

a vote on cloture will occur at 5:30 p.m., on Monday, July 30, 2007.

Subsequently, the motion to proceed was withdrawn.

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A unanimous-consent-time agreement was reached providing that Senate resume consideration of the motion to proceed to consideration of H.R. 976, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide tax relief for small businesses, at 3:00 p.m., on Monday, July 30, 2007, and that the time until 5:30 p.m. be equally divided and controlled between the Chairman and Ranking Member of the Committee on Finance, or their designees; provided further that at 5:30 p.m., Senate vote on the motion to invoke cloture on the motion to proceed to consideration of the bill.

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Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

Benjamin Eric Sasse, of Nebraska, to be an Assistant Secretary of Health and Human Services.

Barry Leon Wells, of Ohio, to be Ambassador to the Republic of The Gambia.

Mark M. Boulware, of Texas, to be Ambassador to the Islamic Republic of Mauritania.

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Record Votes: Seven record votes were taken today. (Total—284)

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Adjournment: Senate convened at 9:30 a.m. on Thursday, July 26, 2007 and adjourned at 12:29 a.m. on Friday, July 27, 2007, until 2:00 p.m. on Monday, July 30, 2007. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S10208.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

NOMINATION

Committee on the Budget: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nomination of Jim Nussle, of

Iowa, to be Director of the Office of Management and Budget, after the nominee, who was introduced by Senator Grassley and Representative Spratt, testified and answered questions in his own behalf.

DIGITAL TELEVISION TRANSITION

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Committee concluded a hearing to examine preparation taken for the digital television transition, after receiving testimony from John M.R. Kneuer, Assistant Secretary for Communications and Information, National Telecommunications and Information Administration, Department of Commerce; Catherine Seidel, Chief, Consumer and Governmental Affairs Bureau, Federal Communications Commission; Nelda Barnett, AARP, and Nancy Zirkin, Leadership Conference on Civil Rights, both of Washington, D.C.; and Alex Nogales, National Hispanic Media Coalition, Los Angeles, California.

RAILROAD SAFETY AND ENHANCEMENT ACT

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Subcommittee on Surface Transportation and Merchant Marine Infrastructure, Safety and Security concluded a hearing to examine a bill entitled, "Railroad Safety Enhancement Act", after receiving testimony from Joseph H. Boardman, Administrator, Federal Railroad Administration, Department of Transportation; Edward R. Hamberger, Association of American Railroads, and John P. Tolman, Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers and Trainmen, both of Washington, D.C.; and David Solow, American Public Transportation Association, Los Angeles, California.

WATER BILLS

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Subcommittee on Water and Power concluded a hearing to examine S. 300, to authorize appropriations for the Bureau of Reclamation to carry out the Lower Colorado River Multi-Species Conservation Program in the States of Arizona, California, and Nevada, S. 1258, to amend the Reclamation Safety of Dams Act of 1978 to authorize improvements for the security of dams and other facilities, S. 1477, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to carry out the Jackson Gulch rehabilitation project in the State of Colorado, S. 1522, to amend the Bonneville Power Administration portions of the Fisheries Restoration and Irrigation Mitigation Act of 2000 to authorize appropriations for fiscal years 2008 through 2014, and H.R. 1025, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to conduct a study to determine the feasibility of implementing a water supply and conservation project to improve water supply reliability, increase the capacity of water storage, and improve water management efficiency in the Republican River

Basin between Harlan County Lake in Nebraska and Milford Lake in Kansas, after receiving testimony from Senator Allard; Larry Todd, Deputy Commissioner, Bureau of Reclamation, Department of the Interior; Perri Benemelis, Arizona Department of Water Resources, Phoenix; Marc Thalacker, Three Sisters Irrigation District, Salem, Oregon, on behalf of the Oregon Water Resources Congress; George Caan, Colorado River Commission of Nevada, Las Vegas, on behalf of the Colorado River Energy Distributors Association; Shannon McDaniel, South Columbia Basin Irrigation District, Pasco, Washington, on behalf of the National Water Resources Association; and Gary Kennedy, Mancos Water Conservancy District, Mancos, Colorado.

CALIFORNIA WAIVER

Committee on Environment and Public Works: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the case for the California waiver, receiving an update from the Environmental Protection Agency, and focusing on S. 1785, to amend the Clean Air Act to establish deadlines by which the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency shall issue a decision on whether to grant certain waivers of preemption under that Act, after receiving testimony from Senator Nelson (FL); and Stephen L. Johnson, Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Finance: Committee ordered favorably reported the following:

S. 1607, to provide for identification of misaligned currency, require action to correct the misalignment, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute; and

The nominations of David H. McCormick, of Pennsylvania, to be an Under Secretary, and Peter B. McCarthy, of Wisconsin, to be an Assistant Secretary, both of the Department of the Treasury.

TREATMENT OF DETAINEES

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee concluded a hearing to examine extraordinary rendition,

extraterritorial detention, and treatment of detainees, focusing on restoring the United States' moral credibility and strengthening diplomatic standing, after receiving testimony from Major General Paul D. Eaton, USA (Ret.), former Commanding General, Office of Security Transition, Baghdad, Iraq; Tom Malinowski, Human Rights Watch, and Daniel Byman, Georgetown University Center for Peace and Security Studies of the Edmund A. Walsh School of Foreign Service, both of Washington, D.C.; and Philip Zelikow, University of Virginia, Charlottesville.

U.N. HUMAN RIGHTS COUNCIL

Committee on Foreign Relations: Subcommittee on International Operations and Organizations, Democracy and Human Rights concluded a hearing to examine the United Nations Human Rights Council, focusing on its shortcomings and prospects for reform, after receiving testimony from Kristen Silverberg, Assistant Secretary of State for International Organization Affairs; Thomas O. Melia, Freedom House, and Brett D. Schaefer, Heritage Foundation Margaret Thatcher Center for Freedom, both of Washington, D.C.; and Peggy Hicks, Human Rights Watch, New York, New York.

NOMINATION

Committee on Indian Affairs: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nomination of Charles W. Grim, of Oklahoma, to be Director of the Indian Health Service, Department of Health and Human Services, after the nominee, who was introduced by Senator Coburn, testified and answered questions in his own behalf.

INTELLIGENCE

Select Committee on Intelligence: Committee held closed hearings on intelligence matters, receiving testimony from officials of the intelligence community. Committee recessed subject to the call.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 18 public bills, H.R. 3184–3201; and 6 resolutions, H. Con. Res. 193–194; and H. Res. 575–578 were introduced. **Pages H8741–42**

Additional Cosponsors:

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Reports Filed: There were no reports filed today.

Speaker: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein she appointed Representative Welch (VT) to act as Speaker Pro Tempore for today. **Page H8621**