

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S485–S528

Measures Introduced: Seventeen bills and four resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 277–293, S.J. Res. 2, and S. Res. 27–29. **Pages S508–09**

Measures Passed:

Majority Party Committee Membership: Senate agreed to S. Res. 27, to constitute the majority party's membership on certain committees for the One Hundred Tenth Congress, or until their successors are chosen. **Pages S501–02**

Minority Party Committee Membership: Senate agreed to S. Res. 28, to constitute the minority party's membership on certain committees for the One Hundred Tenth Congress, or until their successors are chosen. **Page S502**

Ethics Bill: Senate continued consideration of S. 1, to provide greater transparency in the legislative process, taking action on the following amendments proposed thereto: **Pages S485–S501, S502–04**

Adopted:

By a unanimous vote of 87 yeas (Vote No. 8), Kerry Modified Amendment No. 1 (to Amendment No. 3), to amend title 5, United States Code, to deny Federal retirement benefits to individuals convicted of certain offenses. **Pages S486–87, S489**

By 81 yeas to 6 nays (Vote No. 9), Vitter Amendment No. 10 (to Amendment No. 3), to increase the penalty for failure to comply with lobbying disclosure requirements. **Page S489**

Withdrawn:

Stevens Amendment No. 40 (to Amendment No. 4), to permit a limited flight exception for necessary State travel. **Pages S486, S496–99**

Pending:

Reid Amendment No. 3, in the nature of a substitute. **Page S485**

Reid Modified Amendment No. 4 (to Amendment No. 3), to strengthen the gift and travel bans. (As modified, the amendment incorporates the provisions of Bennett (for McCain) Amendment No. 19, listed below.) **Pages S485, S490–91**

DeMint Amendment No. 11 (to Amendment No. 3), to strengthen the earmark reform. (By 46 yeas to

51 nays (Vote No. 5), Senate earlier failed to table the amendment.) **Page S485**

DeMint Amendment No. 12 (to Amendment No. 3), to clarify that earmarks added to a conference report that are not considered by the Senate or the House of Representatives are out of scope. **Page S485**

DeMint Amendment No. 14 (to Amendment No. 3), to protect individuals from having their money involuntarily collected and used for lobbying by a labor organization. **Page S485**

Vitter/Inhofe Further Modified Amendment No. 9 (to Amendment No. 3), to prohibit Members from having official contact with any spouse of a Member who is a registered lobbyist. **Pages S485, S491–92**

Leahy/Pryor Amendment No. 2 (to Amendment No. 3), to give investigators and prosecutors the tools they need to combat public corruption. **Page S485**

Gregg Amendment No. 17 (to Amendment No. 3), to establish a legislative line item veto. **Page S486**

Ensign Amendment No. 24 (to Amendment No. 3), to provide for better transparency and enhanced Congressional oversight of spending by clarifying the treatment of matter not committed to the conferees by either House. **Page S486**

Ensign Modified Amendment No. 25 (to Amendment No. 3), to ensure full funding for the Department of Defense within the regular appropriations process, to limit the reliance of the Department of Defense on supplemental appropriations bills, and to improve the integrity of the Congressional budget process. **Page S486**

Cornyn Amendment No. 26 (to Amendment No. 3), to require full separate disclosure of any earmarks in any bill, joint resolution, report, conference report or statement of managers. **Page S486**

Cornyn Amendment No. 27 (to Amendment No. 3), to require 3 calendar days notice in the Senate before proceeding to any matter. **Page S486**

Bennett (for McCain) Amendment No. 28 (to Amendment No. 3), to provide congressional transparency. **Page S486**

Bennett (for McCain) Amendment No. 29 (to Amendment No. 3), to provide congressional transparency. **Page S486**

Lieberman Amendment No. 30 (to Amendment No. 3), to establish a Senate Office of Public Integrity. **Page S486**

