

# Daily Digest

## Senate

### Chamber Action

*Routine Proceedings, pages S7097–S7270*

**Measures Introduced:** Eight bills and five resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 1553–1560, S. Res. 221–223, and S. Con. Res. 35–36.

**Pages S7177–78**

#### Measures Passed:

*Civil Affairs and Military Government Sections of the United States Armed Forces:* Senate agreed to S. Res. 223, recognizing the efforts and contributions of the members of the Monuments, Fine Arts, and Archives program under the Civil Affairs and Military Government Sections of the United States Armed Forces during and following World War II who were responsible for the preservation, protection, and restitution of artistic and cultural treasures in countries occupied by the Allied armies.

**Pages S7269–70**

#### Measures Considered:

*Comprehensive Immigration Reform:* Senate continued consideration of S. 1348, to provide for comprehensive immigration reform, and taking action on the following amendments proposed thereto:

**Pages S7099–S7152, S7153–67**

##### Adopted:

By 66 yeas to 32 nays (Vote No. 186), Kennedy Modified Amendment No. 1333 (to Amendment No. 1150), to increase the immigration-related penalties associated with various criminal activities.

**Pages S7101–15**

Lieberman Modified Amendment No. 1191 (to Amendment No. 1150), to provide safeguards against faulty asylum procedures and to improve conditions of detention.

**Pages S7099, S7140–43**

By 57 yeas to 39 nays (Vote No. 190), Cornyn Amendment No. 1250 (to Amendment No. 1150), to address documentation of employment and to make an amendment with respect to mandatory disclosure of information.

**Pages S7099, S7144, S7145**

By 57 yeas to 40 nays (Vote No. 191), Reid Amendment No. 1331 (to Amendment No. 1150), to clarify the application of the earned income tax credit.

**Pages S7122–23, S7145–46**

By 56 yeas to 41 nays (Vote No. 192), Sessions Amendment No. 1234 (to Amendment No. 1150), to save American taxpayers up to \$24 billion in the 10 years after passage of this Act, by preventing the earned income tax credit, which is, according to the Congressional Research Service, the largest anti-poverty entitlement program of the Federal Government, from being claimed by Y temporary workers or illegal aliens given status by this Act until they adjust to legal permanent resident status.

**Pages S7099, S7137–39, S7146**

By 51 yeas to 45 nays (Vote No. 194), Reid (for Kyl/Specter) Amendment No. 1460 (to Amendment No. 1150), to modify the allocation of visas with respect to the backlog of family-based visa petitions.

**Pages S7122–23, S7147**

Reid (for Thomas) Amendment No. 1182 (to Amendment No. 1150), to authorize the Secretary to establish new units of Customs Patrol Officers.

**Pages S7147–48**

Reid (for Schumer) Amendment No. 1272 (to Amendment No. 1150), to improve security by providing for the establishment of B–1 visitor visa decisionmaking guidelines and a tracking system.

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By 58 yeas to 39 nays (Vote No. 197), Reid (for Salazar) Modified Amendment No. 1384 (to Amendment No. 1150), to preserve and enhance the role of the English language.

**Pages S7149, S7154, S7160–61**

By 64 yeas to 33 nays (Vote No. 198), Reid (for Inhofe) Amendment No. 1151 (to Amendment No. 1150), to amend title 4, United States Code, to declare English as the national language of the Government of the United States.

**Pages S7149, S7151–52, S7157–58, S7161**

Reid (for Hutchison/Grassley) Amendment No. 1415 (to Amendment No. 1150), to prohibit obtaining Social Security benefits based on earnings obtained during any period without work authorization.

**Pages S7149–50, S7154, S7156–57, S7161**

By 49 yeas to 48 nays (Vote No. 201), Reid (for Dorgan/Durbin) Amendment No. 1316 (to Amendment No. 1150), to sunset Y–1 nonimmigrant visa program after a 5-year period.

