

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S631–S708

Measures Introduced: Nineteen bills and four resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 310–328, S. Res. 31–32, and S. Con. Res. 2–3. **Pages S670–71**

Measures Passed:

Democracy in Serbia: Senate agreed to S. Res. 31, expressing support for democratic forces in Serbia and encouraging the people of Serbia to remain committed to a democratic path. **Pages S707–08**

Ethics Reform: Senate continued consideration of S. 1, to provide greater transparency in the legislative process, taking action on the following amendments proposed thereto: **Pages S636–41, S647–67**

Adopted:

By 89 yeas to 5 nays (Vote No. 13), Feingold Amendment No. 65 (to Amendment No. 4), to prohibit lobbyists and entities that retain or employ lobbyists from throwing lavish parties honoring Members at party conventions. **Page S665**

By 51 yeas to 46 nays (Vote No. 14), Bennett Modified Amendment No. 81 (to Amendment No. 4), to permit travel hosted by preapproved 501(c)(3) organizations. **Pages S664–65, S665**

By 88 yeas to 9 nays (Vote No. 15), 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.) **Pages S665–66**

Withdrawn:

Bennett (for Lott) Amendment No. 78 (to Amendment No. 4), to only allow official and officially related travel to be paid for by appropriated funds. **Pages S663–64**

Bennett (for Lott) Amendment No. 79 (to Amendment No. 4), to only allow official and officially related travel to be paid for by appropriated funds. **Pages S663–64**

Pending:

Reid Amendment No. 3, in the nature of a substitute. **Page S636**

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 S636**

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 S636**

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 S636, S638–640**

Leahy/Pryor Amendment No. 2 (to Amendment No. 3), to give investigators and prosecutors the tools they need to combat public corruption. **Page S636**

Gregg Amendment No. 17 (to Amendment No. 3), to establish a legislative line item veto. **Page S636**

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 S636**

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 S636**

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 S636**

Cornyn Amendment No. 27 (to Amendment No. 3), to require 3 calendar days notice in the Senate before proceeding to any matter. **Page S636**

Bennett (for McCain) Amendment No. 28 (to Amendment No. 3), to provide congressional transparency. **Page S636**

Bennett (for McCain) Amendment No. 29 (to Amendment No. 3), to provide congressional transparency. **Page S636**

Lieberman Amendment No. 30 (to Amendment No. 3), to establish a Senate Office of Public Integrity. **Page S636**

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

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Thune Amendment No. 37 (to Amendment No. 3), to require any recipient of a Federal award to disclose all lobbying and political advocacy. **Page S636**

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 S636**

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.

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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.

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Feingold Amendment No. 34 (to Amendment No. 3), to require Senate campaigns to file their FEC reports electronically. **Page S636**

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. **Page S636**

Cornyn Amendment No. 45 (to Amendment No. 3), to require 72 hour public availability of legislative matters before consideration. **Page S636**

Cornyn Amendment No. 46 (to Amendment No. 2), to deter public corruption. **Page S636**

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. **Pages S636–37**

Bond (for Coburn) Amendment No. 49 (to Amendment No. 3), to require all congressional earmark requests to be submitted to the appropriate Senate committee on a standardized form. **Page S637**

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

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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.

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Nelson (NE) Amendment No. 47 (to Amendment No. 3), to help encourage fiscal responsibility in the earmarking process. **Page S637**

Reid (for Lieberman) Amendment No. 43 (to Amendment No. 3), to require disclosure of earmark lobbying by lobbyists. **Page S637**

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 S637**

Sanders Amendment No. 57 (to Amendment No. 3), to require a report by the Commission to Strengthen Confidence in Congress regarding political contributions before and after the enactment of certain laws. **Page S637**

Bennett (for Coburn) Amendment No. 59 (to Amendment No. 3), to provide disclosure of lobbyist gifts and travel instead of banning them as proposed.