Bennett/McConnell Amendment No. 20 (to Amendment No. 3), to strike a provision relating to paid efforts to stimulate grassroots lobbying. **Page S486**

Thune Amendment No. 37 (to Amendment No. 3), to require any recipient of a Federal award to disclose all lobbying and political advocacy. **Page S486**

Feinstein/Rockefeller Amendment No. 42 (to Amendment No. 3), to prohibit an earmark from being included in the classified portion of a report accompanying a measure unless the measure includes a general program description, funding level, and the name of the sponsor of that earmark. **Page S486**

Feingold Amendment No. 31 (to Amendment No. 3), to prohibit former Members of Congress from engaging in lobbying activities in addition to lobbying contacts during their cooling off period. **Page S488**

Feingold Amendment No. 32 (to Amendment No. 3), to increase the cooling off period for senior staff to 2 years and to prohibit former Members of Congress from engaging in lobbying activities in addition to lobbying contacts during their cooling off period. **Page S488**

Feingold Amendment No. 33 (to Amendment No. 3), to prohibit former Members who are lobbyists from using gym and parking privileges made available to Members and former Members. **Page S488**

Feingold Amendment No. 34 (to Amendment No. 3), to require Senate campaigns to file their FEC reports electronically. **Pages S488–89**

Durbin Modified Amendment No. 44 (to Amendment No. 11), to strengthen earmark reform. **Pages S492–94, S503–04**

Durbin Amendment No. 36 (to Amendment No. 3), to require that amendments and motions to recommit with instructions be copied and provided by the clerk to the desks of the Majority Leader and the Minority Leader before being debated. **Pages S494–96**

Cornyn Amendment No. 45 (to Amendment No. 3), to require 72-hour public availability of legislative matters before consideration. **Page S496**

Cornyn Amendment No. 46 (to Amendment No. 2), to deter public corruption. **Page S496**

Bond (for Coburn) Amendment No. 48 (to Amendment No. 3), to require all recipients of Federal earmarks, grants, subgrants, and contracts to disclose amounts spent on lobbying and a description of all lobbying activities. **Page S499**

Bond (for Coburn) Amendment No. 49 (to Amendment No. 3), to require all congressional ear-

mark requests to be submitted to the appropriate Senate committee on a standardized form. **Page S499**

Bond (for Coburn) Amendment No. 50 (to Amendment No. 3), to provide disclosure of lobbyist gifts and travel instead of banning them as proposed. **Pages S499–S500**

Bond (for Coburn) 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. **Page S500**

Nelson (NE) Amendment No. 47 (to Amendment No. 3), to help encourage fiscal responsibility in the earmarking process. **Pages S500–01**

Reid (for Feingold/Obama) Amendment No. 54 (to Amendment No. 3), to prohibit lobbyists and entities that retain or employ lobbyists from throwing lavish parties honoring Members at party conventions. **Page S503**

Reid (for Lieberman) Amendment No. 43 (to Amendment No. 3), to require disclosure of earmark lobbying by lobbyists. **Page S503**

Reid (for Casey) Amendment No. 56 (to Amendment No. 3), to eliminate the K Street Project by prohibiting the wrongful influencing of a private entity's employment decisions or practices in exchange for political access or favors. **Page S503**

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

Bennett (for McCain) Amendment No. 19 (to Amendment No. 4), to include a reporting requirement, rendered moot due to its incorporation into the modification of Reid Amendment No. 4 (listed above). **Page S486**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that on Tuesday, January 16, 2007, at 5:30 p.m., Senate vote on, or in relation to, Durbin Modified Amendment No. 44 (to Amendment No. 11), to be followed by a vote on, or in relation to, DeMint Amendment No. 11 (to Amendment No. 3) as amended, if amended; and if Durbin Modified Amendment No. 44 (listed above), is not modified to satisfy Senator DeMint then the agreement with respect to the two amendments be vitiated. **Pages S502–04**

