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Board of Regents of the Smithsonian Institution: The Chair, on behalf of the Vice President, pursuant to the provisions of 20 U.S.C., section 42 and 43, appointed Senator Cochran as a member of the Board of Regents of the Smithsonian Institution for the 111th Congress.

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Majority Party Appointments—Agreement: A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that with respect to S. Res. 18, making majority party appointments to certain Senate committees for the 111th Congress, the following be the order of listing:

Committee on Rules and Administration: Senators Schumer, Dodd, Byrd, Inouye, Feinstein, Durbin, Nelson (NE), Murray, Pryor, Udall and Warner.

Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship: The last two names appear as Senators Shaheen and Hagan. **Page S794**

Children's Health Insurance Program Reauthorization Act—Agreement: A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that on Monday, January 26, 2009, following disposition of the nomination of Timothy F. Geithner, of New York, to be Secretary of the Treasury, Senate begin consideration of H.R. 2, to amend title XXI of the Social Security Act to extend and improve the Children's Health Insurance Program. **Page S792**

Nomination—Agreement: A unanimous consent agreement was reached providing that at 4 p.m., on Monday, January 26, 2009, Senate consider the nomination of Timothy F. Geithner, of New York, to be Secretary of the Treasury, and that there be 2 hours of debate relative to the nomination, equally divided and controlled between the Chairman and Ranking Member of the Committee on Finance, or their designees; provided further, that at 6 p.m., Senate vote on confirmation of the nomination. **Pages S792, S794**

Nominations Confirmed: Senate confirmed the following nominations:

Susan E. Rice, of the District of Columbia, to be the Representative of the United States of America to the United Nations, with the rank and status of Ambassador, and the Representative of the United States of America in the Security Council of the United Nations.

Susan E. Rice, of the District of Columbia, to be Representative of the United States of America to the Sessions of the General Assembly of the United Nations during her tenure of service as Representative of the United States of America to the United Nations.

Lisa Perez Jackson, of New Jersey, to be Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency.

Ray LaHood, of Illinois, to be Secretary of Transportation.

(Prior to this action, Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation was discharged from further consideration.)

Shaun L.S. Donovan, of New York, to be Secretary of Housing and Urban Development.

(Prior to this action, Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs was discharged from further consideration.)

Mary L. Schapiro, of the District of Columbia, to be a Member of the Securities and Exchange Commission for a term expiring June 5, 2014.

(Prior to this action, Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs was discharged from further consideration.)

Nancy Helen Sutley, of California, to be a Member of the Council on Environmental Quality. **Pages S792–94, S794–95**

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Authorities for Committees to Meet: **Page S792**

Record Votes: Eight record votes were taken today. (Total—14) **Pages S744–45, S758–59, S763–64, S775**

Adjournment: Senate convened at 9:30 a.m. and adjourned at 7:31 p.m., until 2 p.m. on Monday, January 26, 2009. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S794.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Finance: Committee ordered favorably reported the nomination of Timothy F. Geithner, of New York, to be Secretary of the Treasury.

NOMINATIONS

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of James B. Steinberg, to be Deputy Secretary, who was introduced by Senator Hutchison, and Jacob J. Lew, to be Deputy Secretary for Management and Resources, who was introduced by Senator Schumer, both of the Department of State, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

HEALTH ISSUES AND STATES

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: Committee concluded a hearing to examine what

States are doing to keep citizens healthy, after receiving testimony from Iowa State Senator Jack Hatch, Des Moines; L. Allen Dobson, Jr., North Carolina Community Care Networks, Inc., Raleigh, on behalf of the Community Care of North Carolina and the North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services; JudyAnn Bigby, Massachusetts Secretary of Health and Human Services, Boston; Jonathan Fiedling, County of Los Angeles Public Health, Los

Angeles, California; and William Emmet, Campaign for Mental Health Reform, Washington, D.C.

NOMINATION

Select Committee on Intelligence: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nomination of Dennis Blair, of Pennsylvania, to be Director of National Intelligence, after the nominee, who was introduced by Senator Inouye, testified and answered questions in his own behalf.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 33 public bills, H.R. 626–658; 2 private bills, H.R. 659–660; and 6 resolutions, H. Con. Res. 25 and H. Res. 78–82, were introduced. **Pages H484–86**

Additional Cosponsors: **Page H486**

Reports Filed: There were no reports filed today.

