

Daily Digest

HIGHLIGHTS

Senate passed H.R. 2, Children's Health Insurance Program Reauthorization Act.

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S1007–S1102

Measures Introduced: Fourteen bills and one resolution were introduced, as follows: S. 343–356, and S.J. Res. 7. **Pages S1057–58**

Measures Reported:

S. 350, to provide for a portion of the economic recovery package relating to revenue measures, unemployment, and health. **Page S1057**

Measures Passed:

DTV Transition Date: Senate passed S. 352, to postpone the DTV transition date. **Pages S1050–51**

Children's Health Insurance Program Reauthorization Act: By 66 yeas to 32 nays (Vote No. 31), Senate passed H.R. 2, to amend title XXI of the Social Security Act to extend and improve the Children's Health Insurance Program, after taking action on the following amendments proposed thereto: **Pages S1007–50**

Adopted:

Baucus/Grassley Amendment No. 94 (to H.R. 2, as amended), to make a technical correction to the option to cover legal immigrant children and pregnant women. **Page S1042**

Baucus/Grassley Amendment No. 95 (to H.R. 2, as amended), to make technical corrections to the State option to provide dental-only supplemental coverage. **Page S1042**

Baucus/Grassley Amendment No. 96 (to H.R. 2, as amended), to clarify that no eligible entity that receives an outreach and enrollment grant is required to provide matching funds. **Pages S1042–43**

Rockefeller (for Baucus) Amendment No. 97 (to H.R. 2, as amended), of a technical nature. **Page S1043**

Coburn Amendment No. 50 (to H.R. 2, as amended), to restore fiscal discipline by making the

Medicaid and SCHIP programs more accountable and efficient. **Pages S1007, S1044**

By 55 yeas to 43 nays (Vote No. 29), Bingaman Modified Amendment No. 63 (to H.R. 2, as amended), to clarify that new paperwork and enrollment barriers are not created in the Express Lane Enrollment option and that income may be determined by Express Lane agencies based on State income tax records or returns. **Pages S1040, S1044–45**

Rejected:

By 36 yeas to 62 nays (Vote No. 24), Baucus (for Coburn/Thune) Amendment No. 47 (to H.R. 2, as amended), to ensure that children do not lose their private insurance and that uninsured children can get access to private insurance. **Pages S1016–19, S1030, S1031**

Bunning Modified Amendment No. 74 (to H.R. 2, as amended), to eliminate any exceptions to the prohibition on States receiving an enhanced Federal matching rate for providing coverage to children whose family income exceeds 300 percent of the poverty line. (By 54 yeas to 44 nays (Vote No. 25), Senate tabled the amendment). **Pages S1015–16, S1019–25, S1029–30, S1031**

By 39 yeas to 59 yeas (Vote No. 26), Hatch Amendment No. 80 (to H.R. 2, as amended), to codify regulations specifying that an unborn child is eligible for child health assistance. **Pages S1009–15, S1031–32**

Grassley Amendment No. 83 (to H.R. 2, as amended), to provide H.R. 3963 (CHIPRA II) as a complete substitute. **Pages S1025–29, S1030–31, S1036**

Grassley Amendment No. 71 (to H.R. 2, as amended), to extend the State Children's Health Insurance Program for 6 quarters in order to enact bipartisan, comprehensive health care reform. **Pages S1036–38**

By 40 yeas to 58 nays (Vote No. 27), DeMint Amendment No. 85 (to H.R. 2, as amended), to

provide an above-the-line Federal income tax deduction for health care costs of certain children in an amount comparable to the average federal share of the benefit provided to any non-citizen child for medical assistance or child health assistance.

Pages S1032–33, S1038–40, S1040–42, S1043

By 36 yeas to 62 nays (Vote No. 28), Coburn Amendment No. 86 (to H.R. 2, as amended), to ensure that American children have high-quality health coverage that fits their individual needs.

Pages S1033–36, S1043–44

Coburn Amendment No. 49 (to H.R. 2, as amended), to prevent fraud and restore fiscal accountability to the Medicaid and SCHIP programs.

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By 17 yeas to 81 nays (Vote No. 30), Hutchison Amendment No. 93 (to H.R. 2, as amended), to provide assistance for States with percentages of children with no health insurance coverage above the national average.

Pages S1045–46

Senate insisted on its amendment, requested a conference with the House thereon, and the Chair was authorized to appoint the following conferees on the part of the Senate: Senators Baucus, Rockefeller, Conrad, Grassley, and Hatch.

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Nomination—Agreement: A unanimous-consent-time agreement was reached providing that at 3:15 p.m., on Monday, February 2, 2009, Senate consider the nomination of Eric H. Holder, Jr., of the District of Columbia, to be Attorney General, and that there be 3 hours of debate, with the time equally divided and controlled between the Chairman and Ranking Member of the Committee on the Judiciary, or their designees; provided further, that at 6:15 p.m., Senate vote on confirmation of the nomination.

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Messages from the House: **Page S1057**

Additional Cosponsors: **Page S1058**

Statements on Introduced Bills/Resolutions:
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Additional Statements: **Pages S1055–57**

Amendments Submitted: **Pages S1069–S1102**

Authorities for Committees to Meet: **Page S1102**

Privileges of the Floor: **Page S1102**

Record Votes: Eight record votes were taken today. (Total—31)

Pages S1031, S1032, S1043, S1044, S1045, S1046, S1048–49

Adjournment: Senate convened at 9:30 a.m. and adjourned at 9:15 p.m., until 9:30 a.m. on Friday, January 30, 2009. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S1102.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

GLOBAL ECONOMY

Committee on the Budget: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the global economy, focusing on outlook, risks, and implications for policy, after receiving testimony from Simon Johnson, Peterson Institute for International Economics, Washington, DC; Brad Setser, Council on Foreign Relations, New York, New York; and Tim Adams, The Lindsey Group, Fairfax, Virginia.

QUALITY IN HEALTH REFORM

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: Committee concluded a hearing to examine quality in health reform, after receiving testimony from Nancy Davenport-Ennis, National Patient Advocate Foundation, Washington, DC; Karen Davis, The Commonwealth Fund, New York, New York; Rhonda Robinson Beale, OptumHealth Behavioral Solutions, Golden Valley, Minnesota; Elizabeth Olmsted Teisberg, University of Virginia Darden School of Business, Charlottesville; and Christine Cassel, American Board of Internal Medicine, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

INTELLIGENCE

Select Committee on Intelligence: Committee held closed hearings on intelligence matters, receiving testimony from officials of the intelligence community.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

The House was not in session today. The House is scheduled to meet at 2 p.m. on Monday, February

2, 2009, pursuant to the provisions of H. Con. Res. 26.

Committee Meetings

No committee meetings were held.