

Friday, October 3, 2008

# Daily Digest

## Senate

### Chamber Action

The Senate was not in session today. It will next meet at 3 p.m. on Monday, October 6, 2008.

### Committee Meetings

*(Committees not listed did not meet)*

#### EMPLOYMENT

*Joint Economic Committee:* Committee concluded hearings to examine the employment-unemployment situation for September 2008, after receiving testimony from Keith Hall, Commissioner, Bureau of Labor Statistics, Department of Labor.

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## House of Representatives

### Chamber Action

**Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced:** 18 public bills, H.R. 7252–7270; 11 private bill, H.R. 7271; and 2 resolutions, H. Res. 1527–1528 were introduced. **Pages H10827–28**

**Additional Cosponsors:** **Page H10828**

**Reports Filed:** Reports were filed today as follows:

H.R. 1071, to provide the nonimmigrant spouses and children of nonimmigrant aliens who perished in the September 11 terrorist attacks an opportunity to adjust their status to that of an alien lawfully admitted for permanent residence, with an amendment (H. Rept. 110–909);

H.R. 6870, to ensure that implementation of proposed regulations under subchapter IV of chapter 53 of title 31, United States Code, does not cause harm to the payments system, with an amendment (H. Rept. 110–910);

H.R. 6034, to amend the Immigration and Nationality Act to provide for relief to surviving spouses and children, with an amendment (H. Rept. 110–911);

H.R. 6020, to amend the Immigration and Nationality Act to protect the well-being of soldiers and their families (H. Rept. 110–912);

H.R. 5546, to amend the antitrust laws to ensure competitive market-based rates and terms for mer-

chants access to electronic payment systems, with an amendment (H. Rept. 110–913); and

Report on Challenges and Recommendations for United States Overhead Architecture (H. Rept. 110–914). **Page H10827**

**Extending the Andean Trade Preference Act:** The House agreed by unanimous consent to the Senate amendment to H.R. 7222, to extend the Andean Trade Preference Act. **Pages H10710–12**

**Emergency Economic Stabilization Act of 2008:** The House agreed to the Senate amendments to H.R. 1424, to amend section 712 of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974, section 2705 of the Public Health Service Act, section 9812 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to require equity in the provision of mental health and substance-related disorder benefits under group health plans, and to prohibit discrimination on the basis of genetic information with respect to health insurance and employment, by a yeas-and-nays vote of 263 yeas to 171 nays, Roll No. 681.

**Pages H10702–10, H10712–H10806**

H. Res. 1525, the rule providing for consideration of the Senate amendments, was agreed to by a yeas-and-nays vote of 223 yeas to 205 nays, Roll No. 680, after agreeing to order the previous question by a yeas-and-nays vote of 235 yeas to 190 nays, Roll No. 679. **Pages H10709–10**