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Bennett (for Coleman) Amendment No. 39 (to Amendment No. 3), to require that a publicly available website be established in Congress to allow the public access to records of reported congressional official travel. **Page S637**

Feingold Amendment No. 63 (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 S637**

Feingold Amendment No. 64 (to Amendment No. 3), to prohibit lobbyists and entities that retain or employ lobbyists from throwing lavish parties honoring Members at party conventions. **Page S637**

Feingold/Obama Amendment No. 76 (to Amendment No. 3), to clarify certain aspects of the lobbyist contribution reporting provision. **Page S637**

Obama/Feingold Amendment No. 41 (to Amendment No. 3), to require lobbyists to disclose the candidates, leadership PACs, or political parties for whom they collect or arrange contributions, and the aggregate amount of the contributions collected or arranged. **Page S637**

Nelson (NE)/Salazar Amendment No. 71 (to Amendment No. 3), to extend the laws and rules passed in this bill to the executive and judicial branches of government. **Pages S637, S640–41**

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

By 51 yeas to 46 nays (Vote No. 16), three-fifths of those Senators duly chosen and sworn, not having voted in the affirmative, Senate rejected the motion to close further debate on the motion to invoke cloture on Reid Amendment No. 3 (listed above).

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Senator Reid entered a motion to reconsider the vote by which the motion to invoke cloture failed on Reid Amendment No. 3 (listed above). **Pages S666–67**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that the vote on the motion to invoke cloture on the bill be delayed to occur only if cloture is invoked on Reid Amendment No. 3 (listed above).

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Senate expects to continue consideration of the bill at approximately 11 a.m., on Thursday, January 18, 2007.

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Record Votes: Four record votes were taken today. (Total—16) **Pages S665, S666**

Adjournment: Senate convened at 10 a.m., and adjourned at 10:52 p.m., until 9 a.m., on Thursday, January 18, 2006. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today's Record on page S708.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

LAND CONSERVATION

Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry: Committee concluded a hearing to examine Conservation Security Program and Environmental Quality Incentives Program relating to working land conservation, focusing on the Natural Resources Conservation Service's (NRCS) process for allocating Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP) funds to the states to optimize environmental benefits, NRCS's measures to monitor EQIP's performance, and the legislative and regulatory measures available to prevent duplication between CSP and other conservation programs, such as EQIP, after receiving testimony from Arlen Lancaster, Chief, Natural Resources Conservation Service, Department of Agriculture; Lisa Shames, Acting Director, Natural Resources and Environment, Government Accountability Office; Craig Cox, Soil and Water Conservation Society, Ankeny, Iowa; Kathleen A. Merrigan,

Tufts University Friedman School of Nutrition Science and Policy, Winchester, Massachusetts; Duane Hovorka, National Wildlife Federation, Elmwood, Nebraska, on behalf of the Sustainable Agriculture Coalition and the Izaak Walton League of America; and James Ham, Monroe County Commission, Smarr, Georgia, on behalf of the National Association of Conservation Districts and Georgia Association of Conservation District Supervisors.

DOD CONTRACTING

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Readiness and Management Support concluded a hearing to examine practices in Department of Defense contracting for services and inter-agency contracting, focusing on increasing reliance on contractors, failure to follow business practices when acquiring services, and opportunities for DOD to improve its management of services, after receiving testimony from Thomas F. Gimble, Acting Inspector General, Department of Defense; and Katherine V. Schinasi, Managing Director, Acquisition and Sourcing Management, Government Accountability Office.

AVIATION SECURITY

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the progress of the Department of Homeland Security regarding the recommendations of the 9/11 Commission related to aviation security, after receiving testimony from Kip Hawley, Assistant Secretary of Homeland Security, Transportation Security Administration.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Environment and Public Works: Committee adopted its rules of procedure for the 110th Congress.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Finance: Committee ordered favorably reported an original bill entitled "Small Business and Work Opportunity Act".

Also, committee adopted its rules of procedure for the 110th Congress.

Also, Committee appointed the following Members to the Joint Committee on Taxation, the Congressional Trade Advisors on Trade Policy and Negotiations, and the Congressional Oversight Group: Senators Baucus, Rockefeller, Conrad, Grassley, and Hatch.

IRAQ

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the remaining options and regional diplomatic strategy relating to securing