

SENATE FLOOR PROCEEDINGS

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 31, 2007

The Senate will convene at 9:30 AM and will proceed with a period of morning business for 60 minutes. The Senate will then resume consideration of H. R. 2 (Minimum Wage Increase). Votes are expected throughout the day.

The Senate convened and proceeded with Morning Business.

The Senate proceeded with a Legislative Session.

H. R. 2 (Minimum Wage Increase).

Baucus amend. #100 (Complete Substitute).

Kyl amend. #209 (Increasing expensing for small businesses). Baucus motion to table the amendment. The motion to table was agreed to by vote of 49-48.

Kyl amend #115 (to extend through December 31, 2008, the depreciation treatment of leasehold, restaurant, and retail space improvements). Baucus point of order that the amendment violates the Budget Resolution. Kyl motion to waive the Budget Resolution was not agreed to by a vote of 46-50. The point of order was sustained and the amendment falls.

Baucus amend #100 (Complete Substitute). The amendment, as amended, was agreed to by voice vote.

H. R. 2 (Minimum Wage Increase). Motion to invoke cloture on the bill. The motion to invoke cloture was agreed to by a vote of 88-8.

The Senate proceeded with a morning business with time going toward post-cloture debate.

S. Res. #61 (January as National Mentoring Month). Agreed to by voice vote.

S. Res. #62 (Catholic Schools Week). Agreed to by voice vote.

H. J. Res. #20 (Continuing Resolution for 2007). Read first time. Second reading objected to and laid aside.

S. 470 (Sense of Congress on Iraq). Read first time. Second reading objected to and laid aside.

The Senate will convene at 10:00 AM on Thursday, February 1, 2007. At 11:45, the Senate will proceed to Executive Session to consider the following nominations en bloc:
Cal. #8 (Lawrence Joseph O'Neill to be U.S. District Judge)
Cal. #9 (Valerie L. Baker to be U.S. District Judge)
Cal. #10 (Gregory Kent Frizzell to be U. S. District Judge).
Following these three votes, the Senate will proceed to a Legislative Session and resume consideration of H.R. 2 (Minimum Wage Increase), with all time during adjournment and morning business count against cloture time.

The Senate adjourned at 8:37 PM.

SENATE FLOOR PROCEEDINGS

TUESDAY, JANUARY 30, 2007

The Senate will convene at 10:00 AM and will be in a period of morning business for 60 minutes. At 11:00 AM, the Senate will proceed to H. R. 2 (Minimum Wage Increase). The Senate will vote on the motion to invoke cloture on the Baucus amend #100 (Complete Substitute) at 12:15 PM. The Senate will recess from 12:30 to 2:15 PM for the party lunches.

The Senate convened and proceeded with Morning Business.

The Senate proceeded with a Legislative Session.

H. R. 2 (Minimum Wage Increase).

Baucus amend #100 (Complete substitute amendment). Motion to invoke cloture on the amendment was agreed to by a vote of **87-10**.

The Senate recessed at 12:30 PM.

The Senate reconvened at 2:15 PM.

Baucus amend #100 (Complete substitute amendment).

Chambliss amend. #118 (Provide minimum wage rates for agricultural workers).
Withdrawn.

The Senate proceeded with an Executive Session.

The Senate proceeded to the following nominations en bloc:
Cal. #6, Lisa Godbey Wood to be a U.S. District Judge for the Southern District of Georgia. The nomination was confirmed by a vote of **97-0**.
Cal. #7, Philip S. Gutierrez to be a U.S. District Judge for the Central District of California. The nomination was confirmed by a vote of **97-0**.

The Senate will convene at 9:30 AM on Wednesday, January 31, 2007. The Senate will proceed with Morning Business for 60 minutes. The Senate will then resume consideration of H. R. 2 (Minimum Wage Bill).

The Senate adjourned at 6:50 PM.

SENATE FLOOR PROCEEDINGS

MONDAY, JANUARY 29, 2007

The Senate will convene at 2:00 PM and will proceed with morning business. At 3:30 PM, the Senate will proceed to H. R. 2 (Minimum Wage Increase), with debate lasting until 5:00 PM. The next vote will occur on Tuesday, January 30, 2007

The Senate convened and proceeded with Morning Business.

H. R. 2 (Minimum Wage Increase).

Durbin 2nd degree amend #221 to DeMint amend #157(to increase the Federal minimum wage by an amount that is based on applicable State minimum wages).

S. Res. 44 (Honoring University of Nebraska Women's Volleyball). Agreed to by voice vote.

The Senate will convene at 10:00 AM on Tuesday, January 30 and will be in a period of morning business for 60 minutes. At 11:00 AM, the Senate will proceed to H. R. 2 (Minimum Wage Increase). The Senate will vote on the motion to invoke cloture on the Baucus amend #100 (Complete Substitute) at 12:15 PM. The Senate will recess from 12:30 to 2:15 PM for the party lunches.

The Senate adjourned at 5:35 PM.

SENATE FLOOR PROCEEDINGS

FRIDAY, JANUARY 26, 2007

The Senate will convene at 9:00 AM and will proceed to Executive Session in order to consider Cal. #1, Lt. Gen. David H Patraeus to be a General in the Army. There will be 45 minutes of debate followed by a vote on the confirmation of the nomination. Upon conclusion of the vote, the Senate will proceed with a Legislative Session in order to resume consideration of H. R. 2 (Minimum Wage Increase).

The Senate convened and proceeded with an Executive Session.

Cal. #1, Lt. Gen. David H. Patraeus to be a General in the Army. The nomination was confirmed by a vote of **81-0**.

The Senate proceeded with a Legislative Session.

H. R. 2 (Minimum Wage Increase).

The following amendments were considered en bloc:

Cornyn amend #135 (Federal unemployment surtax). Laid aside.

Cornyn amend #138 (Tax incentives for employee athletic facility use). Laid aside.

The following in amendments were considered en bloc:

Kyl amend. #209 (Increasing expensing for small businesses). Laid aside.

Kyl amend. #210 (Permanent extensions of increased expensing for small businesses). Laid aside.