Committee Elections: The House agreed to H. Res. 78, electing certain minority members to the following standing committees: Committee on Agriculture: Representative Cassidy. Committee on the Budget: Representative Aderholt, to rank after Representative Nunes, and Representative Harper. Committee on Energy and Commerce: Representative Scalise. Committee on Oversight and Government Reform: Representative Schock. Committee on Science and Technology: Representative Smith (NE), to rank after Representative Bilbray. Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure: Representatives Guthrie, Cao, Schock, and Olson, all to rank after Representative Latta. Committee on Veterans' Affairs: Representative Lamborn, to rank after Representative Bilbray, and Representative Roe (TN).

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Joint Economic Committee—Appointment: The Chair announced the Speaker's appointment of the following Members of the House of Representatives to the Joint Economic Committee: Representatives Maloney and Brady (TX).

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Privileged Resolution: The House agreed to H.J. Res. 3, relating to the disapproval of obligations under the Emergency Economic Stabilization Act of 2008, by a yea-and-nay vote of 270 yeas to 155 nays, Roll No. 27.

Pages H447–68

Suspensions—Proceedings Resumed: The House agreed to suspend the rules and agree to the fol-

lowing measures which were debated on Wednesday, January 21st:

Expressing support for designation of the week of February 2 through February 6, 2009, as "National School Counseling Week": H. Res. 56, to express support for designation of the week of February 2 through February 6, 2009, as "National School Counseling Week", by a $\frac{2}{3}$ yea-and-nay vote of 417 yeas with none voting "nay", Roll No. 28 and

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Commending the University of Florida Gators for winning the Bowl Championship Series National Championship Game: H. Res. 58, to commend the University of Florida Gators for winning the Bowl Championship Series National Championship Game, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ recorded vote of 399 yeas to 5 noes with 7 voting "present", Roll No. 29.

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Committee Elections: The House agreed to H. Res. 80, electing the following Members to a certain standing committee of the House of Representatives: Committee on Standards of Official Conduct: Representatives Zoe Lofgren (CA), Chairman; Representatives Chandler, Butterfield, Castor (FL), and Welch.

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Board of Regents of the Smithsonian Institution—Appointment: The Chair announced the Speaker's appointment of the following Members of the House of Representatives to the Board of Regents of the Smithsonian Institution: Representatives Becerra, Matsui, and Sam Johnson (TX).

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Meeting Hour: Agreed that when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet at 12 noon tomorrow; and further, that when the House adjourns on that day, it adjourn to meet at 12:30 p.m. on Monday, January 26th.

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Quorum Calls—Votes: Two yea-and-nay votes and one recorded vote developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H467–68, H468–69, and H469–70. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 3:25 p.m.

Committee Meetings

PREVENTING WEAPONS OF MASS DESTRUCTION PROLIFERATION AND TERRORISM

Committee on Armed Services: Held a hearing on preventing weapons of mass destruction proliferation and terrorism. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Commission on the Prevention of Weapons of Mass Destruction Proliferation and Terrorism: former Senator Bob Graham of Texas, Chairman; former Senator James Talent of Missouri, Vice Chairman; and Graham Allison, Commissioner.

COMMITTEE ORGANIZATION

Committee on the Budget: Met for organizational purposes.

ECONOMIC STIMULUS

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Ordered reported, as amended, portions of the economic recovery package under the Committee's jurisdiction, which includes health, broadband, and energy provisions.

MORTGAGE MODIFICATION; COMMITTEE ORGANIZATION

Committee on the Judiciary: Held a hearing on the following bills: H.R. 200, Helping Families Save Their Homes in Bankruptcy Act of 2009; and H.R. 225, Emergency Homeownership and Equity Protection Act. Testimony was heard from Representatives Miller of North Carolina and Marshall; and public witnesses.

Prior to the hearing, the Committee met for organizational purposes.

INFRASTRUCTURE INVESTMENT

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure: Held a hearing on Infrastructure Investment: Ensuring an Effective Economic Recovery Package. Testimony was heard from Jim Doyle, Governor, State of Wisconsin; Astrid Glynn, Secretary of Transportation, State of New York; Terrell G. Dorn, Director, Physical Infrastructure Issues, GAO; and public witnesses.