A motion was entered to close further debate on Reid Modified Amendment No. 4, and, notwithstanding the provisions of rule XXII of the standing Rules of the Senate, and pursuant to the unanimous-consent agreement of Friday, January 12, 2007, a vote on cloture will occur following the vote on DeMint Amendment No. 11 (listed above), on Tuesday, January 16, 2007. **Pages S502–03**

A motion was entered to close further debate on Reid/McConnell Amendment No. 3, and, notwithstanding the provisions of rule XXII of the Standing

Rules of the Senate, and pursuant to the unanimous-consent agreement of Friday, January 12, 2007, a vote on cloture will occur following the vote on the motion to invoke cloture on Reid Modified Amendment No. 4, on Tuesday, January 16, 2007.

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A motion was entered to close further debate on the bill and, notwithstanding the provisions of rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, and pursuant to the unanimous-consent agreement of Friday, January 12, 2007, a vote on cloture will occur following the vote on the motion to invoke cloture on Reid/McConnell Amendment No. 3, on Tuesday, January 16, 2007.

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A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the bill at 1 p.m., on Tuesday, January 16, 2007; that Members have until 10:30 a.m., to file first-degree amendments to the bill and until 4:30 p.m. to file second-degree amendments; provided further that Monday, January 15, 2007, be counted as an intervening day under rule XXII with respect to the cloture motion filed on Reid Modified Amendment No. 4.

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Designations for Select Committee on Intelligence: In accordance with the provisions of S. Res. 445 of the 108th Congress, Senator Rockefeller was designated as the Chairman of the Select Committee on Intelligence by the Majority Leader, Senator Reid, and Senator Bond was designated as the Vice-Chair by the Republican Leader, Senator McConnell.

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Appointments:

United States-China Economic Security Review Commission: The Chair, on behalf of the President pro tempore, pursuant to Public Law 106-398, as amended by Public Law 108-7, in accordance with the qualifications specified under section 1238(b)(3)(E) of Public Law 106-398, and upon the

recommendation of the Majority Leader, in consultation with the chairmen of the Senate Committee on Armed Services and the Senate Committee on Finance, appointed the following individuals to the United States-China Economic Security Review Commission: Peter Videnieks of Virginia, for a term beginning January 1, 2007 and expiring December 31, 2008, vice Patrick A. Mulloy.

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Messages From the House: **Page S508**

Message Referred: **Page S508**

Measures Placed on the Calendar: **Pages S503, S508**

Measures Read the First Time: **Pages S503, S508**

Additional Cosponsors: **Page S509**

Statements on Introduced Bills/Resolutions:
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Amendments Submitted: **Pages S521-27**

Authorities for Committees to Meet: **Page S527**

Record Votes: Two record votes were taken today. (Total—9) **Page S489**

Adjournment: Senate convened at 9:30 a.m., and adjourned at 3:46 p.m., until 10:00 a.m., on Tuesday, January 16, 2006. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S528.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

IRAQ

Committee on Armed Services: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the current situation in Iraq, after receiving testimony from Robert M. Gates, Secretary of Defense; and General Peter Pace, USMC, Chairman, Joint Chiefs of Staff.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 42 public bills, H.R. 5-6, 432-471; and 11 resolutions, H.J. Res. 14; H. Con. Res. 31-32; and H. Res. 56-63; were introduced.

Pages H512-15

Additional Cosponsors: **Pages H515-16**

Reports Filed: There were no reports filed today.

Committee Elections: The House agreed to H. Res. 56, electing the following Members and Delegates to serve on certain standing committees of the House of Representatives: Committee on Rules: Representatives McGovern, Hastings (FL), Matsui, Cardoza, Welch (VT), Castor, and Sutton. Committee on Financial Services: Representative Frank, Chairman; Representatives Kanjorski, Waters, Maloney (NY), Gutierrez, Velázquez, Watt, Ackerman, Carson, Sherman, Meeks (NY), Moore (KS), Capuano,