Baucus amend. #100 (Complete Substitute). Reid filed a motion to invoke cloture.

H.R. 2 (Minimum Wage Increase). Reid filed a motion to invoke cloture.

H. Con. Res. 2 (Iraq Resolution). Reid filed a motion to invoke cloture.

S. Res. 24 (Stalking Awareness Month). Agreed to by voice vote.

S. Res. 21 (Recognizing Wesley Autry). Agreed to by voice vote.

S. Res. 29 (Sense of the Senate Regarding Martin Luther King, Jr. Day). Agreed to by voice vote.

The Senate proceeded to an Executive Session.

The following nominations were confirmed en bloc:

Cal. #2 (Lt. Gen. H. Steven Blum to be Lt. General in the U. S. Army).

Cal. #3 (Lt. Gen. Karl W. Eikenberry to be Lt. Gen. in the U. S. Army).

Cal. #4 (Brig. Gen. George J. Smith to be Major Gen. in the Reserve of the Army).
Cal. #5 (Brig. Gen. Eugene G. Payne, Jr. and Brig. Gen. Douglas M. Stone to be Major Gen. in the United States Marine Corps Reserve).

The Senate proceeded to a Legislative Session.

The Senate proceeded to a period of Morning Business.

The Senate stands in adjournment until 2:00 PM on Monday, January 29, 2007. At 3:30 PM, the Senate will proceed to H. R. 2 (Minimum Wage Increase), with debate lasting until 5:00 PM.

The Senate adjourned at 2:30 PM.

SENATE FLOOR PROCEEDINGS

THURSDAY, JANUARY 25, 2007

The Senate will convene at 9:30 AM and will immediately resume consideration of H.R. 2 (Minimum Wage Increase). The Senate will begin 60 minutes of debate on the DeMint amend #158 (increase minimum wage by an amount that is based on applicable State minimum wages), followed by a vote on the amendment at 10:30 AM. Roll call votes are expected throughout the day.

The Senate convened and proceeded with a Legislative Session.

H. R. 2 (Minimum Wage Increase).

DeMint amend #158 (Increase minimum wage by an amount that is based on applicable State minimum wages). Sen. Kennedy raises point of order that DeMint amend. #158 violates Section 425 of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974. Sen. DeMint moves to waive the applicable section of the budget act. Yeas and nays ordered. The motion was not agreed to by a vote of 16-76. The point of order is sustained and the amendment falls.

Martinez amend. #105 (Clarifying the house parent exemption). Laid aside.

Ensign amend. #154 (Access to Affordable Health Care). Sen. Stabenow raises point of order that Ensign amend. #154 violates Section 505-A of House Concurrent Resolution 95, the Concurrent Resolution on the Budget for Fiscal Year 2004. Sen. Ensign moves to waive the point of order. Yeas and nays ordered. The motion was not agreed to by a vote of 47-48. The point of order is sustained and the amendment falls.

Kyl amend. #205 (Extending the depreciation treatment of leasehold, restaurant and retail space improvements). Laid aside.

Sanders amend #201 (Sense of the Senate concerning poverty). Laid aside.

Gregg amend #203 (enable employees to use employee option time). Laid aside.

Baucus amend #206 (Sense of the Senate that Congress should make permanent the tax incentives to make education more affordable for families). Laid aside.

Baucus amend #207 (Sense of the Senate that Congress should repeal the 1993 tax increase on Social Security benefits and eliminate wasteful spending). Yeas and nays ordered. The amendment was agreed to by a vote of 93-0.

Bunning amend #119 (Repeals the 1993 income tax increase on Social Security benefits). Sen. Baucus raised a point of order that the amendment violates the Budget Act. Sen.

Bunning moves to waive the point of order. Yeas and nays ordered. The motion was not agreed to by a vote of 42-51. The point of order is sustained and the amendment falls.

Collins 2nd degree amend. #204 (Increasing the above-the-line deduction for teacher classroom supplies) to Smith amend. #113 (Education-related tax incentives). Agreed to by voice vote.

Baucus amend. #206 (Sense of the Senate that Congress should make permanent the tax incentives to make education more affordable for families). Yeas and nays are ordered. The amendment is agreed to by a vote of 90-0.

Smith amend. #113 (Education-related tax incentives). Sen. Baucus raised a point of order that the amendment violates the Budget Act. Sen. Smith moves to waive the point of order. Yeas and nays are ordered. The motion was not agreed to by a vote of 43-50. The point of order is sustained and the amendment falls.

Burr amend #195 (provide an exemption to a minimum wage increase for certain employers who contribute to their employees health benefit expenses). Laid aside.

Chambliss amend #118 (provide minimum wage rates for agricultural workers). Laid aside.

Feinstein 2nd degree amend #167 (Improve agricultural job opportunities, benefits, and security fro aliens in the US) to Chambliss amend #118 provide minimum wage rates for agricultural workers). Laid aside.

Sessions amend #148 (Prohibit employers who unlawfully employ aliens from receiving government contracts). The amendment was agreed to by a vote of 94-0.

Kyl amend #205 (Extending the depreciation treatment of leasehold, restaurant and retail space improvements). The motion to table the amendment was agreed to by a vote of 50-42.

Allard amend #169 (Prevent identity theft by allowing the sharing of social security data among government agencies for immigration enforcement purposes). Laid aside.

S. Res. 43 (Honoring the contributions of the Academy of Music in Philadelphia). Agreed to by voice vote.

H. R. 188 (New effective date for certain provisions of public law). Agreed to by voice vote.

The Senate will convene at 9:00 AM on Friday, January 26, 2007. The Senate will proceed to Executive Session in order to consider Cal. #1, Lt. Gen. David H Patraeus to be a General in the Army. There will be 45 minutes of debate followed by a vote on the confirmation of the nomination. Upon conclusion of the vote, the Senate will proceed

with a Legislative Session in order to resume consideration of H. R. 2 (Minimum Wage Increase).

The Senate adjourned at 7:18 PM.

