

By Mr. ENSIGN (for himself and Mr. AKAKA):

S. 179. A bill to amend title 10, United States Code, to establish the position of Deputy Secretary of Defense for Management, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Armed Services.

By Mrs. HUTCHISON (for herself, Mr. CORNYN, Mr. ALEXANDER, Mr. ENSIGN, Mr. ENZI, Mr. MARTINEZ, Mr. THUNE, and Mr. STEVENS):

S. 180. A bill to provide a permanent deduction for State and local general sales taxes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mrs. HUTCHISON (for herself, Mr. CORNYN, Mr. BUNNING, Mr. ENSIGN, Mr. HAGEL, Mr. MARTINEZ, Mr. VITTER, Mr. CHAMBLISS, Mr. STEVENS, and Mr. BROWNBACK):

S. 181. A bill to provide permanent tax relief from the marriage penalty; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mrs. FEINSTEIN (for herself, Mrs. HUTCHISON, Mr. FEINGOLD, Mr. LEAHY, Ms. SNOWE, Mr. KENNEDY, and Mr. DURBIN):

S. 182. A bill to authorize the Attorney General to make grants to improve the ability of State and local governments to prevent the abduction of children by family members, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. STEVENS:

S. 183. A bill to require the establishment of a corporate average fuel economy standard for passenger automobiles of 40 miles per gallon 2017, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mr. INOUE (for himself, Mr. STEVENS, Mr. LAUTENBERG, Ms. SNOWE, Mr. ROCKEFELLER, Mr. KERRY, Mr. LIEBERMAN, Mrs. BOXER, Mr. PRYOR, Mr. CARPER, Mr. BIDEN, Mr. BAUCUS, Mrs. CLINTON, and Mr. SCHUMER):

S. 184. A bill to provide improved rail and surface transportation security; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mr. SPECTER (for himself and Mr. LEAHY):

S. 185. A bill to restore habeas corpus for those detained by the United States; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. SPECTER:

S. 186. A bill to provide appropriate protection to attorney-client privileged communications and attorney work product; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. SPECTER:

S. 187. A bill to provide sufficient resources to permit electronic surveillance of United States persons for foreign intelligence purposes to be conducted pursuant to individualized court-issued orders for calls originating in the United States, to provide additional resources to enhance oversight and streamline the procedures of the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act of 1978, to ensure review of the Terrorist Surveillance Program by the United States Supreme Court, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. SALAZAR (for himself, Mr. LEAHY, Mr. REID, Mr. MENENDEZ, Mrs. BOXER, and Mrs. FEINSTEIN):

S. 188. A bill to revise the short title of the Fannie Lou Hamer, Rosa Parks, and Coretta Scott King Voting Rights Act Reauthorization and Amendments Act of 2006; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. LEVIN:

S. 189. A bill to decrease the matching funds requirements and authorize additional appropriations for Keweenaw National Historical Park in the State of Michigan; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mrs. HUTCHISON (for herself and Mr. CORNYN):

S. 190. A bill to provide a technical correction to the Pension Protection Act of 2006; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mrs. HUTCHISON (for herself and Mr. CORNYN):

S. 191. A bill to provide relief for all air carriers with pension plans that are not frozen pension plans; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. MCCAIN (for himself, Mr. LIEBERMAN, Ms. COLLINS, and Mr. FEINGOLD):

S. 192. A bill providing greater transparency with respect to lobbying activities, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

By Mr. LUGAR (for himself, Mr. BIDEN, Mr. CRAIG, Mr. SALAZAR, Ms. SNOWE, Ms. LANDRIEU, Mr. COLEMAN, Mr. LIEBERMAN, and Mr. HAGEL):

S. 193. A bill to increase cooperation on energy issues between the United States Government and foreign governments and entities in order to secure the strategic and economic interests of the United States, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

By Mr. CRAIG:

S.J. Res. 1. A joint resolution proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States relative to require a balanced budget and protect Social Security surpluses; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

SUBMISSION OF CONCURRENT AND SENATE RESOLUTIONS

The following concurrent resolutions and Senate resolutions were read, and referred (or acted upon), as indicated:

By Mr. REID (for himself and Mr. MCCONNELL):

S. Res. 1. A resolution informing the President of the United States that a quorum of each House is assembled; considered and agreed to.

By Mr. REID (for himself and Mr. MCCONNELL):

S. Res. 2. A resolution informing the House of Representatives that a quorum of the Senate is assembled; considered and agreed to.

By Mr. REID (for himself and Mr. MCCONNELL):

S. Res. 3. A resolution to elect Robert C. Byrd, a Senator from the State of West Virginia, to be President pro tempore of the Senate of the United States; considered and agreed to.

By Mr. REID (for himself and Mr. MCCONNELL):

S. Res. 4. A resolution notifying the President of the United States of the election of a President pro tempore; considered and agreed to.

