



H.R. 3361 – PENSION PROTECTION TECHNICAL CORRECTIONS ACT OF 2007

FLOOR SITUATION

H.R. 3361 is being considered on the floor under suspension of the rules and will require a two-thirds majority vote for passage. This legislation was introduced by Representative Charlie Rangel (D-NY) on August 3, 2007. The bill was referred to the House Committee on Ways and Means, but was never considered.

H.R. 3361 is expected to be considered on the floor of the House on March 11, 2008.

**NOTE: House Committee on Ways and Means Ranking Member Jim McCrery (R-LA) and House Committee on Education and Labor Ranking Member Buck McKeon (R-CA) are cosponsors of this bill.*

SUMMARY

H.R. 3361 makes a number of technical corrections to the Pension Protection Act of 2006 (P.L. 109-280), clarifying the law's cross-referencing and drafting errors. The deliberative process, which included members from Ways & Means, Education & Labor, Senate Finance, Senate HELP Committee, the Treasury Department, the Department of Labor, and the Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation, ensures that only items which are truly technical and reflect the intent of Congress when passing the underlying statute, are included. This ensures that all of the participants, Majority and Minority, agree that a particular provision makes no substantive change in the law and does not yield a result not intended by the Congress in drafting the bill.

BACKGROUND

The Pension Protection Act of 2006 (P.L. 109-280) brought the first major changes to existing pension laws since the enactment of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974. The Act set new funding rules for single-employer defined benefit pension plans, expanded the deduction limits for contributions to such plans, modified the rules for determining lump sum distributions, and provided clarification and added new rules for cash balance pension plans. The Act also added rules relating to automatic enrollment plans, eliminating legal impediments to such arrangements and providing incentives for plan sponsors to adopt these arrangements.

The Pension Protection Act was passed by the House on July 28, 2006, by a vote of 279-131. The Senate passed it on August 3, 2006, by a vote of 93-5. The President signed the legislation into law on August 17, 2006.

COST

The Congressional Budget Office has not yet scored this legislation.

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