SENATE FLOOR PROCEEDINGS

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 24, 2007

The Senate will convene at 9:30 AM and will be in morning business until 10:30 AM. The Senate will then resume consideration of H.R. 2 (Minimum Wage Increase). At 11:30 AM, the Senate will vote on the motion to invoke cloture on Gregg amend. #101 (Line Item Veto).

The Senate convened and proceeded with Morning Business.

The Senate proceeded with a Legislative Session.

H. R. 2 (Minimum Wage Increase).

Baucus amend #100 (Complete Substitute Amendment). The amendment is considered as original text for amendment purposes.

Gregg amend #101 (Line Item Veto). Motion to invoke cloture on the amendment. Yeas and nays ordered. The motion to invoke cloture was not agreed to by a vote of 49-48.

H.R. 2 (Minimum Wage Increase). Motion to invoke cloture on the amendment. Yeas and nays ordered. The motion to invoke cloture was not agreed to by a vote of 54-43.

Smith amend. #113 (Education Tax Benefits). Laid aside.

Allard amend. #116 (Minimum Wage for States). Laid aside.

Wyden amend. #104 (Secure Rural Schools and Community Self-Determination Act). Withdrawn.

At 1:28 PM, the Senate recessed subject to the call of the Chair.

The Senate reconvened at 1:38 PM.

Vitter amend #110 (Provide for the suspension of fines under certain circumstances for first-time paperwork violations by small business concerns). Laid aside.

The following amendments were offered en bloc:

DeMint amend #155 (). Laid aside.

DeMint amend #156 (). Laid aside.

DeMint amend #157 (). Laid aside.

DeMint amend #158 (increase minimum wage by an amount that is based on applicable State minimum wages). Laid aside.

DeMint amend #159 (protect individuals from having their money involuntarily collected and used for lobbying by a labor organization). Laid aside.

DeMint amend #160 (amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to allow certain small businesses to defer payment of tax). Laid aside.

DeMint amend #161 (prohibit the use of flexible schedules by Federal employees unless such flexible schedule benefits are made available to the private sector). Laid aside.

DeMint amend #162 (amend the Fair Labor Standards Act of 1938 regarding minimum wage). Laid aside.

Kerry amend #128 (Direct the Administrator of the Small Business Administration to establish a pilot program to provide regulatory compliance assistance to small business concerns). Agreed to by voice vote.

Allard amend. #116 (Minimum Wage for States). Yeas and nays ordered. The amendment was not agreed to by a vote of **28-69**.

Kerry 2nd degree amend #187 (complete substitute) to Sununu amend #112 (To prevent the closure and defunding of certain women's business centers). Agreed to by voice vote.

Feingold amend #127 (Amend the Buy American Act) as modified. Agreed to by voice vote.

The Senate will convene at 9:30 AM on Thursday, January 25 and will immediately resume consideration of H.R. 2 (Minimum Wage Increase). The Senate will begin 60 minutes of debate on the DeMint amend #158 (increase minimum wage by an amount that is based on applicable State minimum wages), followed by a vote on the amendment at 10:30 AM. Roll call votes are expected throughout the day.

The Senate adjourned at 7:45 PM.

SENATE FLOOR PROCEEDINGS

TUESDAY, JANUARY 23, 2007

The Senate will convene at 10:00 AM and will proceed with morning business for 60 minutes. The Senate will then resume consideration of H. R. 2 (Minimum Wage Increase Bill). The Senate will recess from 12:30 – 2:15 for party caucuses. Please note that the Senate is scheduled to recess for the President's State of the Union Address which will occur at 9:00 PM. Senators are expected to gather in the Senate Chamber at 8:40 PM before proceeding to the House Chamber.

The Senate convened and proceeded with Morning Business.

The Senate proceeded with a Legislative Session.

H. R. 2 (Minimum Wage Increase).

Baucus amend #100 (Complete Substitute amendment). The amendment is considered as original text for amendment purposes.

Snowe amend #103 (Complete Substitute), as modified. Laid aside.

Sununu amend #112 (Women's Business Centers). Laid aside.

Kyl amend #115 (Extends depreciation treatment of leasehold, restaurant & retail space improvements). Laid aside.

The Senate recessed at 12:26 PM for party caucuses.

The Senate reconvened at 2:15 PM.

Snowe amend #103 (Complete Substitute), as modified. Yeas and nays ordered. The amendment as modified was agreed to **99-0**.

Roberts amend #102 (Establish a small business child care grant program). Agreed to by voice vote.

Sessions amend #106 (SoS that increasing personal savings is a necessary step to ensuring economic security) as modified. Laid aside.

Bunning amend #119 (Amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to repeal 1993 income tax increase on Social Security benefits). Laid aside.

The following were introduced en bloc:

Ensign amend. #152 (To reduce document fraud, prevent identity theft, and preserve the integrity of the Social Security system).

Ensign amend. #153 (Social Security).
Ensign amend. #154 (Access to affordable health care).
Laid aside.

Sessions amend. #107 (Use of the advance payment of the earned income credit).
Withdrawn.

Sessions amend. #108 (Study of the costs and barriers to businesses if the advance earned income tax credit program included all EITC recipients), as modified. Agreed to by voice vote.

Sessions amend. #106 (SoS that increasing personal savings is a necessary step to ensuring economic security), as amended. Yeas and nays ordered. The amendment was agreed to by a vote of 98-0.

H. Con. Res. #41 (Conditional adjournment of the House of Representatives). Agreed to by voice vote.

H.R. #475 (Revises the House of Representatives Page Board). Agreed to by voice vote.

At 5:30 PM, the Senate recessed until 8:30 PM. The Senate will then reconvene so that Senators may assemble in order to proceed to the House Chamber. At 9:00 PM, the President is scheduled to present the State of the Union address.

Upon adjournment of the Senate this evening, the Senate will reconvene at 9:30 AM on Wednesday, January 24, 2007. The Senate will be in morning business until 10:30 AM. The Senate will then resume consideration of H.R. 2 (Minimum Wage Increase). At 11:30 AM, the Senate will vote on the motion to invoke cloture on Gregg amend. #101 (Line Item Veto).

