

that at 5:30 p.m., Senate proceed to consecutive votes on confirmation of the nominations in the order listed. **Pages S1659–60**

Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

John W. Cox, of Texas, to be Chief Financial Officer, Department of Housing and Urban Development, vice Carin M. Barth, resigned.

George McDade Staples, of Kentucky, to be Director General of the Foreign Service.

Mickey D. Barnett, of New Mexico, to be a Governor of the United States Postal Service for a term expiring December 8, 2013.

Katherine C. Tobin, of New York, to be a Governor of the United States Postal Service for a term expiring December 8, 2012.

25 Air Force nominations in the rank of general.

1 Army nomination in the rank of general.

1 Navy nomination in the rank of admiral.

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Record Votes: Two record votes were taken today. (Total—30) **Pages S1632, S1636**

Adjournment: Senate convened at 9:30 a.m., and adjourned at 6:22 p.m., until 9:45 a.m., on Friday, March 3, 2006. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today's Record on page S1662.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

APPROPRIATIONS: DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Transportation, Treasury, the Judiciary, Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies concluded a hearing to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2007 for the Department of Housing and Urban Development, after receiving

testimony from Alphonso Jackson, Secretary of Housing and Urban Development.

NUCLEAR ENERGY AND POWER

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Energy and Water Development concluded a hearing to examine an outline of the Global Nuclear Energy Plan and the future of nuclear power, after receiving testimony from Clay Sell, Deputy Secretary of Energy.

DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION

Committee on Armed Services: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the defense authorization request for fiscal year 2007 and the future years defense program, after receiving testimony from Michael W. Wynne, Secretary, and General T. Michael Moseley, USAF, Chief of Staff, both of the United States Air Force.

DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Readiness and Management Support concluded a hearing to examine military installations, military construction, environmental programs, and base realignment and closure programs in review of the defense authorization request for fiscal year 2007, after receiving testimony from Philip W. Grone, Deputy Under Secretary of Defense for Installations and Environment; Keith E. Eastin, Assistant Secretary of the Army for Installations and Environment; B.J. Penn, Assistant Secretary of the Navy for Installations and Environment; and William C. Anderson, Assistant Secretary of the Air Force for Installations, Environment, and Logistics.

DUBAI PORTS WORLD

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: Committee concluded a hearing to examine implementation of the Exon-Florio Amendment, focusing on Dubai Ports World acquisition of Peninsular and Oriental Steam Navigation Company, the role of terminal operators, and U.S. Coast Guard actions under the Maritime Transportation Security Act of 2002, after receiving testimony from Robert M. Kimmitt, Deputy Secretary of the Treasury; Eric Edelman, Under Secretary of Defense for Policy; Stewart Baker, Assistant Secretary of Homeland Security for Policy; and Robert Joseph, Under Secretary of State for Arms Control and International Security.

DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE BUDGET

Committee on the Budget: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the President's proposed budget request for fiscal year 2007 for the Department of Defense, after receiving testimony from Gordon England, Deputy Secretary, Admiral Edmund P. Giambastiani, Jr., U.S. Navy, Vice Chairman, Joint Chiefs of Staff, and Tina W. Jonas, Under Secretary (Comptroller), all of the Department of Defense.

UNIVERSAL SERVICE FUND DISTRIBUTIONS

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Committee held hearings to examine proposed reforms of the Universal Service Fund (USF) distribution system, including funds for wireless infrastructure development for rural consumers, and benefits of the USF to rural America, after receiving testimony from Jeff Mao, Maine Department of Education, Augusta; Shirley Bloomfield, National Telecommunications Cooperative Association, Alexandria, Virginia, on behalf of the Coalition To Keep America Connected; Carson Hughes, Telapex, Inc., Bismarck, North Dakota, on behalf of the Wireless Independent Group; and Ben Scott, Free Press, Washington, D.C., on behalf of sundry organizations.

Hearing recessed subject to the call.

BUDGET: DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the President's proposed budget request for fiscal year 2007 for the Department of the Interior, after receiving testimony from Gale A. Norton, Secretary, R. Thomas Weimer, Assistant Secretary for Policy, Management and Budget, and John Trezise, Director, Office of Budget, all of the Department of the Interior.

A NUCLEAR IRAN

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee met in closed session to receive a briefing on challenges and responses with respect to a nuclear Iran from John D. Negroponte, Director of National Intelligence, Office of the Director of National Intelligence.

A NUCLEAR IRAN

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the challenges and responses with respect to Iran's campaign to acquire nuclear weapons, focusing on limits placed on the International Atomic Energy Agency inspections and uranium enrichment, after receiving testimony from Ronald F. Lehman, Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory, Livermore, California; and Patrick Clawson, Washington Institute for Near East Policy, and

Ray Takeyh, Council on Foreign Relations, both of Washington, D.C.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: Committee ordered favorably reported S. 2128, to provide greater transparency with respect to lobbying activities, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute.

