

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S1371–S1472

Measures Introduced: Ten bills and two resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 364–373, S. Res. 26, and S. Con. Res. 4. **Pages S1431–32**

Measures Passed:

Authorizing Use of the Capitol Rotunda: Senate agreed to H. Con. Res. 27, authorizing the use of the rotunda of the Capitol for a ceremony in honor of the bicentennial of the birth of President Abraham Lincoln. **Page S1472**

Measures Considered:

American Recovery and Reinvestment Act: Senate continued consideration of H.R. 1, making supplemental appropriations for job preservation and creation, infrastructure investment, energy efficiency and science, assistance to the unemployed, and State and local fiscal stabilization, for fiscal year ending September 30, 2009, taking action on the following amendments proposed thereto:

Pages S1371–87, S1387–1427

Adopted:

By 52 yeas to 45 nays (Vote No. 34), Coburn Amendment No. 109 (to Amendment No. 98), to strike the \$246 million tax earmark for Hollywood production companies. **Pages S1387–97, S1399–S1400**

Mikulski/Brownback Amendment No. 104 (to Amendment No. 98), to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to allow an above-the-line deduction against individual income tax for interest on indebtedness and for State sales and excise taxes with respect to the purchase of certain motor vehicles.

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Harkin Modified Amendment No. 178 (to Amendment No. 98), to provide an additional \$6,500,000,000 to the National Institutes of Health for biomedical research. **Pages S1405–06, S1420–21**

Withdrawn:

Specter/Durbin Modified Amendment No. 101 (to Amendment No. 98), to provide an additional \$6,500,000,000 to the National Institutes of Health for biomedical research. **Pages S1403–05, S1420**

Pending:

Reid (for Inouye/Baucus) Amendment No. 98, in the nature of a substitute. **Pages S1371–74**

Murray Amendment No. 110 (to Amendment No. 98), to strengthen the infrastructure investments made by the bill. **Pages S1374–87**

Vitter Amendment No. 179 (to Amendment No. 98), to eliminate unnecessary spending. **Pages S1406–08**

Isakson/Lieberman Amendment No. 106 (to Amendment No. 98), to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide a Federal income tax credit for certain home purchases. **Pages S1421–22**

Feingold Amendment No. 140 (to Amendment No. 98), to provide greater accountability of taxpayers' dollars by curtailing congressional earmarking and requiring disclosure of lobbying by recipients of Federal funds. **Pages S1422–27**

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

By 58 yeas to 39 nays (Vote No. 33), three-fifths of those Senators duly chosen and sworn, not having voted in the affirmative, Senate rejected the motion to waive Section 204(a) 5A of S. Con. Res. 21, FY08 Congressional Budget Resolution, with respect to Murray Amendment No. 110 (to Amendment No. 98), to strengthen the infrastructure investments made by the bill. Subsequently, a point of order that the emergency designation provision in the amendment was in violation of section 204(a) 5A of S. Con. Res. 21, FY08 Congressional Budget Resolution was sustained, and the provision was stricken.

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By 71 yeas to 26 nays (Vote No. 35), three-fifths of those Senators duly chosen and sworn, having voted in the affirmative, Senate agreed to the motion to waive section 201(a) of S. Con. Res. 21, FY08 Congressional Budget Resolution, with respect to Mikulski/Brownback Amendment No. 104 (to Amendment No. 98), to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to allow an above-the-line deduction against individual income tax for interest on indebtedness and for State sales and excise taxes with respect to the purchase of certain motor vehicles.

The point of order that the amendment was in violation of section 201(a) of S. Con. Res. 21, FY08 Congressional Budget Resolution, was not sustained.

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By 42 yeas to 55 nays (Vote No. 36), three-fifths of those Senators duly chosen and sworn, not having voted in the affirmative, Senate rejected the motion to waive section 201 of S. Con. Res. 21, FY08 Congressional Budget Resolution, with respect to Boxer Amendment No. 112 (to Amendment No. 98), to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to allow the deduction for dividends received from controlled foreign corporations for an additional year. Subsequently, the pay-as-you-go point of order that the amendment would cause or increase an on-budget deficit for either of the applicable time periods set out in S. Con. Res. 21, was sustained, and the amendment thus fell.

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A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the bill at 10:30 a.m., on Wednesday, February 4, 2009.

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Appointments:

United States Holocaust Memorial Council: The Chair, on behalf of the President pro tempore, pursuant to Public Law 96–388, as amended by Public Law 97–84, appointed the following Senator to the United States Holocaust Memorial Council for the 111th Congress: Senator Hatch.

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Japan-United States Friendship Commission: The Chair, on behalf of the President pro tempore, pursuant to Public Law 94–118, Section 4(a)(3), appointed Senator Murkowski to the Japan-United States Friendship Commission.

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Board of Regents of the Smithsonian Institution: The Chair, on behalf of the Vice President, pursuant to the provisions of 20 U.S.C., sections 42 and 43, appointed Senator Cochran as a member of the Board of Regents of the Smithsonian Institution.

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Commission on Security and Cooperation in Europe (Helsinki): The Chair, on behalf of the Vice President, pursuant to Public Law 94–304, as

amended by Public Law 99–7, appointed the following Senators as members of the Commission on Security and Cooperation in Europe (Helsinki) during the 111th Congress: Senators Dodd, Whitehouse, Udall (NM), and Shaheen.

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Commission on Security and Cooperation in Europe (Helsinki): The Chair, on behalf of the Vice President, pursuant to Public Law 94–304, amended by Public Law 99–7, appointed the following Senators as members of the Commission on Security and Cooperation in Europe (Helsinki) during the 111th Congress: Senators Chambliss and Brownback.

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Canada-U.S. Interparliamentary Group: The Chair, on behalf of the Vice President, pursuant to 22 U.S.C. 276d–276g, as amended, appointed the following Senator as Chairman of the Senate Delegation to the Canada-U.S. Interparliamentary Group conference during the 111th Congress: Senator Klobuchar.

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Additional Cosponsors:

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Statements on Introduced Bills/Resolutions:

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

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Adjournment: Senate convened at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 9:45 p.m., until 10:30 a.m. on Wednesday, February 4, 2009. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S1472.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

No committee meetings were held.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 50 public bills, H.R. 793–799, 800–844; 4 private bills, H.R. 798–799, H. Res. 105–106; and 9 resolutions,

H. Con. Res. 36; and H. Res. 103–104, 109–114 were introduced.

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Additional Cosponsors:

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Reports Filed: Reports were filed today as follows: