

in the usual form; provided that the vote sequence of amendments be established with the Chair and Ranking Member of the Committee on the Budget, concurring on any order; provided that during any sequence of votes established, that there be 2 minutes of debate prior to any vote, equally divided and controlled in the usual form; provided further, that after the first vote in any sequence, the remaining votes be 10 minutes in duration. **Page S4228**

Civil Access to Justice Act—Referral Agreement:

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that the Committee on the Judiciary be discharged from further consideration S. 718, to amend the Legal Services Corporation Act to meet special needs of eligible clients, provide for technology grants, improve corporate practices of the Legal Services Corporation, and the bill then be referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions. **Page S4226**

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Record Votes: Nine record votes were taken today. (Total—127) **Page S4145, S4146, S4146–47, S4147, S4148, S4149, S4149–50, S4150**

Adjournment: Senate convened at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 8:56 p.m., until 10 a.m. on Thursday, April 2, 2009. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S4228.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

NOMINATIONS

Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of Kathleen A. Merrigan, of Massachusetts, to be Deputy Secretary, who was introduced by Senator Leahy, Joe Leonard, Jr., of the District of Columbia, to be Assistant Secretary for Civil Rights, who was introduced by Representative Kilpatrick, and James W. Miller, of Virginia, to be Under Secretary for Farm and Foreign Agricultural Services, who was in-

troduced by Senator Conrad, all of the Department of Agriculture, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

CIVILIAN CASUALTIES OF WAR

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on State, Foreign Operations, and Related Programs concluded a hearing to examine assistance for civilian casualties of war, after receiving testimony from Dirk Dijkerman, Acting Assistant Administrator, Bureau for Democracy, Conflict, and Humanitarian Assistance, U.S. Agency for International Development; Ca Va Tran, Vietnam Assistance for the Handicapped, McLean, VA; John W. Chromy, CHF International, Washington, DC; Erica Gaston, Campaign for Innocent Victims in Conflict (CIVIC), New Orleans, LA; and Jonathan Tracy, National Institute of Military Justice, Falls Church, VA.

U.S. POLICY TOWARD AFGHANISTAN AND PAKISTAN

Committee on Armed Services: Committee concluded a hearing to examine U.S. Policy toward Afghanistan and Pakistan, after receiving testimony from Michele A. Flournoy, Under Secretary for Policy, General David H. Petraeus, USA, Commander, U.S. Central Command, and Admiral Eric T. Olson, USN, Commander, U.S. Special Operations Command, all of the Department of Defense.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Armed Services: Committee ordered favorably reported the nominations of Ashton B. Carter, of Massachusetts, to be Under Secretary for Acquisition, Technology, and Logistics, and James N. Miller, Jr., of Virginia, to be Deputy Under Secretary for Policy, both of the Department of Defense.

Also, committee ordered favorably reported 3,952 nominations in the Army, Navy, Air Force, and Marine Corps.

RENEWABLE FUEL STANDARD OVERSIGHT

Committee on Environment and Public Works: Subcommittee on Clean Air and Nuclear Safety concluded an oversight hearing to examine the Environmental Protection Agency's renewable fuel standard, after receiving testimony from Charles T. Drevna, National Petrochemical and Refiners Association, on behalf of National Marine Manufacturers Association and Outdoor Power Equipment Institute, A. Blakeman Early, American Lung Association, and Michael McAdams, Advanced Biofuels Association, all of Washington, DC; Kelly J. Tiller, University of Tennessee, Knoxville; and Nathanael Greene, Natural Resources Defense Council, New York, NY.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Environment and Public Works: Committee ordered favorably reported the nomination of Thomas L. Strickland, of Colorado, to be Assistant Secretary for Fish and Wildlife and Parks, Department of the Interior.

USAID IN THE 21ST CENTURY

Committee on Foreign Relations: Subcommittee on International Development and Foreign Assistance, Economic Affairs and International Environmental Protection concluded a hearing to examine United States Agency for International Development (USAID) in the 21st Century, after receiving testimony from Andrew Natsios, The Walsh School of Foreign Service, and Carol Lancaster, Mortara Center for International Studies, both of Georgetown University, and Steven Radelet, Center for Global Development, all of Washington, DC.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: Committee ordered favorably reported the following items:

H.R. 35, to amend chapter 22 of title 44, U.S. Code, popularly known as the Presidential Records Act, to establish procedures for the consideration of claims of constitutionally based privilege against disclosure of Presidential records, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 615, to provide additional personnel authorities for the Special Inspector General for Afghanistan Reconstruction;

S. 507, to provide for retirement equity for Federal employees in nonforeign areas outside the 48 contiguous States and the District of Columbia, with an amendment;

S. 713, to require the Administrator of the Federal Emergency Management Agency to quickly and fairly address the abundance of surplus manufactures housing units stored by the Federal Government around the country at taxpayer expense, with an amendment;

S. 574, to enhance citizen access to Government information and services by establishing that Government documents issued to the public must be written clearly, with an amendment;

S. Res. 87, expressing the sense of the Senate that public servants should be commended for their dedi-

cation and continued service to the Nation during Public Service Recognition Week, May 4 through 10, 2009; and

The nominations of Jane Holl Lute, of New York, to be Deputy Secretary of Homeland Security, and John Berry, of the District of Columbia, to be Director of the Office of Personnel Management.

NOMINATIONS

Committee on the Judiciary: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of David F. Hamilton, of Indiana, to be U.S. Circuit Judge for the Seventh Circuit, who was introduced by Senators Lugar and Bayh, Ronald H. Weich, of the District of Columbia, to be an Assistant Attorney General, Department of Justice, who was introduced by Senator Reid, and R. Gil Kerlikowske, of Washington, to be Director of National Drug Control Policy, Executive Office of the President, who was introduced by Senators Cantwell and Murray, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

NOMINATION

Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nomination of Karen Gordon Mills, of Maine, to be Administrator of the Small Business Administration, after the nominee, who was introduced by Senator Snowe, testified and answered questions in her own behalf.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship: Committee ordered favorably reported the nomination of Karen Gordon Mills, of Maine, to be Administrator of the Small Business Administration.

NOMINATIONS

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of W. Scott Gould, of the District of Columbia, to be Deputy Secretary, who was introduced by Senator Reed, and Ladda Tammy Duckworth, of Illinois, to be Assistant Secretary for Public and Intergovernmental Affairs, who was introduced by Senator Durbin, both of the Department of Veterans Affairs, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.