SENATE FLOOR PROCEEDINGS

MONDAY, JANUARY 22, 2007

The Senate will convene at 1:00 PM and will be in a period of morning business for one hour. At 2:00 PM, the Senate will begin consideration of H. R. 2 (Minimum Wage Increase Bill). The next vote is expected on Tuesday, January 23, 2007, prior to the adjournment for party luncheons.

The Senate convened and proceeded with Morning Business.

The Senate proceeded with a Legislative Session.

H. R. 6 (Reduce US dependency on foreign oil reserve). The first reading of the bill was agreed to. Further consideration of the bill was objected to.

H. R. 2 (Minimum Wage Increase Bill).

Baucus amend #100 (Complete Substitute amendment). Laid aside.

Gregg amend #101 (Line Item Veto). Laid aside.

Reid motion to invoke cloture on Gregg amend #101 (Line Item Veto). Laid aside.

Enzi amend #103 (Enhance compliance assistance for small business). Laid aside.

The following amendments were considered en bloc:

Sessions amend # 106 (Sense of the Senate that increasing personal savings is a necessary step toward ensuring the economic security of all people of the US upon retirement). Laid aside.

Sessions amend # 107 (Use of the advance payment of the earned income credit). Laid aside.

Sessions amend # 108 (Study of the costs and barriers to businesses if the advance earned income tax credit program included all EITC recipients). Laid aside.

Reid motion to invoke cloture on H. R. 2 (Minimum Wage Increase Bill).

The Senate proceeded with morning business.

H. Con. Res. 38 (Authorizing a Joint Session of Congress to receive a message from the President). The resolution was agreed to, as amended.

The Senate will convene at 10:00 AM on Tuesday, January 23, 2007. There will be a period of morning business for 60 minutes. The Senate will then resume consideration of H. R. 2 (Minimum Wage Increase Bill). The Senate will recess from 12:30 – 2:15 for

party caucuses. Please note that the Senate is scheduled to recess for the President's State of the Union Address which will occur at 9:00 PM. Senators are expected to gather in the Senate Chamber at 8:40 PM before proceeding to the House Chamber.

The Senate adjourned at 7:00 PM.

SENATE FLOOR PROCEEDINGS

THURSDAY, JANUARY 18, 2007

The Senate will convene at 9:00 AM and will be in a period of morning business for 2 hours.

H. R. 391 (authorize the Sec of HUD to insure home equity conversion mortgages).
Second reading.

The Senate approved the following members for the Joint Committee on Taxation:

Sen. Max Baucus (D-MT).

Sen. John Rockefeller (D-WV).

Sen. Kent Conrad (D-ND).

Sen. Charles Grassley (R-IA).

Sen. Orrin Hatch (R-UT).

The Senate proceeded with a Legislative Session.

S. 1 (Ethics/Lobbying Reform Bill).

All amendments to Reid amend. #3 (Complete Substitute) were withdrawn except those voted on below.

The following amendments were agreed to en bloc:

Vitter amend. #9 (Prohibiting Members from having official contact with a spouse who is a registered lobbyist). Agreed to by voice vote.

Ensign amend. #98 (Out-of-scope earmarks). Agreed to by voice vote.

Coburn amend. #51 (Earmarks for family members). Agreed to by voice vote.

Feingold amend. #31 (Prohibiting former Members from engaging in lobbying activities for 2 years). Agreed to by voice vote.

Feingold amend. #33 (Prohibiting former Members who are lobbyists from gym and parking privileges). Agreed to by voice vote.

Durbin amend. #77 (Requiring amendments and motion to recommit instructions to be copied and provided to the desks of the Majority and Minority Leaders prior to debate).

Agreed to by voice vote.

Obama amend. #41 (Requiring lobbyist to disclose the candidates, leadership PACs or political parties for whom they collect or arrange contributions). Agreed to by voice vote.

Sanders amend. #57 (Requiring a report by the Commission to Strengthen Confidence in Congress regarding political contributions before and after the enactment of certain laws).

Agreed to by voice vote.

Coleman amend. #39, as modified (Requiring a public website be established in Congress allowing access to records of reported congressional official travel). Agreed to by voice vote.

Feinstein amend. #99 (Manager's package). Agreed to by voice vote.

Bennett amend. #20 (Grassroots Lobbying). Yeas and nays ordered. The amendment was agreed to by a vote of **55-43**.

Lieberman amend. #30 (Office of Public Integrity). Yeas and nays ordered. The amendment was not agreed to by a vote of **27-71**.

Reid amend. #3 (Complete substitute), as amended. Agreed to by voice vote.

S. 1 (Ethics/Lobbying Reform Bill), as amended. Final passage. The bill was read for a third time. Yeas and nays ordered. **Final passage of the bill was agreed to by a vote of 96-2.**

H. R. 6 (Reducing dependency on foreign oil). First reading. Second reading was objected to.

The Senate will convene at 1:00 PM on Monday, January 22, 2007. There will be a period of morning business until 2:00 PM. At 2:00 PM, the Senate will begin consideration of H. R. 2 (Minimum Wage Increase Bill). The next vote is expected on Tuesday, January 23, 2007, prior to the adjournment for party luncheons.

The Senate adjourned at 9:36 PM.

SENATE FLOOR PROCEEDINGS

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 17, 2007

The Senate will convene at 10:00 AM and will be in a period of morning business for 60 minutes. At 11:00 AM, the Senate will resume consideration of S. 1 (Ethics/Lobbying Reform Bill). The Senate will be in post-cloture debate on the Reid amend #4 (strengthen gift and travel bans). The Senate will recess from 12:30 – 2:15 PM for the party lunches.

The Senate convened and proceeded with Morning Business.

The Senate proceeded with a Legislative Session.

S. 1 (Ethics/Lobbying Reform Bill).

Reid amend #4 (Strengthen gift and travel bans). Laid aside.

S. Res. 31 (Support for democratic forces in Serbia). Agreed to by voice vote.

The Senate recessed at 12:30 for party caucuses.

