

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S1299–S1358

Measures Introduced: Twelve bills and six resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 427–438, and S. Res. 46–51. **Pages S1326–27**

Measures Reported:

S. Res. 50, amending Senate Resolution 400 (94th Congress) to make amendments arising from the enactment of the Intelligence Reform and Terrorism Prevention Act of 2004 and to make other amendments. (S. Rept. No. 110–3)

S. Res. 46, authorizing expenditures by the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

S. Res. 48, authorizing expenditures by the Committee on Armed Services.

S. Res. 51, authorizing expenditures by the Select Committee on Intelligence. **Page S1326**

Fair Minimum Wage: Senate continued consideration of H.R. 2, to amend the Fair Labor Standards Act of 1938 to provide for an increase in the Federal minimum wage, taking action on the following amendments proposed thereto: **Pages S1307–19**

Withdrawn:

Chambliss Amendment No. 118 (to Amendment No. 100), to provide minimum wage rates for agricultural workers. **Page S1316**

Pending:

Reid (for Baucus) Amendment No. 100, in the nature of a substitute. **Page S1307**

McConnell (for Gregg) Amendment No. 101 (to Amendment No. 100), to provide Congress a second look at wasteful spending by establishing enhanced rescission authority under fast-track procedures. **Page S1307**

Kyl Amendment No. 115 (to Amendment No. 100), to extend through December 31, 2008, the depreciation treatment of leasehold, restaurant, and retail space improvements. **Page S1307**

Enzi (for Ensign/Inhofe) Amendment No. 152 (to Amendment No. 100), to reduce document fraud, prevent identity theft, and preserve the integrity of the Social Security system. **Page S1307**

Enzi (for Ensign) Amendment No. 153 (to Amendment No. 100), to preserve and protect Social

Security benefits of American workers, including those making minimum wage, and to help ensure greater Congressional oversight of the Social Security system by requiring that both Houses of Congress approve a totalization agreement before the agreement, giving foreign workers Social Security benefits, can go into effect. **Page S1307**

Vitter/Voinovich Amendment No. 110 (to Amendment No. 100), to amend title 44 of the United States Code, to provide for the suspension of fines under certain circumstances for first-time paperwork violations by small business concerns. **Page S1307**

DeMint Amendment No. 155 (to Amendment No. 100), to amend the Public Health Service Act to provide for cooperative governing of individual health insurance coverage offered in interstate commerce, and to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 regarding the disposition of unused health benefits in cafeteria plans and flexible spending arrangements and the use of health savings accounts for the payment of health insurance premiums for high deductible health plans purchased in the individual market. **Page S1307**

DeMint Amendment No. 156 (to Amendment No. 100), to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 regarding the disposition of unused health benefits in cafeteria plans and flexible spending arrangements. **Page S1307**

DeMint Amendment No. 157 (to the language proposed to be stricken by Amendment No. 100), to increase the Federal minimum wage by an amount that is based on applicable State minimum wages. **Page S1307**

DeMint Amendment No. 159 (to Amendment No. 100), to protect individuals from having their money involuntarily collected and used for lobbying by a labor organization. **Page S1307**

DeMint Amendment No. 160 (to Amendment No. 100), to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to allow certain small businesses to defer payment of tax. **Page S1307**

DeMint Amendment No. 161 (to Amendment No. 100), to prohibit the use of flexible schedules by Federal employees unless such flexible schedule

benefits are made available to private sector employees not later than 1 year after the date of enactment of the Fair Minimum Wage Act of 2007. **Page S1307**

DeMint Amendment No. 162 (to Amendment No. 100), to amend the Fair Labor Standards Act of 1938 regarding the minimum wage. **Page S1307**

Kennedy (for Kerry) Amendment No. 128 (to Amendment No. 100), to direct the Administrator of the Small Business Administration to establish a pilot program to provide regulatory compliance assistance to small business concerns. **Page S1307**

Martinez Amendment No. 105 (to Amendment No. 100), to clarify the house parent exemption to certain wage and hour requirements. **Page S1307**

