

Daily Digest

HIGHLIGHTS

Senate passed H.R. 4872, Health Care and Education Affordability Reconciliation Act, as amended.

Senate agreed to H. Con. Res. 257, Adjournment Resolution.

The House concurred in the Senate amendments to H.R. 4872, Health Care and Education Reconciliation Act of 2010.

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S2069–S2134

Measures Introduced: Twenty-four bills and three resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 3164–3187, S. Res. 469–470, and S. Con. Res. 56.
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Measures Reported:

S. 1635, to establish an Indian Youth telemental health demonstration project, to enhance the provision of mental health care services to Indian youth, and to encourage Indian tribes, tribal organizations, and other mental health care providers serving residents of Indian country to obtain the services of predoctoral psychology and psychiatry interns, with amendments. (S. Rept. No. 111–166)

S. 1830, to establish the Chief Conservation Officers Council to improve the energy efficiencies of Federal agencies, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute.
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Measures Passed:

Health Care and Education Affordability Reconciliation Act: By 56 yeas to 43 nays (Vote No. 105), Senate passed H.R. 4872, to provide for reconciliation pursuant to Title II of the concurrent resolution on the budget for fiscal year 2010 (S. Con. Res. 13), as amended by operation of Section 313(e) of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974, after taking action on the following amendments proposed thereto:
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Rejected:

Sessions Amendment No. 3701, to ensure that Americans are not required to pay for the health benefits for those here illegally by requiring the use of an effective eligibility verification system, consistent with existing law for other federal health re-

lated programs, and to also maintain the current, and well-established requirement of law, that legal immigrants should not become a “public charge” or burden to the American taxpayers, to reduce the cost of this bill, and to reduce the deficit. (By 55 yeas to 43 nays (Vote No. 95), Senate tabled the amendment.)
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Cornyn Amendment No. 3698, to ensure that health care reform reduces health care costs for American families, small businesses, and taxpayers. (By 58 yeas to 40 nays (Vote No. 96), Senate tabled the amendment.)
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Grassley Amendment No. 3569, to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to ensure Medicare beneficiary access to physicians, eliminate sweetheart deals for frontier States, and ensure equitable reimbursement under the Medicare programs for all rural states. (By 53 yeas to 45 nays (Vote No. 97), Senate tabled the amendment.)
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Brownback/Murkowski Amendment No. 3697, to index tax thresholds imposed under the legislation to prevent the government from using inflation to impose those taxes on individuals currently making less than \$200,000 and families making less than \$250,000. (By 56 yeas to 42 nays (Vote No. 98), Senate tabled the amendment.)
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DeMint motion to commit the bill to the Committee on Finance, with instructions. (By 56 yeas to 43 nays (Vote No. 100), Senate tabled the motion.)
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Ensign/Brown (MA) Amendment No. 3710, to strike the penalty for failure to comply with the individual mandate. (By 58 yeas to 40 nays (Vote No. 101), Senate tabled the amendment.)
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Hutchison Amendment No. 3634, to strike the 2-year limitation on the small business tax credit for taxable years after the Exchanges open. (By 55 yeas

to 43 yeas (Vote No. 103), Senate tabled the amendment.)

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Cornyn Amendment No. 3712, to give States incentives to reduce fraud, waste, and abuse in their Medicaid programs. (By 57 yeas to 41 nays (Vote No. 104), Senate tabled the amendment.)

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

By 40 yeas to 55 nays (Vote No. 93), three-fifths of those Senators duly chosen and sworn not having voted in the affirmative, Senate rejected a motion to waive pursuant to section 904 of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974 and section (4)(G)(3) of the statutory Pay-As-You-Go Act of 2010, all applicable sections of those acts and applicable budget resolutions, with respect to consideration of Ensign Amendment No. 3593, to improve access to pro bono care for medically underserved or indigent individuals by providing limited medical liability protections. Subsequently, a point of order that the amendment violates section 313(b)(1)(C) of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974 was sustained, and the amendment thus fell.

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By 45 yeas to 53 nays (Vote No. 94), three-fifths of those Senators duly chosen and sworn not having voted in the affirmative, Senate rejected a motion to waive pursuant to section 904 of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974 and section (4)(G)(3) of the statutory Pay-As-You-Go Act of 2010, all applicable sections of those acts and applicable budget resolutions, with respect to consideration of Coburn Amendment No. 3700, to help protect Second Amendment rights of law-abiding Americans. Subsequently, a point of order that the amendment violates section 313(b)(1)(C) of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974 was sustained, and the amendment thus fell.

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By 39 yeas to 56 nays (Vote No. 99), three-fifths of those Senators duly chosen and sworn not having voted in the affirmative, Senate rejected a motion to waive pursuant to section 904 of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974 and section (4)(G)(3) of the statutory Pay-As-You-Go Act of 2010, all applicable sections of those acts and applicable budget resolutions, with respect to consideration of Vitter Amendment No. 3665, to prevent the new government entitlement program from further increasing an unsustainable deficit. Subsequently, a point of order that the amendment violates section 313(b)(1)(C) of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974 was sustained, and the amendment thus fell.