By Mr. REID (for himself and Mr. MCCONNELL):

S. Res. 5. A resolution notifying the House of Representatives of the election of a President pro tempore; considered and agreed to.

By Mr. MCCONNELL (for himself and Mr. REID):

S. Res. 6. A resolution expressing the thanks of the Senate to the Honorable Ted Stevens for his service as President Pro Tempore of the United States Senate and to designate Senator Stevens as President Pro Tempore Emeritus of the United States Senate; considered and agreed to.

By Mr. REID (for himself and Mr. MCCONNELL):

S. Res. 7. A resolution fixing the hour of daily meeting of the Senate; considered and agreed to.

By Mr. REID (for himself and Mr. MCCONNELL):

S. Res. 8. A resolution electing Nancy Erickson as Secretary of the Senate; considered and agreed to.

By Mr. REID (for himself and Mr. MCCONNELL):

S. Res. 9. A resolution notifying the President of the United States of the election of the Secretary of the Senate; considered and agreed to.

By Mr. REID (for himself and Mr. MCCONNELL):

S. Res. 10. A resolution notifying the House of Representatives of the election of a Secretary of the Senate; considered and agreed to.

By Mr. REID (for himself and Mr. MCCONNELL):

S. Res. 11. A resolution electing Terrance W. Gainer as the Sergeant at Arms and Doorkeeper of the Senate; considered and agreed to.

By Mr. REID (for himself and Mr. MCCONNELL):

S. Res. 12. A resolution notifying the President of the United States of the election of a Sergeant at Arms and Doorkeeper of the Senate; considered and agreed to.

By Mr. REID (for himself and Mr. MCCONNELL):

S. Res. 13. A resolution notifying the House of Representatives of the election of a Sergeant at Arms and Doorkeeper of the Senate; considered and agreed to.

By Mr. REID:

S. Res. 14. A resolution electing Martin P. Paone of Virginia as Secretary for the Majority of the Senate; considered and agreed to.

By Mr. MCCONNELL:

S. Res. 15. A resolution electing David J. Schiappa of Maryland as Secretary for the Minority of the Senate; considered and agreed to.

By Mr. REID (for himself and Mr. MCCONNELL):

S. Res. 16. A resolution to make effective appointment of the Senate Legal Counsel; considered and agreed to.

By Mr. MCCONNELL (for himself and Mr. REID):

S. Res. 17. A resolution to make effective appointment of the Deputy Senate Legal Counsel; considered and agreed to.

By Mr. REID (for Mr. INOUE):

S. Res. 18. A resolution expressing the sense of the Senate regarding designation of the month of November as "National Military Family Month"; to the Committee on Armed Services.

By Mr. REID (for himself, Mr. MCCONNELL, Ms. STABENOW, Mr. LEVIN, Mr. AKAKA, Mr. ALEXANDER, Mr. ALLARD, Mr. BAUCUS, Mr. BAYH, Mr. BENNETT, Mr. BIDEN, Mr. BINGAMAN, Mr. BOND, Mrs. BOXER, Mr. BROWN, Mr. BROWNBACK, Mr. BUNNING, Mr. BURR, Mr. BYRD, Ms. CANTWELL, Mr. CARDIN, Mr. CARPER, Mr. CASEY, Mr. CHAMBLISS, Mrs. CLINTON, Mr. COBURN, Mr. COCHRAN, Mr. COLEMAN, Ms. COLLINS, Mr. CONRAD, Mr. CORKER, Mr. CORNYN, Mr. CRAIG, Mr. CRAPO, Mr. DEMINT, Mr. DODD, Mrs. DOLE, Mr. DOMENICI, Mr. DORGAN, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. ENSIGN, Mr. ENZI, Mr. FEINGOLD, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Mr. GRAHAM, Mr. GRASSLEY, Mr. GREGG, Mr. HAGEL, Mr. HARKIN, Mr. HATCH, Mrs. HUTCHISON, Mr. INHOFE, Mr. INOUE, Mr. ISAKSON, Mr. JOHNSON, Mr. KENNEDY, Mr. KERRY, Ms. KLOBUCHAR, Mr. KOHL, Mr. KYL, Ms. LANDRIEU, Mr. LAUTENBERG, Mr. LEAHY, Mr. LIEBERMAN, Mrs. LINCOLN, Mr. LOTT, Mr. LUGAR, Mr. MARTINEZ, Mr. MCCAIN, Mrs. MCCASKILL,