The Senate reconvened and proceeded with a Legislative Session.

S. 1 (Ethics/Lobbying Reform Bill). The Senate is tentatively scheduled to begin voting on the following at 9:00 PM.

Lott amend #78 (Only allow official and officially related travel to be paid for by appropriated funds). Withdrawn.

Lott amend #79 (Only allow official and officially related travel to be paid for by appropriated funds.). Withdrawn.

Feingold amend #65 (prohibit lobbyists and entities that retain or employ lobbyists from throwing lavish parties honoring Members at party conventions). The amendment was agreed to by a vote of **89-5**.

Bennett amend #81 (Permit travel hosted by pre-approved 501(c)(3) organizations). The amendment was agreed to by a vote of **51-46**.

Reid amend #4 (Strengthen the gift and travel bans). The amendment was agreed to by a vote of **88-9**.

Motion to invoke cloture on the Reid amend #3 (Complete Substitute). The motion to invoke cloture was not agreed to by a vote of **51-46 (Requires 60 votes for approval)**.

H. R. 391 (authorize the sec of HUD to insure home equity conversion mortgages). The first reading of the bill was agreed to. The second reading of the bill was objected to.

The Senate will convene at 9:00 AM on Thursday, January 18, 2007. There will be a period of morning business for 2 hours.

The Senate adjourned at 10:53 PM.

SENATE FLOOR PROCEEDINGS

TUESDAY, JANUARY 15, 2007

The Senate will convene at 10:00 AM on Tuesday, January 16, 2007. There will be a period of Morning Business until 1:00 PM. The Senate will then resume consideration of S. 1 (Ethics/Lobbying Reform Bill). At 5:30 PM on Tuesday, the Senate will proceed to a vote on the Durbin 2nd degree amend #44 to the DeMint amend #11 (Strengthen earmark reform) followed by a vote on the DeMint amend #11 (Strengthen the earmark reform). There will then be a third vote on the motion to invoke cloture on DeMint amend #14 (Protect individuals from having their money involuntarily collected and used for lobbying by a labor organization). However, if Sen. Durbin's second degree amendment is not modified to Sen. DeMint's satisfaction, the votes on the Durbin amendment #44 and its underlying DeMint amendment #11 will be vitiated

Policy caucuses for both the Democrats and the Republicans will occur on Wednesday, Jan. 17, 2007

The Senate convened and proceeded with Morning Business.

The Senate proceeded with a Legislative Session.

S. 1 (Ethics/Lobbying Reform Bill).

Sanders amend #57 (Require a report by the Commission to Strengthen Confidence in Congress regarding political contributions before and after the enactment of certain laws). Laid aside.

Coburn amend #59 (Disclosure of lobbyist gifts and travel instead of banning them as them). Laid aside.

Coleman amend #39 (Require a publicly available website be established in Congress to allow the public access to records of reported congressional official travel). Laid aside.

Feinstein amend #70 (Prohibit an earmark from being included in the classified portion of a report accompanying a measure unless the measure includes a general program description, funding level and the name of the sponsor). Agreed to by voice vote.

The following amendments were called up en bloc:

Feingold amend #63 (increase the cooling off period for senior staff to 2 years and to prohibit former Members of Congress from engaging in lobbying activities in addition to lobbying contacts during their cooling off period). Laid aside.

Feingold amend #64 (prohibit lobbyists and entities that retain or employ lobbyists from throwing lavish parties honoring Members at party conventions). Laid aside.

Feingold amend #76 (clarify certain aspects of the lobbyist contribution reporting division). Laid aside.

Feingold 2nd degree amend #65 ((prohibit lobbyists and entities that retain or employ lobbyists from throwing lavish parties honoring Members at party conventions) to Reid amend #4 (strengthen gift and travel bans). Laid aside.

The following amendments were withdrawn en bloc:

Feingold amend #32 (To increase the cooling off period for senior staff to 2 years and to prohibit former Members of Congress from engaging in lobbying activities in addition to lobbying contacts during their cooling off period). Withdrawn.

Feingold amend #54 (To prohibit lobbyists and entities that retain or employ lobbyists from throwing lavish parties honoring Members at party conventions). Withdrawn.

The following amendments were called up en bloc:

Lott 2nd degree amend #78 (only allow official and unofficially related travel to be paid for by appropriated funds) to Reid amend #4 (strengthen gift and travel bans). Laid aside.

Lott 2nd degree amend #79 (technical correction) to Lott 2nd degree amend #78 (only allow official and unofficially related to be paid for by appropriated funds) to Reid amend #4 (strengthen gift and travel bans). Laid aside.

Bennett 2nd degree amend #81 (permit travel hosted by pre-approval 501 (c) (3) organizations) as modified to Reid amend #4 (strengthen gift and travel bans). Laid aside.

Obama amend #41 (require lobbyists to disclose the candidates, leadership PACs or political parties for whom they collect or arrange contributions). Laid aside.

Nelson amend #71 (extend the laws and rules passed in this bill to the executive and judicial branches of government). Laid aside.

Durbin 2nd degree amend #44 (strengthen earmark reform) to the DeMint amend #11 (Strengthen earmark reform). Yeas and nays ordered. The amendment was agreed to by a vote of **98-0**.

DeMint amend #11 (Strengthen earmark reform) as modified. Yeas and nays ordered. The amendment as modified was agreed to by a vote of **98-0**.

Motion to invoke cloture on Reid amend #4 (strengthen gift and travel bans). Yeas and nays ordered. Cloture was invoked by a vote of **95-2**.

S. 287 (prohibit funds for increasing troops in Iraq). Placed on calendar.

The Senate adjourned at 7:10 PM and will reconvene at 10:00 AM on Wednesday, January 17. The Senate will be in a period of morning business for 60 minutes. At 11:00 AM, the Senate will resume consideration of S. 1 (Ethics/Lobbying Reform Bill). The Senate will be in post-cloture debate on the Reid amend #4 (strengthen gift and travel bans). The Senate will recess from 12:30 – 2:15 PM for the party lunches.