COMMITTEE ORGANIZATION

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: Met for organizational purposes.

ECONOMIC STIMULUS

Committee on Ways and Means: Ordered reported, as amended, H.R. 598, To provide for a portion of the economic recovery package relating to revenue measures, unemployment, and health.

Joint Meetings

No joint committee meetings were held.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR FRIDAY, JANUARY 23, 2009

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

No meetings/hearings scheduled.

House

No committee meetings are scheduled.

CONGRESSIONAL PROGRAM AHEAD

Week of January 26 through January 31, 2009

Senate Chamber

On *Monday*, at 4 p.m., Senate will consider the nomination of Timothy F. Geithner, of New York, to be Secretary of the Treasury, and vote on confirmation of the nomination.

Also, Senate will begin consideration of H.R. 2, Children's Health Insurance Program Reauthorization Act.

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 Armed Services: January 27, to hold hearings to examine challenges facing the Department of Defense, 9:30 a.m., SD-106.

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: January 27, to hold hearings to examine investment securities fraud, focusing on regulator and oversight concerns, 10 a.m., SD-538.

Committee on the Budget: January 28, to hold hearings to examine federal response to the housing and financial crisis, 10 a.m., SD-608.

January 29, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine the global economy, focusing on outlook, risks, and implications for policy, 10 a.m., SD-608.

Committee on Foreign Relations: January 28, business meeting to consider the nominations of James B. Steinberg, to be Deputy Secretary, and Jacob J. Lew, to be Deputy Secretary for Management and Resources, both of the Department of State, 9:30 a.m., SD-419.

January 28, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine global climate change, 10 a.m., SD-419.

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: January 27, to hold hearings to examine access to prevention and public health for high risk populations, 10 a.m., TBD.

January 29, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine quality in health reform, 10 a.m., SD-430.

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: January 28, to hold hearings to examine lessons from the Mumbai, India terrorist attacks, 10 a.m., SD-342.

Committee on the Judiciary: January 27, to hold hearings to examine health information technology (IT), focusing on protecting Americans' privacy in the digital age, 10 a.m., SD-226.

January 28, Full Committee, business meeting to consider the nomination of Eric H. Holder, Jr., to be Attorney General, 10 a.m., SH-216.

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: January 28, to hold an oversight hearing to examine veterans' disability compensation, focusing on the appeals process, 9:30 a.m., SR-418.

House Committees

Committee on Armed Services, January 27, hearing on the priorities of the Department of Defense in the new Administration, 1:30 p.m., 2118 Rayburn.

January 28, Subcommittee on Military Personnel, hearing on Sexual Assault in the Military: Victim Support and Advocacy, 10 a.m., 2212 Rayburn.

Committee on Financial Services, January 27, to meet for organizational purposes, 10 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.

Committee on Foreign Affairs, January 28, to meet for organizational purposes, 10 a.m., 2172 Rayburn.

Committee on House Administration, January 27, to meet for organizational purposes, 1 p.m., 1310 Longworth.

Committee on the Judiciary, January 27, Subcommittee on Constitution, Civil Rights, and Civil Liberties, hearing on H.R. 157, District of Columbia House Voting Rights Act of 2009, 10 a.m., 2141 Rayburn.

Committee on Science and Technology, January 28, to meet for organizational purposes, 10 a.m., 2318 Rayburn.

Committee on Small Business, January 28, to meet for organizational purposes, 1 p.m., 2360 Rayburn.

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, January 28, Subcommittee on Railroads, Pipelines, and Hazardous Materials, hearing on Freight and Passenger Rail: Present and Future Roles, Performance, Benefits, and Needs, 10 a.m., 2167 Rayburn.

Next Meeting of the SENATE

2 p.m., Monday, January 26

Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

12 p.m., Friday, January 23

Senate Chamber

Program for Monday: After the transaction of any morning business (not to extend beyond 4 p.m.), Senate will consider the nomination of Timothy F. Geithner, of New York, to be Secretary of the Treasury, with a vote on confirmation of the nomination to occur following 2 hours of debate; following which, Senate will begin consideration of H.R. 2, Children's Health Insurance Program Reauthorization Act.

House Chamber

Program for Friday: The House will meet in pro forma session at 12 noon.

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