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By 42 yeas to 57 nays (Vote No. 102), three-fifths of those Senators duly chosen and sworn not having voted in the affirmative, Senate rejected a motion to waive pursuant to section 904 of the Congressional

Budget Act of 1974 and section (4)(G)(3) of the statutory Pay-As-You-Go Act of 2010, all applicable sections of those acts and applicable budget resolutions, with respect to consideration of Murkowski Amendment No. 3711, to provide an inflation adjustment for the additional hospital insurance tax on high-income taxpayers. Subsequently, a point of order that the amendment violates section 313(b)(1)(C) of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974 was sustained, and the amendment thus fell.

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Chair sustained a point of order against the bill, that the provision on page 118, lines 15–25 do not produce changes in outlays or revenues and is extraneous pursuant to section 313(a) of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974, and the language was stricken.

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Chair sustained a point of order against the bill, that the provision on page 120, lines 3–5 do not produce changes in outlays or revenues and is extraneous pursuant to section 313(b)(1)(a) of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974, and the language was stricken.

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Adjournment Resolution: By 49 yeas to 39 nays (Vote No. 108), Senate agreed to H. Con. Res. 257, providing for a conditional adjournment of the House of Representatives and a conditional recess or adjournment of the Senate.

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Satellite Home Viewer Extension and Reauthorization Act: Senate passed S. 3186, to reauthorize the Satellite Home Viewer Extension and Reauthorization Act of 2004 through April 30, 2010.

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Internal Revenue Code: Senate passed S. 3187, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to extend the funding and expenditure authority of the Airport and Airway Trust Fund, to amend title 49, United States Code, to extend authorizations for the airport improvement program.

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Small Business Loan Guarantee Program: Senate passed H.R. 4938, to permit the use of previously appropriated funds to extend the Small Business Loan Guarantee Program, clearing the measure for the President.

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Measures Considered:

Continuing Extension Act: Senate began consideration of the motion to proceed to consideration of S. 3153, to provide a fully offset temporary extension of certain programs so as not to increase the deficit.

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A motion was entered to close further debate on the motion to proceed to consideration of the bill.

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During consideration of this measure today, Senate also took the following action: By 59 yeas to 40 nays (Vote No. 106), Senate tabled the motion to proceed to consideration of the bill. **Page S2094**

Continuing Extension Act: Senate began consideration of the motion to proceed to consideration of H.R. 4851, to provide a temporary extension of certain programs. **Pages S2098–99, S2105–06**

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 Saturday, March 27, 2010. **Page S2099**

Signing Authority—Agreement: A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that the Majority Leader be authorized to sign any duly enrolled bills and joint resolutions through Friday, March 26, 2010. **Page S2134**

Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

Mary Helen Murguia, of Arizona, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Ninth Circuit.

Jerry E. Martin, of Tennessee, to be United States Attorney for the Middle District of Tennessee for the term of four years.

James A. Lewis, of Illinois, to be United States Attorney for the Central District of Illinois for the term of four years.

Melinda L. Haag, of California, to be United States Attorney for the Northern District of California for the term of four years.

Frank Leon-Guerrero, of Guam, to be United States Marshal for the District of Guam and concurrently United States Marshal for the District of the Northern Mariana Islands for the term of four years.

Robert R. Almonte, of Texas, to be United States Marshal for the Western District of Texas for the term of four years.

Dallas Stephen Neville, of Wisconsin, to be United States Marshal for the Western District of Wisconsin for the term of four years.

Todd E. Edelman, of the District of Columbia, to be an Associate Judge of the Superior Court of the District of Columbia for the term of fifteen years.

Judith Anne Smith, of the District of Columbia, to be an Associate Judge of the Superior Court of the District of Columbia for the term of fifteen years.

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Quorum Calls:

One quorum call was taken today. (Total—1)

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By 58 yeas to 35 nays (Vote No. 107), Senate agreed to the motion to instruct the Sergeant at Arms to request the attendance of absent Senators. **Page S2099**

Record Votes: Sixteen record votes were taken today. (Total—108)

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Recess: Senate convened at 9:46 a.m. and recessed at 9:33 p.m., until 9:30 a.m. on Friday, March 26, 2010. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S2134.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

APPROPRIATIONS: WAR SUPPLEMENTAL REQUEST

Committee on Appropriations: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the President's fiscal year 2010 War Supplemental Request, after receiving testimony from Hillary Rodham Clinton, Secretary of State; and Robert Gates, Secretary of Defense.

YOUTH SUICIDE IN INDIAN COUNTRY

Committee on Indian Affairs: Committee concluded an oversight hearing to examine youth suicides and the need for mental health care resources in Indian country, after receiving testimony from Randy E. Grinnell, Deputy Director, Indian Health Service, Department of Health and Human Services; and Coloradas Mangas, Mescalero Apache Reservation, New Mexico.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on the Judiciary: Committee ordered favorably reported the following business items:

S. 2960, to exempt aliens who are admitted as refugees or granted asylum and are employed overseas by the Federal Government from the 1-year physical presence requirement for adjustment of status to that of aliens lawfully admitted for permanent residence, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;