

Daily Digest

HIGHLIGHTS

Senate passed S. 160, District of Columbia House Voting Rights Act.

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S2507–S2575

Measures Introduced: Seventeen bills and two resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 485–501, and S. Res. 57–58. **Page S2558**

Measures Passed:

District Of Columbia House Voting Rights Act:
By 61 yeas to 37 nays (Vote No. 73), Senate passed S. 160, to provide the District of Columbia a voting seat and the State of Utah an additional seat in the House of Representatives, after agreeing to the committee amendment in the nature of a substitute, as amended, and taking action on the following amendments proposed thereto: **Pages S2507–42**

(A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that the bill, having achieved 60 affirmatives votes, pass). **Pages S2525, S2538**

Adopted:

By 57 yeas to 41 nays (Vote No. 70), Durbin Amendment No. 591, to encourage and promote diversity in communication media ownership, and to ensure that the public airwaves are used in the public interest. **Pages S2517–20, S2522–24**

By 87 yeas to 11 nays (Vote No. 71), DeMint Amendment No. 573, to prevent the Federal Communications Commission from repromulgating the fairness doctrine. **Pages S2516–17, S2524–25**

By 62 yeas to 36 nays (Vote No. 72), Ensign Amendment No. 575, to restore Second Amendment rights in the District of Columbia. **Pages S2507, S2513–16, S2526–38**

Rejected:

By 30 yeas to 67 nays (Vote No. 69), Kyl Amendment No. 585, to provide for the retrocession of the District of Columbia to the State of Maryland. **Pages S2508–12**

Withdrawn:

Thune Amendment No. 579, to amend chapter 44 of title 18, United States Code, to allow citizens who have concealed carry permits from the State or

the District of Columbia in which they reside to carry concealed firearms in another State or the District of Columbia that grants concealed carry permits, if the individual complies with the laws of the State or the District of Columbia. **Pages S2508, S2516–17, S2525–26**

Ensign Amendment No. 587, to reauthorize the DC School Choice Incentive Act of 2003 for fiscal year 2010. **Pages S2512–13, S2520–22, S2525**

Coburn Amendment No. 576 (to Amendment No. 575), of a perfecting nature. **Page S2507, 2525**

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

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that the previously scheduled vote on the motion to invoke cloture on S. 160, District Of Columbia House Voting Rights Act, be withdrawn. **Page S2525**

Stanley J. Roszkowski United States Courthouse:
Committee on Environment and Public Works was discharged from further consideration of S. 387, to designate the United States courthouse located at 211 South Court Street, Rockford, Illinois, as the “Stanley J. Roszkowski United States Courthouse”, and the bill was then passed. **Pages S2574–75**

Appointments:

Congressional Advisers on Trade Policy and Negotiations Relating to Trade Agreements: The Chair, in accordance with Public Law 93–618, as amended by Public Law 100–418, on behalf of the President pro tempore and upon the recommendation of the Chairman of the Committee on Finance, appointed the following Members of the Finance Committee as congressional advisers on trade policy and negotiations to International conferences, meetings and negotiation sessions relating to trade agreements: Senators Baucus, Rockefeller, Conrad, Grassley, and Hatch. **Page S2575**

Message from the President: Senate received the following message from the President of the United States:

Transmitting, pursuant to law, the Budget of the United States Government for Fiscal Year 2009; referred jointly, pursuant to the order of January 30, 1975 as modified by the order of April 11, 1986; which was referred to the Committees on the Budget; and Appropriations. (PM-9) **Pages S2556-58**

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Authorities for Committees to Meet: **Page S2574**

Record Votes: Five record votes were taken today. (Total—73) **Pages S2512, S2524-25, S2538**

Adjournment: Senate convened at 9:30 a.m. and adjourned at 5:11 p.m., until 9:30 a.m. on Friday, February 27, 2009. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S2575.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

AFGHANISTAN AND PAKISTAN

Committee on Armed Services: Committee concluded a hearing to examine strategic options for the way ahead in Afghanistan and Pakistan, after receiving testimony from Lieutenant General David W. Barno, USA (Ret.), Director, National Defense University Near East South Asia Center for Strategic Studies, Washington, D.C.; James Dobbins, RAND Corporation International Security and Defense Policy Center, Arlington, Virginia; and Marin J. Strmecki, Smith Richardson Foundation, Westport, Connecticut.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Armed Services: Committee adopted its rules of procedure for the 111th Congress.

