

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S505–S559

Measures Introduced: Seven bills and two resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 2582–2588, and S. Res. 439–440. **Page S543**

Measures Considered:

Recovery Rebates and Economic Stimulus for the American People Act: Senate began consideration of the motion to proceed to consideration of H.R. 5140, to provide economic stimulus through recovery rebates to individuals, incentives for business investment, and an increase in conforming and FHA loan limits. **Page S530**

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, and pursuant to the unanimous-consent agreement of Thursday, January 31, 2008, a vote on cloture will occur at 5:30 p.m., on Monday, February 4, 2008. **Page S530**

Subsequently, the motion to proceed was withdrawn. **Page S530**

FISA Amendments Act: Senate resumed consideration of S. 2248, to amend the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act of 1978, to modernize and streamline the provisions of that Act. **Pages S535–37**

Adopted:

Feingold Modified Amendment No. 3909 (to Amendment No. 3911), to require that certain records be submitted to Congress. **Page S536**

Whitehouse Modified Amendment No. 3932 (to Amendment No. 3911), to provide for implementation of an order pending appeal. **Page S536**

Reid (for Kennedy) Modified Amendment No. 3960 (to Amendment No. 3911), to clarify that the authority under title VII of the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act of 1978 does not extend to purely domestic communications. **Pages S536–37**

Reid (for Bond) Amendment No. 3945 (to Amendment No. 3911), to strike the time limitation for certain appeals. **Page S537**

Withdrawn:

Bond Amendment No. 3916 (to Amendment No. 3909), of a perfecting nature. **Page S536**

Reid Amendment No. 3918 (to the language proposed to be stricken by Rockefeller/Bond Amendment No. 3911), relative to the extension of the Protect America Act of 2007. **Page S536**

Pending:

Rockefeller/Bond Amendment No. 3911, in the nature of a substitute. **Page S535**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that the following be the only first-degree amendments remaining in order to the bill, with no second-degree amendments in order prior to a vote, except as specified in this agreement, and that any time for debate with respect to the amendments be equally divided and controlled in the usual form; provided further, that these amendments be subject to a majority vote threshold, with a motion to table any of these amendments in order:

Bond Modified Amendment No. 3941 (20 minutes)

Bond Modified Amendment No. 3938 (20 minutes),

Dodd/Feingold Amendment No. 3907 (120 minutes),

Specter/Whitehouse Amendment No. 3927 (120 minutes),

Feingold Amendment No. 3913 (40 minutes),

Feingold Amendment No. 3912 (40 minutes),

Feingold Amendment No. 3915 (40 minutes),

Feingold/Webb Amendment regarding sequestration (90 minutes); providing further, that the following amendments be subject to a 60 affirmative vote threshold and that if it does not achieve that threshold the amendment be withdrawn:

Feinstein Amendment No. 3919 (120 minutes),

Cardin Amendment No. 3930 (60 minutes),

Whitehouse Amendment No. 3920 (60 minutes),

Feinstein Amendment No. 3910, with modifications if agreed upon (90 minutes); providing further, that upon disposition of all amendments, Rockefeller/Bond Amendment No. 3911 (listed above), as amended, be agreed to, the bill be read a third time,

and Senate then vote on the motion to invoke cloture thereon; that upon passage of the bill Senate then begin consideration of H.R. 3773, RESTORE Act, and all after the enacting clause be stricken and the text of S. 2248, as amended, be inserted in lieu thereof, the bill be advanced to third reading, passed, and the motion to reconsider be laid on upon the table; providing further, that passage of S. 2248 be vitiated and the bill then be returned to the Senate calendar. **Page S536**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that Senate resume consideration of the bill at approximately 2 p.m., on Monday, February 4, 2008. **Page S559**

House Messages:

Military Reservist and Veteran Small Business Reauthorization and Opportunity Act: Senate concurred in the amendment of the House to the Senate amendment to H.R. 4253, to improve and expand small business assistance programs for veterans of the armed forces and military reservists. **Pages S555–59**

Appointments:

U.S.-Japan Interparliamentary Group: The Chair, on behalf of the Vice President, pursuant to Section 5 of Title I of Divisions H of Public Law 110–161, appointed the following Senator as Chairman of the U.S.-Japan Interparliamentary Group conference for the 110th Congress: Senator Inouye. **Page S559**

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Adjournment: Senate convened at 11 a.m. and adjourned at 8:20 p.m., until 2 p.m. on Monday, February 4, 2008. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today's Record on page S559.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

MILITARY RECRUITING

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Personnel concluded an oversight hearing to examine military recruiting, after receiving testimony from Major General Thomas P. Bostick, USA, Commanding General, U.S. Army Recruiting Command, Rear Admiral Joseph F. Kilkenny, USN, Commander, Navy Recruiting Command, Brigadier General Suzanne M. Vautrinot, USAF, Commander, Air Force Recruiting Service, Major General Richard T. Tryon, USMC, Commanding General, Marine Corps Recruiting Command, and Sergeant First Class Ricky Lee Webb, USA, Master Chief Petty Officer Travis P. Brummer, USN, Master Sergeant David B. White, USAF, and Staff Sergeant James M. Britton, USMC, all Active Duty Recruiters, all of the Department of Defense.

FORECLOSURE PREVENTION AND NEIGHBORHOOD PRESERVATION

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: Committee concluded a hearing to examine strengthening our economy, focusing on foreclosure prevention and neighborhood preservation, after receiving testimony from Sheila C. Bair, Chairman, Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation; Robert K. Steel, Under Secretary of the Treasury for Domestic Finance; Michael S. Barr, Center for American Progress, Ann Arbor, Michigan; Alex J. Pollock, American Enterprise Institute, and Wade Henderson, Leadership Conference on Civil Rights, both of Washington, D.C.; and Doris W. Koo, Enterprise Community Partners, Inc., Seattle, Washington.

HEALTH CARE SPENDING

Committee on the Budget: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the long-term federal budget outlook and sources of growth in health care spending, after receiving testimony from Peter R. Orszag, Director, Congressional Budget Office.

PIPELINES AND CARBON CAPTURE

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Committee concluded a hearing to examine S. 2323, to provide for the conduct of carbon capture and storage technology research, development, and demonstration projects, and S. 2144, to require the Secretary of Energy to conduct a study of feasibility relating to the construction and operation of pipelines and carbon dioxide sequestration facilities, after receiving testimony from Senators Kerry and Coleman; Joseph T. Kelliher, Chairman, Federal Energy Regulatory