SENATE FLOOR PROCEEDINGS

FRIDAY, JANUARY 12, 2007

The Senate will convene at 9:30 AM and will immediately resume consideration of S. 1 (Ethics/Lobbying Reform). At 9:50 AM, there will be two votes on the Kerry amend #1 (Congressional pensions) and the Vitter amend #10 (increase in penalties).

The Senate convened and proceeded with a Legislative Session.

S1 (Ethics/Lobbying Reform).

The following amendments were considered en bloc:

Kerry amend #1 (Deny Congressional Pensions to individuals convicted of certain offenses), as modified.

Vitter amend #10 (Increase in penalties).

Laid aside.

The following amendments were considered en bloc:

Feingold amend #31 (Prohibiting former Members from engaging in lobbying activities during their cooling off period).

Feingold amend #32 (Increasing the cooling off period for senior staff to 2 years).

Feingold amend #33 (Prohibit former Members who are lobbyists from special privileges).

Feingold amend #34 (Requires Senate campaigns to file their FEC reports electronically).

Laid aside.

Kerry amend #1 (Deny Congressional Pensions to individuals convicted of certain offenses), as modified. Yeas and nays ordered. The amendment was agreed to by a vote of 87-0.

Vitter amend #10 (Increase in penalties). Yeas and nays ordered. The amendment was agreed to by a vote of 81-6.

Reid amend #4 (Strengthening the gift and travel bans), as modified. Laid aside.

DeMint amend #11 (To strengthen the earmark reform). Laid aside.

Vitter amend #9 (Prohibiting Members from having official contact with a spouse who is a registered lobbyist), as modified. Laid aside.

DeMint amend #11 (To strengthen the earmark reform). Laid aside.

Durbin 2nd degree amend #44 (Strengthening the earmark reform) to DeMint amend #11 (To strengthen the earmark reform). Laid aside.

Durbin amend #36 (Requires copies of amendments and motions be provided to the Majority and Minority Leaders prior to debate). Laid aside.

The following amendments were considered en bloc:

Cornyn amend #45 (Requiring 72 hour public availability of legislative matters before consideration). Laid aside.

Cornyn 2nd degree #46 (To deter public corruption) to Leahy amend #2 (Regarding public corruption). Laid aside.

The following amendments were considered en bloc:

Coburn amend #48 (Require all recipients of Federal earmarks to disclose amounts spent on lobbying and a description of all lobbying activities). Laid aside.

Coburn amend #49 (Require all congressional earmarks requests to be submitted to the appropriate Senate committee on a standardized form). Laid aside.

Coburn amend #50 (Provide disclosure of lobbyist gifts and travel instead of banning them). Laid aside.

Coburn amend #51 (Prohibit members from requesting earmarks that may financially benefit that member or immediate family member of that member). Laid aside.

Nelson amend #47 (Help encourage fiscal responsibility in the earmarking process). Laid aside.

Reid amend #4 (Strengthen the gift and travel bans). Sen. Reid filed a cloture motion on the amendment. Laid aside.

Reid amend #3 (Substitute Amendment). Sen. Reid filed a cloture motion on the amendment. Laid aside.

Sen. Reid filed a cloture motion on S. 1 (Ethics/Lobbying Reform Bill).

The following amendments were considered en bloc:

Feingold amend #54 (Prohibit lobbyists and entities that retain or employ lobbyists from throwing lavish parties honoring members at party conventions). Laid aside.

Lieberman amend #43 (Require disclosure of earmark lobbying by lobbyists). Laid aside.

Casey amend #56 (Eliminate the K Street Project by prohibiting the wrongful influencing of a private entity's employment decisions or practices in exchange for political access or favors). Laid aside.

H. R. 3 (Stem Cell Research). First reading of the bill was agreed to by voice vote. Further consideration of the bill was objected to.

S. 287 (Sense of the Senate to limit funds for the escalation of military action in Iraq). First reading of the bill was agreed to. Further consideration of the bill was objected to.

S. Res. 27 (). Agreed to by voice vote.

S. Res. 28 (). Agreed to by voice vote.

The Senate proceeded with Morning Business.

The Senate will convene at 10:00 AM on Tuesday, January 16, 2007. There will be a period of Morning Business until 1:00 PM. The Senate will then resume consideration of S. 1 (Ethics/Lobbying Reform Bill). At 5:30 PM on Tuesday, the Senate will proceed to a vote on the Durbin 2nd degree amend #44 to the DeMint amend #11 (Strengthen earmark reform) followed by a vote on the DeMint amend #11 (Strengthen the earmark reform). There will then be a third vote on the motion to invoke cloture on DeMint amend #14 (Protect individuals from having their money involuntarily collected and used for lobbying by a labor organization). However, if Sen. Durbin's second degree amendment is not modified to Sen. DeMint's satisfaction, the votes on the Durbin amendment #44 and its underlying DeMint amendment #11 will be vitiated

Policy caucuses for both the Democrats and the Republicans will occur on Wednesday, Jan. 17, 2007

The Senate adjourned at 3:46 PM.

SENATE FLOOR PROCEEDINGS

THURSDAY, JANUARY 11, 2007

The Senate will convene at 9:30 AM and will proceed with one hour and a half of morning business. The Senate will then resume consideration of S. 1 (Ethics/Lobbying Reform). The first vote of Thursday could occur around 12:00 Noon, and votes are also expected in the afternoon.

The Senate convened and proceeded with Morning Business.

S.2 (Amend the Fair Labor Standards Act of 1938 to provide for an increase in the Federal minimum wage). The motion for the second reading was agreed to by voice vote. Further consideration of the bill was objected to. The bill was placed on the calendar.

The Senate proceeded with a Legislative Session.

S. 1 (Ethics/Lobbying Reform).

Reid amend #3 (Complete Substitute). The amendment is considered as original text for amendment purposes.

DeMint amend #11 (To strengthen the earmark reform). Laid aside.

DeMint amend #13 (Prevent government shutdowns). Laid aside.

The following amendments were offered en bloc:

Ensign amend #24 (Congressional oversight of spending regarding conferees). Laid aside.