HOMEOWNER AFFORDABILITY AND STABILITY PLAN

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the Administration's Homeowner Affordability and Sta-

bility Plan, after receiving testimony from Shaun Donovan, Secretary of Housing and Urban Development.

CONSUMER PROTECTION AND CREDIT CRISIS

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Committee concluded a hearing to examine consumer protection and the credit crisis, after receiving testimony from Pamela Jones Harbour, Commissioner, Federal Trade Commission; Travis Plunkett, Consumer Federation of America, and Bill Himpler, American Financial Services Association, both of Washington, D.C.; Prentiss Cox, University of Minnesota Law School, Minneapolis; and Nancy Dix, Ansted, West Virginia.

ENERGY EFFICIENT BUILDINGS

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Committee concluded hearings to examine recommendations for reducing energy consumption in buildings through improved implementation of authorized Department of Energy (DOE) programs and through other innovative federal energy efficiency policies and programs, after receiving testimony from Arun Majumdar, Director, Environmental Energy Technologies Division, Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory, Department of Energy; Philip Giudice, Commissioner, Massachusetts Department of Energy Resources, Boston; Edward Mazria, 2030, Inc./Architecture 2030, Santa Fe, New Mexico; Jennifer Amann, American Council for an Energy-Efficient Economy, Washington, D.C.; Ward Hubbell, Green Building Initiative, Portland, Oregon; and Charles Zimmerman, Wal-Mart Stores, Inc., Bentonville, Arkansas.

ENGAGING WITH MUSLIM COMMUNITIES

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee concluded a hearing to examine engaging with Muslim communities around the world, after receiving testimony from Madeleine K. Albright, former Secretary of State; Admiral William J. Fallon, USN (Ret.), former Commander of United States Central Command, Cambridge, Massachusetts; Dahlia Mogahed, Gallup Center for Muslim Studies, Washington, D.C.; Eboo Patel, Interfaith Youth Core, Chicago, Illinois; and Jim Sciutto, London, United Kingdom.

PROTECTING ANIMAL AND PUBLIC HEALTH

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: Subcommittee on Oversight of Government Management, the Federal Workforce, and the District of Columbia concluded a hearing to examine protecting public and animal health, focusing on

homeland security and the federal veterinarian workforce, after receiving testimony from Lisa Shames, Director, Natural Resources and Environment, Government Accountability Office; Nancy H. Kichak, Associate Director for Strategic Human Resources Policy, Office of Personnel Management; Gerald W. Parker, Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary, Office of the Assistant Secretary of Health and Human Services for Preparedness and Response; Jill M. Crumacker, Director, Office of Human Capital Management, Departmental Administration, Department of Agriculture; Thomas J. McGinn, Chief Veterinarian, Office of Health Affairs, Department of Homeland Security; and W. Ron DeHaven, American Veterinary Medical Association, Michael Gilsdorf, National Association of Federal Veterinarians, and Marguerite Pappaioanou, Association of American Veterinary Medical Colleges, all of Washington, D.C.

INTEGRATIVE CARE

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: Committee concluded a hearing to examine integrative care, focusing on a pathway to a healthier nation, after receiving testimony from Mehmet C. Oz, Columbia University, New York, New York; Mark Hyman, Ultra Wellness Center, Lenox, Massachusetts; Dean Ornish, Preventive Medicine Research Institute, Sausalito, California; and Andrew Weil, Arizona Center for Integrative Medicine, Vail.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: Committee adopted its rules of procedure for the 111th Congress.

YOUTH SUICIDE IN INDIAN COUNTRY

Committee on Indian Affairs: Committee concluded an oversight hearing to examine youth suicide in Indian country, after receiving testimony from Senator Reid; Robert G. McSwain, Director, Indian Health Service, and Eric B. Broderick, Acting Administrator, Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration, both of the Department of Health and

Human Services; Robert Moore, Rosebud Sioux Tribe of South Dakota, Rosebud, on behalf of the Great Plains Tribal Chairman's Association and the Aberdeen Area Tribal Chairman's Health Board; R. Dale Walker, Oregon Health and Science University One Sky Center American Indian/Alaska Native National Resource Center for Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services, Portland; Hayes A. Lewis, Center for Lifelong Education at the Institute of American Indian Arts, Santa Fe, New Mexico; Teresa LaFromboise, Stanford University School of Education, Stanford, California; and Dana Lee Jetty, Fort Totten, North Dakota.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on the Judiciary: Committee ordered favorable reported the nomination of David W. Ogden, of Virginia, to be Deputy Attorney General, of the Department of Justice.