**Pages S7149, S7159, S7162–36**

Rejected:

By 46 yeas to 51 nays (Vote No. 187), Cornyn Modified Amendment No. 1184 (to Amendment No. 1150), to establish a permanent bar for gang members, terrorists, and other criminals.

**Pages S7099–S7115, S7160–61**

By 43 yeas to 55 nays (Vote No. 188), DeMint Amendment No. 1197 (to Amendment No. 1150), to require health care coverage for holders of Z non-immigrant visas.

**Pages S7099, S7120–21**

By 41 yeas to 57 nays (Vote No. 189), Bingaman/Obama Modified Amendment No. 1267 (to Amendment No. 1150), to remove the requirement that Y–1 nonimmigrant visa holders leave the United States before they are able to renew their visa.

**Pages S7099, S7117–20, S7121–22**

By 42 yeas to 55 nays (Vote No. 196), Reid (for Ensign) Amendment No. 1374 (to Amendment No. 1150), to improve the criteria and weights of the merit-based evaluation system.

**Pages S7148–49, S7153–54, S7158, S7159–60**

By 48 yeas to 49 nays (Vote No. 199), Reid (for Vitter) Amendment No. 1339 (to Amendment No. 1150), to require that the U.S. VISIT system—the biometric border check-in/check-out system first required by Congress in 1996 that is already well past its already postponed 2005 implementation due date—be finished as part of the enforcement trigger.

**Pages S7150, S7154–55, S7158–59, S7161–62**

By 42 yeas to 55 nays (Vote No. 200), Salazar (for Obama) Modified Amendment No. 1202 (to Amendment No. 1150), to provide a date on which the authority of the section relating to the increasing of American competitiveness through a merit-based evaluation system for immigrants shall be terminated.

**Pages S7099, S7149, S7155–56, S7162**

Pending:

Reid (for Kennedy/Specter) Amendment No. 1150, in the nature of a substitute.

**Pages S7099–S7152, S7153–67**

Dodd/Menendez Amendment No. 1199 (to Amendment No. 1150), to increase the number of green cards for parents of United States citizens, to extend the duration of the new parent visitor visa, and to make penalties imposed on individuals who overstay such visas applicable only to such individuals.

**Pages S7099, S7144–45**

Sessions Amendment No. 1235 (to Amendment No. 1150), to save American taxpayers up to \$24 billion in the 10 years after passage of this Act, by preventing the earned income tax credit, which is, according to the Congressional Research Service, the largest anti-poverty entitlement program of the Federal Government, from being claimed by Y temporary workers or illegal aliens given status by this

Act until they adjust to legal permanent resident status.

**Pages S7099, S7133–34**

Whitehouse (for Coburn/DeMint) Modified Amendment No. 1311 (to Amendment No. 1150), to require the enforcement of existing border security and immigration laws and Congressional approval before amnesty can be granted.

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

By 53 yeas to 44 nays (Vote No. 193), 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 Menendez Amendment No. 1194 (to Amendment No. 1150), to modify the deadline for the family backlog reduction. 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.

**Pages S7099, S7130–33, S7146–47**

By 44 yeas to 53 nays (Vote No. 195), 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 Salazar (for Clinton) Further Modified Amendment No. 1183 (to Amendment No. 1150), to reclassify the spouses and minor children of lawful permanent residents as immediate relatives. 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.

**Pages S7099, S7116–17, S7150–51, S7159**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the bill at 10:00 a.m., on Thursday, June 7, 2007, that there be an hour of debate between the Majority and Republican Leaders, or their designees, to run concurrently and with respect to Whitehouse (for Coburn/DeMint) Modified Amendment No. 1311 (to Amendment No. 1150) (listed above), and the motion to invoke cloture on Reid (for Kennedy/Specter) Amendment No. 1150 (listed above); provided that no amendments be in order to Whitehouse (for Coburn/DeMint) Modified Amendment No. 1311 (to Amendment No. 1150) prior to the vote, and that upon the use or yielding back of time, Senate vote on or in relation to Whitehouse (for Coburn/DeMint) Modified Amendment No. 1311 (to Amendment No. 1150); that upon disposition of Whitehouse (for Coburn/DeMint) Modified Amendment No. 1311 (to Amendment No. 1150), Senate vote on the motion to invoke cloture on Reid (for

