

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S873–S1001

Measures Introduced: Eleven bills and one resolution were introduced, as follows: S. 360–370 and S. Res. 37. **Pages S911–12**

Measures Passed:

Adjournment Resolution: Senate agreed to H. Con. Res. 41, providing for a conditional adjournment of the House of Representatives. **Page S1000**

Page Board Composition: Senate passed to H.R. 475, to revise the composition of the House of Representatives Page Board to equalize the number of members representing the majority and minority parties and to include a member representing the parents of pages and a member representing former pages, clearing the measure for the President. **Page S1000**

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 S880–88, S888–S904**

Adopted:

By a unanimous vote of 99 yeas (Vote No. 20), Enzi (for Snowe) Modified Amendment No. 103 (to Amendment No. 100), in the nature of a substitute. **Pages S880–81, S888–90**

Roberts/Dodd Amendment No. 102 (to Amendment No. 100), to establish a small business child care grant program. **Pages S890–93**

Sessions Modified Amendment No. 108 (to Amendment No. 100), to authorize the Secretary of the Treasury to study the costs and barriers to businesses if the advance earned income tax credit program included all EITC recipients. **Pages S880, S903–04**

By a unanimous vote of 98 yeas (Vote No. 21), Sessions Modified Amendment No. 106 (to Amendment No. 100), to express the sense of the Senate that increasing personal savings is a necessary step

toward ensuring the economic security of all the people of the United States upon retirement. **Pages S880, S893–95, S898–S903**

Withdrawn:

Sessions Amendment No. 107 (to Amendment No. 100), to impose additional requirements to ensure greater use of the advance payment of the earned income credit and to extend such advance payment to all taxpayers eligible for the credit. **Pages S880, S903**

Pending:

Reid (for Baucus) Amendment No. 100, in the nature of a substitute. **Pages S880–88, S888–S904**

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 S880**

Sununu Amendment No. 112 (to Amendment No. 100), to prevent the closure and defunding of certain women's business centers. **Pages S881–82**

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 S882**

Bunning Amendment No. 119 (to Amendment No. 100), to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to repeal the 1993 income tax increase on Social Security benefits. **Pages S895–97**

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. **Pages S897–98**

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. **Pages S897–98**

Enzi (for Ensign) Amendment No. 154 (to Amendment No. 100), to improve access to affordable health care. **Pages S897–98**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the bill at approximately 10:30 a.m., on Wednesday, January 24, 2007; that there be one hour of debate prior to the vote on the motion to invoke cloture on Gregg Amendment No. 101 (listed above), with the time equally divided and controlled between the Majority and Republican Leaders, or their designees; that at 11:30 a.m., Senate vote on the motion to invoke cloture on Gregg Amendment No. 101; provided further, that members have until 10:30 a.m., on Wednesday, January 24, 2007, to file second-degree amendments.

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Messages From the President: Senate received the following message from the President of the United States:

Transmitting the report on the State of the Union delivered to a Joint Session of Congress on January 23, 2007; which was ordered to lie on the table. (PM–2)

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Record Votes: Two record votes were taken today. (Total—21) Pages S890, S904

Adjournment: Senate convened at 10 a.m., and adjourned at 10:11 p.m., until 9:30 a.m., on Wednesday, January 24, 2006. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S1001.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

NOMINATION

Committee on Armed Services: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nomination of Lieutenant General David H. Petraeus, USA, to be General and Commander, Multi-National Forces—Iraq, after the nominee testified and answered questions in his own behalf.

TAX GAP

Committee on the Budget: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the growing tax gap—the difference between the tax amounts taxpayers pay voluntarily and on time and what they should pay under the law, and strategies for reducing it, after receiving testimony from Michael Brostek, Director, Tax Issues, Strategic Issues Team, Government Accountability Office; and Robert S. McIntyre, Citizens for Tax Justice; and John S. Satagaj, Small Business Legislative Council, on behalf of the Coalition for Fairness in Tax Compliance (CFTC), both of Washington, DC.

IRAQ

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee held a hearing to examine the remaining options relating to securing America's interests in Iraq, focusing on Federalism, strategic redeployment or negotiation, receiving testimony from Leslie H. Gelb, Council on Foreign Relations, New York, New York; and Edward N. Luttwak, Center for Strategic and International Studies, Lawrence J. Korb, Center for American Progress; and Robert Malley, International Crisis Group, all of Washington, DC.

Hearing recessed subject to the call.

IRAQ: ALTERNATIVE PLANS

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee held a hearing to examine the remaining options relating to securing America's interests in Iraq, receiving testimony from Representative Murtha; and former Representative Newt Gingrich, American Enterprise Institute, Washington, DC.

Hearing recessed subject to the call.

SERVICE MEMBERS

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: Committee concluded an oversight hearing to examine Department of Defense and Veterans Affairs collaboration and cooperation to meet the needs of returning military service members, focusing on the delivery of health care and benefits to veterans, after receiving testimony from Gordon H. Mansfield, Deputy Secretary of Veterans Affairs; and David S.C. Chu, Under Secretary of Defense for Personnel and Readiness.

INTELLIGENCE REFORM

Select Committee on Intelligence: Committee concluded a hearing to examine intelligence reform, focusing on the Intelligence Reform and Terrorism Prevention Act (Public Law 108–458), including structural changes within the intelligence community, the collection and analysis of intelligence, science and technology, and information sharing and enterprise architecture in the intelligence community, after receiving testimony from Mary Margaret Graham,