Also, committee adopted its rules of procedure for the 111th Congress.

VETERANS IN RURAL AREAS

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: Committee concluded a hearing to examine caring for veterans in rural areas, after receiving testimony from Kara Hawthorne, Director, Office of Rural Health, and Adam Darkins, Chief Consultant, Care Coordination, Office of Patient Care Services, both of the Veterans Health Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs; Ricardo C. Flippin, CARE-NET: Caring Beyond the Yellow Ribbon, Charleston, West Virginia; Alan Watson, Saint Mary's Medical Center of Campbell County, Lafollette, Tennessee; Thomas Loftus, American Legion Post #45, Clarksville, Virginia; and Matthew Kuntz, National Alliance on Mental Illness, Helena, Montana.

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.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 36 public bills, H.R. 1205–1240; and 13 resolutions, H.J. Res. 25; H. Con. Res. 64–68; and H. Res. 194–200 were introduced. **Pages H2872–75**

Additional Cosponsors:

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Reports Filed: There were no reports filed today.

Speaker: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein she appointed Representative Salazar to act as Speaker Pro Tempore for today. **Page H2837**

Chaplain: The prayer was offered by the guest Chaplain, Reverend Michael E. Askew, Sr., Trinity United Presbyterian Church, Tallahassee, Florida.

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Helping Families Save Their Homes Act of 2009: The House began consideration of H.R. 1106, to prevent mortgage foreclosures and enhance mortgage credit availability. Further proceedings were postponed.

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H. Res. 190, the rule providing for consideration of the bill, was agreed to by a yea-and-nay vote of 224 yeas to 198 nays, Roll No. 89, after agreeing to order the previous question by a yea-and-nay vote of 238 yeas to 183 nays, Roll No. 88. Pages H2846–48

Suspensions: The House agreed to suspend the rules and agree to the following measure which was debated on Wednesday, February 25th:

Expressing condolences to the families, friends, and loved ones of the victims of the crash of Continental Connection Flight 3407: H. Res. 183, to express condolences to the families, friends, and loved ones of the victims of the crash of Continental Connection Flight 3407, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ yea-and-nay vote of 399 yeas with none voting “nay”, Roll No. 90.

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Providing for a recess of the House for a joint meeting to receive the Right Honorable Gordon Brown, Prime Minister of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland: Agreed by unanimous consent that it may be in order at any time on Wednesday, March 4, 2009, for the Speaker to declare a recess, subject to the call of the chair, for the purpose of receiving in joint meeting the Right Honorable Gordon Brown, Prime Minister of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland.

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Meeting Hour: Agreed that when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet at 12:30 p.m. on Monday, March 2nd for morning hour debate.

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Presidential Message: Read a message from the President wherein he transmitted to Congress a report entitled A New Era of Responsibility—referred to the Committee on Appropriations and ordered printed (H. Doc. 111–19).

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Senate Message: Message received from the Senate today appears on page H2837.

Senate Referrals: S. Con. Res. 8 was held at the desk.

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Quorum Calls—Votes: Three yea-and-nay votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H2846, H2847–48 and H2862. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 2:49 p.m.

Committee Meetings

DEFENSE APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Defense held a hearing on Outsourcing. Testimony was heard from Gordon S. Heddell, Acting Inspector General, Department of Defense.

HOMELAND SECURITY APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Homeland Security held a hearing on Disaster Response: Is FEMA up to the Challenge? Testimony was heard from Dave Garrett, Acting Administrator, FEMA, Department of Homeland Security; and Edward Tonini, Adjutant General, State of Kentucky.

WORKFORCE INVESTMENT INNOVATIONS

Committee on Education and Labor: Subcommittee on Higher Education, Lifelong Learning and Competitiveness held a hearing on New Innovations and Best Practices Under the Workforce Investment Act. Testimony was heard from Cheryl Keenan, Director, Division of Adult Literacy, Department of Education, District of Columbia; George Scott, Director, Education, Workforce and Income Security Issues, GAO; Scandi Vita, Acting Secretary, Department of Labor and Industry, State of Pennsylvania; and public witnesses.