Sanders Amendment No. 201 (to Amendment No. 100), to express the sense of the Senate concerning poverty. **Page S1307**

Gregg Amendment No. 203 (to Amendment No. 100), to enable employees to use employee option time. **Page S1307**

Burr Amendment No. 195 (to Amendment No. 100), to provide for an exemption to a minimum wage increase for certain employers who contribute to their employees health benefit expenses. **Page S1307**

Kennedy (for Feinstein) Amendment No. 167 (to Amendment No. 118), to improve agricultural job opportunities, benefits, and security for aliens in the United States. **Page S1307**

Enzi (for Allard) Amendment No. 169 (to Amendment No. 100), to prevent identity theft by allowing the sharing of social security data among government agencies for immigration enforcement purposes. **Page S1307**

Enzi (for Cornyn) Amendment No. 135 (to Amendment No. 100), to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to repeal the Federal unemployment surtax. **Page S1307**

Enzi (for Cornyn) Amendment No. 138 (to Amendment No. 100), to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to expand workplace health incentives by equalizing the tax consequences of employee athletic facility use. **Page S1307**

Sessions (for Kyl) Amendment No. 209 (to Amendment No. 100), to extend through December 31, 2012, the increased expensing for small businesses. **Page S1307**

Division I of Sessions (for Kyl) Amendment No. 210 (to Amendment No. 100), to provide for the permanent extension of increasing expensing for small businesses, the depreciation treatment of leasehold, restaurant, and retail space improvements, and the work opportunity tax credit. **Page S1307**

Division II of Sessions (for Kyl) Amendment No. 210 (to Amendment No. 100), to provide for the permanent extension of increasing expensing for

small businesses, the depreciation treatment of leasehold, restaurant, and retail space improvements, and the work opportunity tax credit. **Page S1307**

Division III of Sessions (for Kyl) Amendment No. 210 (to Amendment No. 100), to provide for the permanent extension of increasing expensing for small businesses, the depreciation treatment of leasehold, restaurant, and retail space improvements, and the work opportunity tax credit. **Page S1307**

Division IV of Sessions (for Kyl) Amendment No. 210 (to Amendment No. 100), to provide for the permanent extension of increasing expensing for small businesses, the depreciation treatment of leasehold, restaurant, and retail space improvements, and the work opportunity tax credit. **Page S1307**

Division V of Sessions (for Kyl) Amendment No. 210 (to Amendment No. 100), to provide for the permanent extension of increasing expensing for small businesses, the depreciation treatment of leasehold, restaurant, and retail space improvements, and the work opportunity tax credit. **Page S1307**

Durbin Amendment No. 221 (to Amendment No. 157), to change the enactment date. **Page S1307**

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

By 87 yeas to 10 nays (Vote No. 34), three-fifths of those Senators duly chosen and sworn, having voted in the affirmative, Senate agreed to the motion to close further debate on Reid (for Baucus) Amendment No. 100 (listed above). **Pages S1314–15**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the bill at approximately 10:30 a.m. on Wednesday, January 31, 2007; that all time during the recess on Tuesday, January 30, 2007, and during the adjournment on Tuesday, January 30, 2007 count against the 30 hours post-cloture. **Page S1357**

Nominations Confirmed: Senate confirmed the following nominations:

By unanimous vote of 97 yeas (Vote No. EX. 35), Lisa Godbey Wood, of Georgia, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of Georgia. **Pages S1319–21, S1358**

By unanimous vote of 97 yeas (Vote No. EX. 36), Philip S. Gutierrez, of California, to be United States District Judge for the Central District of California. **Pages S1319–21, S1358**

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Record Votes: Three record votes were taken today. (Total—36)

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Adjournment: Senate convened at 10 a.m., and adjourned at 6:49 p.m., until 9:30 a.m., on Wednesday, January 31, 2006. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today's Record on pages S1357–58.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

NOMINATION

Committee on Armed Services: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nomination of Admiral William J. Fallon, USN, for reappointment to the grade of admiral and to be Commander, United States Central Command, after the nominee testified and answered questions in his own behalf.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Armed Services: Committee ordered favorably reported an original resolution (S. Res. 48) authorizing expenditures by the Committee.