Ensign amend #25 (Department of Defense funding from approps & supplemental approps). Laid aside.

The following amendments were offered en bloc:

Cornyn amend #26 (Requires full separate disclosure of any earmarks). Laid aside.

Cornyn amend #27 (Requires 3 calendar days notice in the Senate before proceeding to any matter). Laid aside.

DeMint amend #11 (To strengthen the earmark reform). Coburn motion to table the amendment. Yeas and nays ordered. The motion to table was not agreed to by a vote of 46-51.

DeMint amend #13 (Regarding the continuing operations of the Federal government). Dorgan motion that the amendment violates Section #306 of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974. DeMint motion to waive the Budget Act with respect to the amendment. The motion to waive was not agreed to by a vote of 25-72. The Point of Order was agreed to and the amendment falls.

DeMint amend #11 (To strengthen the earmark reform). Motion to agree to the amendment by voice vote was **objected to**.

The following amendments were considered en bloc:

McCain amend #19 (Include a reporting requirement). Laid aside.

McCain amend #28 (Provide Congressional transparency). Laid aside.

McCain amend #29 (). Laid aside.

Ensign amend #25 (), as modified. Laid aside.

Vitter amend #9 (Place certain restriction on the ability of the spouses of Member of Congress to lobby Congress), as modified. Laid aside.

Lieberman amend #30 (Establish a Senate Office of Public Integrity). Laid aside.

At 4:15 PM, Sen. Reid made a motion to instruct the Sergeant At Arms to request the attendance of absent Senators. The motion was agreed to by a vote of **89-6**.

Feinstein amend #38 (permit attendance meetings with bona fide constituents). Laid aside.

Bennett amend #20 (strike a provision relating to paid efforts to stimulate grassroots lobbying). Laid aside.

Thune amend #37 (require any recipient of a Federal award to disclose all lobbying and political advocacy). Laid aside.

Stevens amend #40 (permit a limited flight exception for necessary State travel). Laid aside.

Feinstein amend #38 (permit attendance meetings with bona fide constituents) as modified. The amendment as modified was agreed to by voice vote.

Feinstein amend #42 (prohibit an earmark from being included in the classified portion of a report) as modified. Laid aside.

S. Res. 25 (). Agreed to by voice vote.

S. Res. 26 (Appalachian State Football team). Agreed to by voice vote.

H.R. 3 (Embryonic Stem Cell Research). 2nd reading.

The Senate will convene until 9:30 AM on Friday, January 12 and will immediately resume consideration of S. 1 (Ethics/Lobbying Reform). At 9:50 AM, there will be two

votes on the Kerry amend #1 (Congressional pensions) and the Vitter amend #10 (increase in penalties).

The Senate adjourned at 8:05 PM.

SENATE FLOOR PROCEEDINGS

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 10, 2007

The Senate will convene at 9:30 AM and will proceed with one hour of morning business. The Senate will then resume consideration of S. 1 (Ethics/Lobbying Reform). Votes are expected throughout the day. Sen. Reid announced that there is a joint dinner with the Supreme Court on Wednesday night and it begins at 6:30 PM.

The Senate convened and proceeded with a period of Morning Business.

The Senate proceeded with a Legislative Session.

S. 1 (Ethics/Lobbying Reform).

Reid amend #3 (Complete Substitute). The amendment is considered as original text for amendment purposes.

The following amendments were offered en bloc:

DeMint amend #11 (To strengthen the earmark reform). Laid aside.

DeMint amend #12 (Earmarks added to a conference report). Laid aside.

DeMint amend #13 (Prevent government shutdowns). Laid aside.

DeMint amend #14 (To protect individuals from having their money involuntarily collected and used for lobbying by a labor organization). Laid aside.

Vitter amend #9 (To place certain restrictions of the ability of the spouses of Members of Congress to lobby Congress). Laid aside.

Vitter amend #10 (To increase the penalty for failure to comply with lobbying disclosure requirements). Laid aside.

Vitter amend #7 (Establish criminal penalties for knowingly and willfully falsifying information required to be reported under the Ethics in Government Act of 1978). Yeas and nays ordered. The amendment is agreed to by a vote of 93-2.

Vitter amend #10 (To increase the penalty for failure to comply with lobbying disclosure requirements). Laid aside.

Salazar amend #15 (Require Senate committees and subcommittees to make available by the Internet a video recording, audio recording, or transcript of any meeting not later than 14 days after the meeting occurs). Laid aside.

Leahy amend #2 (Give investigators and prosecutors the tools they need to combat public corruption). Laid aside.

Stevens amend 2nd degree amend #16 (Permit certain travel within State) to Reid amend #4 (Strengthen the gift and travel bans). Laid aside.

Gregg amend #17 (To establish a legislative line item veto). Laid aside.

Vitter amend #5 (To modify the application of the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971 to Indian tribes). **Feinstein motion to table.** Yeas and nays ordered. The motion to table carries by a vote of **56-40**. Laid aside.

Vitter amend #6 (Prohibit authorized committees and leadership PACs from employing the spouse or immediate family members of any candidate or Federal office holder connected to the committee). **Feinstein motion to table.** Yeas and nays ordered. The motion to table carries by a vote of **54-41-1 present**. Laid aside.

Stevens amend 2nd degree amend #16 (Permit certain travel within State) to Reid amend #4 (Strengthen the gift and travel bans) **withdrawn**.

Gregg amend #17 (To establish a legislative line item veto). Laid aside.

Salazar amend #15, as modified (Require Senate committees and subcommittees to make available by the Internet a video recording, audio recording, or transcript of any meeting not later than 14 days after the meeting occurs). Agreed to by voice vote.

H.R. 2 (Increases the Federal Minimum Wage). Read first time. Second reading was objected to and laid aside.

The Senate will convene at 9:30 AM on Thursday, January 11, 2007. The Senate will proceed with one hour and a half of morning business. The Senate will then resume consideration of S. 1 (Ethics/Lobbying Reform). The first vote of Thursday could occur around 12:00 Noon, and votes are also expected in the afternoon.