TOXIC SUBSTANCES CONTROL

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Commerce, Trade and Consumer Protection held a hearing on Revisiting the Toxic Substances Control Act of 1976. Testimony was heard from John Stephenson, Director, Natural Resources and Environment, GAO; former Representative Calvin M. Dooley of California; J. Clarence Davies, former Assistant Administrator for Policy, EPA; and public witnesses.

CLIMATE LEGISLATION—RENEWABLE ENERGY

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Energy and Environment held a hearing on Renewable Energy: Complimentary Policies for Climate Legislation. Testimony was heard from Howard K. Gruenspecht, Acting Administrator, Energy Information Administration, Department of Energy; Ron Binz, Chairman, Public Utilities Commission, Colorado; Stan Wise, Commissioner, Public Utilities Commission, Georgia; and public witnesses.

MONETARY POLICY/STATE OF THE ECONOMY

Committee on Financial Services: Concluded hearings on monetary policy and the state of the economy. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

U.S.-INDIA RELATIONS AFTER MUMBAI

Committee on Foreign Affairs: Subcommittee on Middle East and South Asia held a hearing on Building a Strategic Partnership: U.S.-India Relations in the Wake of Mumbai. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

TICKETMASTER/LIVE NATIONAL MERGER

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Courts and Competition Policy held a hearing on Competition in the Ticketing and Promotion Industry. Testimony was heard from Representative Pascrell; and public witnesses.

HARDROCK MINING AND RECLAMATION ACT OF 2009

Committee on National Resources: Subcommittee on Energy and Mineral Resources held a hearing on H.R. 699, Hardrock Mining and Reclamation Act of 2009. Testimony was heard from Representative Heller; Robin M. Nazzaro, Director, Natural Resources and Environment, GAO; and public witnesses.

NEW FEDERAL CONTRACTS—HOW CONVICTS AND CON ARTISTS RECEIVE THEM

Committee on Oversight and Government Reform: Held a hearing on How Convicts and Con Artists Receive New Federal Contracts. Testimony was heard from Gregory Kutz, Managing Director, Forensic Audits and Special Investigations, GAO; the following officials of the GSA: James Williams, Commissioner, Federal Acquisition Service; and David Drabkin, Acting Chief Acquisition Officer and Senior Procurement Executive; BG Edward Harrington, USA (ret.), Deputy Assistant Secretary, Procurement, Department of the Army; and CAPT Michael Jaggard, U.S. Navy (ret.), Chief of Staff/Policy for the Deputy Assistant Secretary of the Navy (DASN) for Acquisition and Logistics Management (A&LM); and public witnesses.

INFORMAL STEM EDUCATION

Committee on Science and Technology: Subcommittee on Research and Science Education held a hearing on Beyond the Classroom: Informal STEM Education.

Testimony was heard from Joan Ferrini-Mundy, Division Director, Division of Research on Learning in Formal and Informal Settings, Education and Human Resources Directorate, NSF; and public witnesses.

VA'S GI BILL IMPLEMENTATION

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: Subcommittee on Economic Opportunity held a hearing on VA's Update on Short and Long-Term Strategies for Implementing New G.I. Bill Requirements. Testimony was heard from Keith M. Wilson, Director, Office of Education Service, Veterans Benefits Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs; and CAPT Mark Krause, USN, Chief Staff Officer, Space and Naval Warfare Systems Center, Atlantic, Department of the Navy.

ECONOMICALLY DISTRESSED TAXPAYER ASSISTANCE

Committee on Ways and Means: Subcommittee on Oversight held a hearing on IRS Assistance for Taxpayers Experiencing Economic Difficulties. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the IRS, Department of the Treasury: Linda E. Stiff, Deputy Commissioner, Services and Enforcement; and Nina E. Olson, National Taxpayer Advocate.

Joint Meetings

RESTORING THE ECONOMY

Joint Economic Committee: Committee concluded a hearing to examine restoring the economy, focusing on strategy for short-term and long-term change, after receiving testimony from Paul A. Volcker, Chairman, President's Economic Advisory Board; Roger C. Altman, Evercore Partners, New York, New York; Adam S. Posen, Peterson Institute for International Economics, Washington, D.C.; and Joseph R. Mason, Louisiana State University, Berwyn, Pennsylvania.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 27, 2009

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

No meetings/hearings are scheduled.

House

No committee meetings are scheduled.

Next Meeting of the SENATE

9:30 a.m., Friday, February 27

Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

12:30 p.m., Monday, March 2

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