

Daily Digest

HIGHLIGHTS

Senate passed S. 160, District of Columbia House Voting Rights Act.

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S2507–S2575

Measures Introduced: Seventeen bills and two resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 485–501, and S. Res. 57–58. **Page S2558**

Measures Passed:

District Of Columbia House Voting Rights Act:
By 61 yeas to 37 nays (Vote No. 73), Senate passed S. 160, to provide the District of Columbia a voting seat and the State of Utah an additional seat in the House of Representatives, after agreeing to the committee amendment in the nature of a substitute, as amended, and taking action on the following amendments proposed thereto: **Pages S2507–42**

(A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that the bill, having achieved 60 affirmatives votes, pass). **Page S2538**

Adopted:

By 57 yeas to 41 nays (Vote No. 70), Durbin Amendment No. 591, to encourage and promote diversity in communication media ownership, and to ensure that the public airwaves are used in the public interest. **Pages S2517–20, S2522–24**

By 87 yeas to 11 nays (Vote No. 71), DeMint Amendment No. 573, to prevent the Federal Communications Commission from repromulgating the fairness doctrine. **Pages S2524–25**

By 62 yeas to 36 nays (Vote No. 72), Ensign Amendment No. 575, to restore Second Amendment rights in the District of Columbia. **Pages S2507, S2513–16, S2526–38**

Rejected:

By 30 yeas to 67 nays (Vote No. 69), Kyl Amendment No. 585, to provide for the retrocession of the District of Columbia to the State of Maryland. **Pages S2508–12**

Withdrawn:

Thune Amendment No. 579, to amend chapter 44 of title 18, United States Code, to allow citizens who have concealed carry permits from the State or

the District of Columbia in which they reside to carry concealed firearms in another State or the District of Columbia that grants concealed carry permits, if the individual complies with the laws of the State or the District of Columbia. **Pages S2508, S2516–17, S2525–26**

Ensign Amendment No. 587, to reauthorize the DC School Choice Incentive Act of 2003 for fiscal year 2010. **Pages S2512–13, S2520–22**

Coburn Amendment No. 576 (to Amendment No. 575), of a perfecting nature. **Page S2507**

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

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that the previously scheduled vote on the motion to invoke cloture on S. 160, District Of Columbia House Voting Rights Act, be withdrawn. **Page S2525**

Stanley J. Roszkowski United States Courthouse:
Committee on Environment and Public Works was discharged from further consideration of S. 387, to designate the United States courthouse located at 211 South Court Street, Rockford, Illinois, as the “Stanley J. Roszkowski United States Courthouse”, and the bill was then passed. **Pages S2574–75**

Appointments:

Congressional Advisers on Trade Policy and Negotiations Relating to Trade Agreements: The Chair, in accordance with Public Law 93–618, as amended by Public Law 100–418, on behalf of the President pro tempore and upon the recommendation of the Chairman of the Committee on Finance, appointed the following Members of the Finance Committee as congressional advisers on trade policy and negotiations to International conferences, meetings and negotiation sessions relating to trade agreements: Senators Baucus, Rockefeller, Conrad, Grassley, and Hatch. **Page S2575**

Message from the President: Senate received the following message from the President of the United States:

Transmitting, pursuant to law, the Budget of the United States Government for Fiscal Year 2009; referred jointly, pursuant to the order of January 30, 1975 as modified by the order of April 11, 1986; which was referred to the Committees on the Budget; and Appropriations. (PM-9) **Pages S2556-58**

Messages from the House: **Page S2558**

Measures Placed on the Calendar:
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Enrolled Bills Presented: **Page S2558**

Executive Reports of Committees: **Page S2558**

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Statements on Introduced Bills/Resolutions:
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Amendments Submitted: **Page S2574**

Authorities for Committees to Meet: **Page S2574**

Record Votes: Five record votes were taken today. (Total—73) **Pages S2512, S2524-25, S2538**

Adjournment: Senate convened at 9:30 a.m. and adjourned at 5:11 p.m., until 9:30 a.m. on Friday, February 27, 2009. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S2575.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

AFGHANISTAN AND PAKISTAN

Committee on Armed Services: Committee concluded a hearing to examine strategic options for the way ahead in Afghanistan and Pakistan, after receiving testimony from Lieutenant General David W. Barno, USA (Ret.), Director, National Defense University Near East South Asia Center for Strategic Studies, Washington, D.C.; James Dobbins, RAND Corporation International Security and Defense Policy Center, Arlington, Virginia; and Marin J. Strmecki, Smith Richardson Foundation, Westport, Connecticut.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Armed Services: Committee adopted its rules of procedure for the 111th Congress.

HOMEOWNER AFFORDABILITY AND STABILITY PLAN

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the Administration's Homeowner Affordability and Sta-

bility Plan, after receiving testimony from Shaun Donovan, Secretary of Housing and Urban Development.

CONSUMER PROTECTION AND CREDIT CRISIS

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Committee concluded a hearing to examine consumer protection and the credit crisis, after receiving testimony from Pamela Jones Harbour, Commissioner, Federal Trade Commission; Travis Plunkett, Consumer Federation of America, and Bill Himpler, American Financial Services Association, both of Washington, D.C.; Prentiss Cox, University of Minnesota Law School, Minneapolis; and Nancy Dix, Ansted, West Virginia.

ENERGY EFFICIENT BUILDINGS

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Committee concluded hearings to examine recommendations for reducing energy consumption in buildings through improved implementation of authorized Department of Energy (DOE) programs and through other innovative federal energy efficiency policies and programs, after receiving testimony from Arun Majumdar, Director, Environmental Energy Technologies Division, Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory, Department of Energy; Philip Giudice, Commissioner, Massachusetts Department of Energy Resources, Boston; Edward Mazria, 2030, Inc./Architecture 2030, Santa Fe, New Mexico; Jennifer Amann, American Council for an Energy-Efficient Economy, Washington, D.C.; Ward Hubbell, Green Building Initiative, Portland, Oregon; and Charles Zimmerman, Wal-Mart Stores, Inc., Bentonville, Arkansas.

ENGAGING WITH MUSLIM COMMUNITIES

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee concluded a hearing to examine engaging with Muslim communities around the world, after receiving testimony from Madeleine K. Albright, former Secretary of State; Admiral William J. Fallon, USN (Ret.), former Commander of United States Central Command, Cambridge, Massachusetts; Dahlia Mogahed, Gallup Center for Muslim Studies, Washington, D.C.; Eboo Patel, Interfaith Youth Core, Chicago, Illinois; and Jim Sciutto, London, United Kingdom.

PROTECTING ANIMAL AND PUBLIC HEALTH

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: Subcommittee on Oversight of Government Management, the Federal Workforce, and the District of Columbia concluded a hearing to examine protecting public and animal health, focusing on