Mr. MENENDEZ, Ms. MIKULSKI, Ms. MURKOWSKI, Mrs. MURRAY, Mr. NELSON of Florida, Mr. NELSON of Nebraska, Mr. OBAMA, Mr. PRYOR, Mr. REED, Mr. ROBERTS, Mr. ROCKEFELLER, Mr. SALAZAR, Mr. SANDERS, Mr. SCHUMER, Mr. SESSIONS, Mr. SHELBY, Mr. SMITH, Ms. SNOWE, Mr. SPECTER, Mr. STEVENS, Mr. SUNUNU, Mr. TESTER, Mr. THOMAS, Mr. THUNE, Mr. VITTER, Mr. VOINOVICH, Mr. WARNER, Mr. WEBB, Mr. WHITEHOUSE, and Mr. WYDEN):

S. Res. 19. A resolution honoring President Gerald Rudolph Ford; ordered held at the desk.

By Mrs. CLINTON:

S. Res. 20. A resolution recognizing the uncommon valor of Wesley Autry of New York, New York; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. ALLARD:

S. Con. Res. 1. A concurrent resolution expressing the sense of Congress that an artistic tribute to commemorate the speech given by President Ronald Reagan at the Brandenburg Gate on June 12, 1987, should be placed within the United States Capitol; to the Committee on Rules and Administration.

STATEMENTS ON INTRODUCED BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

By Mr. REID (for himself, Mr. MCCONNELL, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. LOTT, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Mr. BENNETT, Mr. LIEBERMAN, Ms. COLLINS, Mr. SCHUMER, Ms. MIKULSKI, Mrs. CANTWELL, Mr. LEAHY, Ms. STABENOW, Mr. WEBB, Mr. LAUTENBERG and Mr. MENENDEZ):

S. 1. A bill to provide greater transparency in the legislative process; placed on the calendar.

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Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

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The table of contents for this Act is as follows:

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TITLE I—LEGISLATIVE TRANSPARENCY AND ACCOUNTABILITY ACT OF 2007

SEC. 101. SHORT TITLE.

This title may be cited as the “Legislative Transparency and Accountability Act of 2007”.

SEC. 102. OUT OF SCOPE MATTERS IN CONFERENCE REPORTS.

(a) IN GENERAL.—A point of order may be made by any Senator against consideration of a conference report that includes any matter not committed to the conferees by either House. The point of order shall be made and voted on separately for each item in violation of this section.

(b) DISPOSITION.—If the point of order against a conference report under subsection (a) is sustained, then—

(1) the matter in such conference report shall be deemed to have been struck;

(2) when all other points of order under this section have been disposed of—

(A) the Senate shall proceed to consider the question of whether the Senate should recede from its amendment to the House bill, or its disagreement to the amendment of the House, and concur with a further amendment, which further amendment shall consist of only that portion of the conference report not deemed to have been struck;

(B) the question shall be debatable; and

(C) no further amendment shall be in order; and

(3) if the Senate agrees to the amendment, then the bill and the Senate amendment thereto shall be returned to the House for its concurrence in the amendment of the Senate.

(c) SUPERMAJORITY WAIVER AND APPEAL.—This section may be waived or suspended in the Senate only by an affirmative vote of $\frac{2}{3}$ of the Members, duly chosen and sworn. An affirmative vote of $\frac{2}{3}$ of the Members of the Senate, duly chosen and sworn, shall be required in the Senate to sustain an appeal of the ruling of the Chair on a point of order raised under this section.

SEC. 103. EARMARKS.

The Standing Rules of the Senate are amended by adding at the end the following:

“RULE XLIV

“EARMARKS

“1. In this rule—

“(1) the term ‘earmark’ means a provision that specifies the identity of a non-Federal entity to receive assistance and the amount of the assistance; and

“(2) the term ‘assistance’ means budget authority, contract authority, loan authority, and other expenditures, and tax expenditures or other revenue items.

“2. It shall not be in order to consider any Senate bill or Senate amendment or conference report on any bill, including an appropriations bill, a revenue bill, and an authorizing bill, unless a list of—

“(1) all earmarks in such measure;

“(2) an identification of the Member or Members who proposed the earmark; and

“(3) an explanation of the essential governmental purpose for the earmark;

is available along with any joint statement of managers associated with the measure to all Members and made available on the Internet to the general public for at least 48 hours before its consideration.”

SEC. 104. AVAILABILITY OF CONFERENCE REPORTS ON THE INTERNET.

(a) IN GENERAL.—

(1) AMENDMENT.—Rule XXVIII of all the Standing Rules of the Senate is amended by adding at the end the following:

“7. It shall not be in order to consider a conference report unless such report is available to all Members and made available to the general public by means of the Internet for at least 48 hours before its consideration.”

(2) EFFECTIVE DATE.—This subsection shall take effect 60 days after the date of enactment of this title.

(b) IMPLEMENTATION.—Not later than 60 days after the date of enactment of this title, the Secretary of the Senate, in consultation with the Clerk of the House of Representatives, the Government Printing Office, and the Committee on Rules and Administration, shall develop a website capable of complying with the requirements of paragraph 7 of rule XXVIII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, as added by subsection (a).