Also, committee adopted its rules of procedure for the 110th Congress and announced the following subcommittee assignments:

Subcommittee on Airland: Senators Lieberman, (Chairman), Akaka, Bayh, Clinton, Pryor, Webb, McCaskill, Cornyn, Warner, Inhofe, Sessions, Ensign, and Chambliss.

Subcommittee on Emerging Threats and Capabilities: Reed (Chairman), Kennedy, Byrd, Nelson (FL), Nelson (NE), Bayh, Clinton, Dole, Warner, Collins, Graham, Cornyn, and Martinez.

Subcommittee on Personnel: Nelson (NE) (Chairman), Kennedy, Lieberman, Webb, McCaskill, Graham, Collins, Chambliss, and Dole.

Subcommittee on Readiness and Management Support: Akaka (Chairman), Byrd, Bayh, Clinton, Pryor, McCaskill, Ensign, Inhofe, Sessions, Chambliss, and Dole.

Subcommittee on Seapower: Kennedy (Chairman), Lieberman, Reed, Akaka, Nelson (FL), Webb, Thune, Warner, Collins, Ensign, and Martinez.

Subcommittee on Strategic Forces: Nelson (FL) (Chairman), Byrd, Reed, Nelson (NE), Pryor, Sessions, Inhofe, Graham, and Thune.

Senators Levin and McCain are ex officio members of each of the Subcommittees.

FISCAL CHALLENGES

Committee on the Budget: Committee concluded a hearing to examine long-term fiscal challenges, focusing on the current budget situation and outlook, and

long-run imbalance and related solutions, after receiving testimony from Robert D. Reischauer, and C. Eugene Steuerle, both of the Urban Institute, and Robert Greenstein, Center on Budget and Policy Priorities, all of Washington, D.C.

WILDLIFE SUPPRESSION ACTIVITIES COSTS

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Committee held a hearing to examine the status of Federal land management agencies' efforts to contain the costs of their wildlife suppression activities and to consider recent independent reviews of and recommendations for those efforts, receiving testimony from Mark Rey, Under Secretary for Natural Resources and the Environment, and Phyllis K. Fong, Inspector General, both of the Department of Agriculture; Nina Rose Hatfield, Deputy Assistant Secretary of the Interior for Business Management and Wildland Fire; Robin M. Nazzaro, Director, Natural Resources and Environment, Government Accountability Office; James Caswell, Idaho Office of Species Conservation, Boise, on behalf of the Strategic Issues Panel on Fire Suppression Costs of the Wildland Fire Leadership Council; Kirk Rowdabaugh, Arizona State Forester, Phoenix, on behalf of sundry organizations; and Bruce D. McDowell, National Academy of Public Administration, Washington, D.C.

Hearing recessed subject to the call.

FUEL EFFICIENCY

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Committee held a hearing to examine transportation sector fuel efficiency, focusing on challenges to and incentives for increased oil savings through technological innovation including plug-in hybrid vehicles, receiving testimony from Senator Stabenow; Elizabeth Lowery, General Motors Corporation, Detroit, Michigan; John German, American Honda Motor Company, Inc., and Walter S. McManus, University of Michigan Transportation Research Institute, both of Ann Arbor; Menahem Anderman, Advanced Automotive Batteries, Oregon House, California; William J. Logue, FedEx Express, Memphis, Tennessee; and David L. Greene, Oak Ridge National Laboratory, Knoxville, Tennessee.

Hearing recessed subject to the call.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Environment and Public Works: Committee ordered favorably reported an original resolution (S. Res. 46) authorizing expenditures by the Committee.

GLOBAL WARMING

Committee on Environment and Public Works: Committee concluded a hearing to examine Senators' perspectives on global warming, focusing on Senators'