Kennedy/Specter) Amendment No. 1150; provided further, that Members have until 10:30 a.m., on Thursday, June 7, 2007, to file any germane second-degree amendments. **Page S7270**

#### **Appointments:**

Mexico-U.S. Interparliamentary Group: The Chair, on behalf of the Vice President, pursuant to 22 U.S.C. 276h–276k, as amended, appointed Senator Hutchison as a member of the Senate Delegation to the Mexico-U.S. Interparliamentary Group conference for the first session of the 110th Congress. **Page S7269**

**Attorney General Gonzales Sense of the Senate—Cloture:** Senate began consideration of the motion to proceed to consideration of S. J. Res. 14, expressing the sense of the Senate that Attorney General Alberto Gonzales no longer holds the confidence of the Senate and of the American people.

A motion was entered to close further debate on the motion to proceed to consideration of the joint resolution, and, in accordance with the provisions of Rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, a vote on cloture will occur on Friday, June 8, 2007. **Page S7152**

Subsequently, the motion to proceed was withdrawn. **Page S7152**

**Clean Energy Act—Cloture:** Senate began consideration of the motion to proceed to consideration of H.R. 6, to reduce our Nation's dependency on foreign oil by investing in clean, renewable, and alternative energy resources, promoting new emerging energy technologies, developing greater efficiency, and creating a Strategic Energy Efficiency and Renewables Reserve to invest in alternative energy.

A motion was entered to close further debate on the motion to proceed to consideration of the bill, and, in accordance with the provisions of Rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, a vote on cloture will occur on Friday, June 8, 2007. **Page S7153**

Subsequently, the motion to proceed was withdrawn. **Page S7153**

**Nominations: Discharged Nomination:** The Senate Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs was discharged from further consideration of the following nomination and the nomination was placed on the Executive Calendar pursuant to an order of the Senate of January 9, 2007:

\*Michael W. Tankersley, of Texas, to be Inspector General, Export-Import Bank.

\*Nominee has committed to respond to requests to appear and testify before any duly constituted committee of the Senate. **Page S7270**

**Messages from the House:** **Pages S7175–76**

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**Amendments Submitted:** **Pages S7198–S7269**

**Authorities for Committees to Meet:** **Page S7269**

**Privileges of the Floor:** **Page S7269**

**Record Votes:** Sixteen record votes were taken today. (Total—201)

**Pages S7115, S7121–22, S7145–47, S7159–63**

**Adjournment:** Senate convened at 9:30 a.m. on Wednesday, June 6, 2007 and adjourned at 12:41 a.m. on Thursday, June 7, 2007, until 10 a.m. on the same day. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S .)

## *Committee Meetings*

*(Committees not listed did not meet)*

### **TUBERCULOSIS PATIENT**

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, Education, and Related Agencies concluded a hearing to examine failures in the health care and border control systems, focusing on one tuberculosis patient's international public health threat, after receiving testimony from Julie L. Gerberding, Director, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, and Anthony S. Fauci, Director, National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases, National Institutes of Health, both of the Department of Health and Human Services; Deborah J. Spero, Deputy Commissioner, United States Customs and Border Protection, Department of Homeland Security; Steven R. Katkowsky, Fulton County Department of Health and Wellness, and Andrew Speaker, both of Atlanta, Georgia; and Nils Daulaire, Global Health Council, Washington, D.C.

### **THE ROLE OF PRIVATE STUDENT LENDING**

*Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine paying for a college education, focusing on the role of private student lending, after receiving testimony from New York Attorney General Andrew M. Cuomo, Tracy Grooms, Bank of America Corporation, and Peter B. Tarr, First Marblehead Corporation, all of New York, New York; Sevester Bell, Howard University, Jennifer Pae, United States Student Association, Barry W. Goulding, Sallie Mae, and Luke Swarthout, United States Public Interest Research