MINE SAFETY AND HEALTH

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the state of mine safety and health, after receiving testimony from David G. Dye, Acting Assistant Secretary for Mine Safety and Health, Ray McKinney, Administrator, Coal Mine Safety and Health, Mine Safety and Health Administration, both of the Department of Labor; John Howard, Director, and Jeffrey Kohler, Associate Director for Mining and Construction, both of the National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, Department of Health and Human Services; Michael Peelish, Foundation Coal Corporation, Linthicum Heights, Maryland, on behalf of National Mining Association; Michael E. Neason, Hanson Aggregates, Louisville, Kentucky, on behalf of American Society of Safety Engineers; Thomas Novak, Virginia Tech Department of Mining and Minerals Engineering, Blacksburg; and Cecil E. Roberts, United Mine Workers of America, Fairfax, Virginia.

BUSINESS MEETING

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

S. 2178, to make the stealing and selling of telephone records a criminal offense; and

The nominations of Jack Zouhary, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of Ohio, Stephen G. Larson, to be United States District Judge for the Central District of California, and Terrance P. Flynn, to be United States Attorney for the Western District of New York.

Also, committee began consideration of proposed legislation to amend the Immigration and Nationality Act to provide for comprehensive reform and to provide conditional nonimmigrant authorization for employment to undocumented aliens.

VETERANS ORGANIZATIONS

Committee on Veterans Affairs: Committee concluded a hearing to examine legislative presentations of certain veterans organizations, after receiving testimony from Joseph L. Barnes, Fleet Reserve Association, Deirdre Parke Holleman, the Retired Enlisted Association, and MSGT Morgan D. Brown (Ret.), Air Force Sergeant's Association, all of Washington,

D.C.; Colonel Robert F. Norton, USA (Ret.), Military Officers Association of America, Alexandria, Virginia; and Rose Elizabeth Lee, Gold Star Wives of America, Inc., Arlington, Virginia.

INTELLIGENCE

Select Committee on Intelligence: Committee met in closed session to receive a briefing on certain intelligence matters from officials of the intelligence community.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 35 public bills, H.R. 4843–4877; 2 private bills, H.R. 4878–4879; and 7 resolutions, H.J. Res. 80; H. Con. Res. 350–351; and H. Res. 706–709 were introduced. **Pages H563–65**

Additional Cosponsors: **Pages H565–66**

Reports Filed: Reports were filed today as follows:

H. Res. 643, directing the Attorney General to submit to the House of Representatives all documents in the possession of the Attorney General relating to warrantless electronic surveillance of telephone conversations and electronic communications of persons in the United States conducted by the National Security Agency, adversely (H. Rept. 109–382); and

H. Res. 644, requesting the President and directing the Attorney General to transmit to the House of Representatives not later than 14 days after the date of the adoption of this resolution documents in the possession of those officials relating to the authorization of electronic surveillance of citizens of the United States without court approved warrants, adversely (H. Rept. 109–383). **Page H563**

Chaplain: The prayer was offered today by Rev. Stephen A. Owenby, Senior Pastor, Stewartville Baptist Church, Laurinburg, North Carolina. **Page H511**

Katrina Emergency Assistance Act of 2006: The House passed S. 1777, amended, to provide relief for the victims of Hurricane Katrina after agreeing to order the previous question without objection. **Pages H514–21**

H. Res. 702, providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 4167), to amend the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act to provide for uniform food safety warning notification requirements, was agreed to by voice vote, after agreeing to order the previous question by a yea-and-nay vote of 216 yeas to 197 nays, Roll No. 18. **Pages H521–29, H530–39**

General debate on the bill proceeded according to H. Res. 702. After 1 hour of debate the Committee

of the Whole House on the State of the Union rises leaving H.R. 4167 as unfinished business. **Page H539**

Meeting Hour: Agreed that when the House adjourns today it adjourn to meet at noon on Monday, March 6, and further, when the House adjourns on that day, it adjourn to meet at 12:30 p.m. on Tuesday, March 7, 2006, for Morning Hour debate. **Page H539**

Calendar Wednesday: Agreed to dispense with the Calendar Wednesday business of Wednesday, March 8th. **Page H539**

Speaker Pro Tempore: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he appointed the Honorable Mac Thornberry and the Honorable Frank R. Wolf to act as Speaker Pro Tempore to sign enrolled bills and joint resolutions through March 7, 2006. **Page H539**

Inspector General for the House of Representatives—Appointment: The Chair announced the joint appointment by the Speaker, Majority Leader, and Minority Leader of Mr. James J. Cornell of Springfield, Virginia, as Inspector General for the United States House of Representatives to fill the existing vacancy. **Page H561**

Quorum Calls—Votes: 1 yea-and-nay vote developed during the proceedings today and appear on pages H528–29. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 5:20 p.m.

Committee Meetings

AGRICULTURE, RURAL DEVELOPMENT, FDA, AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies held a hearing on Rural Development. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the USDA: Thomas C. Dorr, Under Secretary, Rural Development; and W. Scott Steele, Budget Officer; and public witnesses.