The Senate adjourned at 6:07 PM.

SENATE FLOOR PROCEEDINGS

TUESDAY, JANUARY 9, 2007

The Senate will convene at 10:00 AM and will be in a period of morning business. At 11:00 AM, the Senate will proceed to S. 1 (Ethics/Lobbying Reform). The Senate will recess from 12:30 to 2:15 PM for the party lunches.

The Senate convened and proceeded with Morning Business.

The Senate proceeded with a Legislative Session.

S. 1 (Ethics/Lobbying Reform).

At 12:30, the Senate recessed for party caucuses.

The Senate reconvened and proceeded with a Legislative Session.

S. 1 (Ethics/Lobbying Reform).

Reid amend #3 (Complete Substitute). The amendment is considered as original text for amendment purposes.

Reid amend #4 (To strengthen the gift and travel bans). Laid aside.

Vitter amend #5 (To modify the application of the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971 to Indian tribes). Laid aside.

Vitter amend #6 (Prohibit authorized committees and leadership PACs from employing the spouse or immediate family members of any candidate or Federal office holder connected to the committee). Laid aside.

Vitter amend #7 (Establish criminal penalties for knowingly and willfully falsifying or failing to file or report certain information required to be reported under that act). Laid aside.

The Senate will convene at 9:30 AM on Wednesday, January 10, 2007. The Senate will proceed with one hour of morning business. The Senate will then resume consideration of S. 1 (Ethics/Lobbying Reform). Votes are expected throughout the day. Sen. Reid announced that there is a joint dinner with the Supreme Court on Wednesday night and it begins at 6:30 PM.

The Senate adjourned at 7:32 PM.

SENATE FLOOR PROCEEDINGS

MONDAY, JANUARY 8, 2007

The Senate will convene at 11:30 AM. There will be a period for Morning Business for 30 minutes. At 12:00 Noon, the Senate will proceed to the consideration of S. Res. 19 (Celebrating the life of Gerald R. Ford). The Senate will immediately vote on the resolution.

S. Res. 19 (Celebrating the life of Gerald R. Ford) as modified. Yeas and nays ordered. Agreed to by a vote of **88-0**.

The Senate proceeded with a period of morning business.

S. 197 (Salary adjustment for judges). Agreed to by voice vote.

The following bills were placed on the calendar en bloc:

S. 2 (Raising the minimum wage).

S. 5 (Embryonic stem cell research).

S. 13 (Military Construction Appropriations).

The Senate will convene at 10:00 AM on Tuesday, January 9 and will be in a period of morning business. At 11:00 AM, the Senate will proceed to S. 1 (Ethics/Lobbying Reform). The Senate will recess from 12:30 to 2:15 PM for the party lunches.

The Senate adjourned at 5:21 PM.

SENATE FLOOR PROCEEDINGS

THURSDAY, JANUARY 4, 2007

At 12 Noon the first session of the 110th Congress convenes. Following the swearing-in of Senators, the Senate will proceed with morning business.

S. Res. 1 (Inform the President of the United States that a quorum in each House of Congress is assembled). Agreed to by voice vote.

S. Res. 2 (Inform the House of Representatives that a quorum in the Senate is assembled). Agreed to by voice vote.

S. Res. 3 (Elect Sen. Robert Byrd (D-WV) to be Senate President Pro Tempore). Agreed to by voice vote.

S. Res. 4 (Inform President of the United States of the election of the Senate President Pro Tempore). Agreed to by voice vote.

S. Res. 5 (Inform House of Representatives of the election of the Senate President Pro Tempore). Agreed to by voice vote.

S. Res. 6 (Elect Sen. Ted Stevens (R-AK) to be Senate President Pro Tempore Emeritus). Agreed to by voice vote.

S. Res. 7 (Fixing the hour of the daily meeting of the Senate). Agreed to by voice vote.

S. Res. 8 (Electing Nancy Erickson to be the Secretary of the Senate). Agreed to by voice vote.

S. Res. 9 (Notify President of the United States of the election of Nancy Erickson to be the Secretary of the Senate). Agreed to by voice vote.

S. Res. 10 (Notify the House of Representatives of the election of Nancy Erickson to be the Secretary of the Senate). Agreed to by voice vote.

S. Res. 11 (Electing Terrence Gainer to be the Senate Sergeant at Arms and Doorkeeper of the Senate). Agreed to by voice vote.

S. Res. 12 (Notify President of the United States of the election of Terrence Gainer to be the Senate Sergeant at Arms). Agreed to by voice vote.

S. Res. 13 (Notify House of Representatives of the election of Terrence Gainer to be the Senate Sergeant at Arms). Agreed to by voice vote.

S. Res. 14 (Electing Martin Peone of VA to be Secretary of the Majority). Agreed to by voice vote.

S. Res. 15 (Electing David Schiapa of MD to be Secretary of the Minority). Agreed to by voice vote.

S. Res. 16 (Morgan Franklin to be Senate Legal Counsel). Agreed to by voice vote.

S. Res. 17 (Patricia McBrian to be Deputy Senate Legal Counsel). Agreed to by voice vote.

The following bills were considered en bloc:

S. 1 (). The first reading of the bill was agreed to. The second reading of the bill was objected to.

S. 2 (Regarding changes to the Fair Labor Act). The first reading of the bill was agreed to. The second reading of the bill was objected to.

S. 5 (Regarding stem cell research). The first reading of the bill was agreed to. The second reading of the bill was objected to.

S. 113 (Regarding military construction for 2007). The first reading of the bill was agreed to. The second reading of the bill was objected to.

S. 159 (Re-designate the White Rocks National Recreation Area in the state of Vermont). Agreed to by voice vote.

The Senate will convene at 11:30 AM on Monday, January 8, 2007. There will be a period for Morning Business for 30 minutes. At 12:00, the Senate will proceed to the consideration of S. Res. 19 (Celebrating the life of Gerald R. Ford). The Senate will immediately vote on the resolution. There will be no session on Friday.

The Senate adjourned at 6:30 PM.