

Protocol of Amendment to International Convention on Simplification and Harmonization of Customs Procedures (Treaty Doc. 108-6).

The treaties were transmitted to the Senate today, considered as having been read for the first time, and referred, with accompanying papers, to the Committee on Foreign Relations and ordered to be printed.

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Executive Reports of Committees: Senate received the following executive report of a committee:

Report to accompany Protocols to the North Atlantic Treaty of 1949 on the Accession of Bulgaria, Estonia, Latvia, Lithuania, Romania, Slovakia, and Slovenia. These protocols were opened for signature at Brussels on March 26, 2003, and signed that day on behalf of the United States and the other parties to the North Atlantic Treaty With Bulgaria, Estonia, Latvia, Lithuania, Romania, Slovakia, Slovenia (Treaty Doc. 108-4) (Ex. Rept. 108-6).

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Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

Robert W. Fitts, of New Hampshire, to be Ambassador to Papua New Guinea, and to serve concurrently and without additional compensation as Ambassador to the Solomon Islands and Ambassador to the Republic of Vanuatu.

John E. Herbst, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to Ukraine.

William B. Wood, of New York, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Colombia.

Harry K. Thomas, Jr., of New York, to be Ambassador to the People's Republic of Bangladesh.

Tracey Ann Jacobson, of the District of Columbia, a Foreign Service Officer of Class One, to be Ambassador to Turkmenistan.

Lisa Genevieve Nason, of Alaska, to be a Member of the Board of Trustees of the Institute of American Indian and Alaska Native Culture and Arts Development for a term expiring October 18, 2004.

Georgianna E. Ignace, of Wisconsin, to be a Member of the Board of Trustees of the Institute of American Indian and Alaska Native Culture and Arts Development for a term expiring October 18, 2004.

John Richard Grimes, of Massachusetts, to be a Member of the Board of Trustees of the Institute of American Indian and Alaska Native Culture and Arts Development for a term expiring May 19, 2006.

1 Navy nomination in the rank of admiral.

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Record Votes: One record vote was taken today. (Total—136) Page S5510

Adjournment: Senate met at 10 a.m., and adjourned at 7:09 p.m., until 9:15 a.m., on Thursday, May 1, 2003. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today's Record on page S5617.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

HEALTH CARE ACCESS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education concluded hearings to examine health care access and affordability, focusing on the effects of uninsurance on individuals, families, and communities, after receiving testimony from Risa Lavizzo-Mourey, Robert Wood Johnson Foundation, Princeton, New Jersey; Arthur L. Kellermann, Emory University, Atlanta, Georgia; Carolyn F. Scanlan, Hospital and Healthsystem Association of Pennsylvania, Harrisburg; Lanette Kane, People's Clinic, Cedar Falls, Iowa; and Chris Peterson, Clear Lake, Iowa.

APPROPRIATIONS: HOMELAND SECURITY

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Homeland Security concluded hearings to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2004 for the Department of Homeland Security, after receiving testimony from Tom Ridge, Secretary of Homeland Security.

APPROPRIATIONS: DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA COURTS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on District of Columbia concluded hearings to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2004 for the District of Columbia Courts, after receiving testimony from Annice M. Wagner, Chair, Joint Committee on Judicial Administration, Washington, D.C.; and Doug Nelson, Director, National Capitol Region Property

Development Division, Public Buildings Service, General Services Administration.

APPROPRIATIONS: DOD MEDICAL PROGRAMS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Defense concluded hearings to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2004 for the medical programs of the Department of Defense, after receiving testimony from Lieutenant General James B. Peake, Surgeon General, U.S. Army; Vice Admiral Michael L. Cowan, Surgeon General, and Rear Admiral Kathleen L. Martin, Deputy Surgeon General, both of the U.S. Navy; Lieutenant General George Peach Taylor, Jr., Surgeon General, and Brigadier General Barbara Brannon, Assistant Surgeon General, both of the U.S. Air Force; and Brigadier General William T. Bester, Chief, Army Nurse Corps.

APPROPRIATIONS: FOREIGN OPERATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Foreign Operations concluded hearings to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2004 for foreign assistance programs, after receiving testimony from Colin L. Powell, Secretary of State.

FIRE SERVICE

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Committee concluded hearings to examine S. 321, the Firefighting Research and Coordination Act, focusing on the programs and services of the U.S. Fire Administration of the Department of Homeland Security, including the Firefighters Grant Program, Fire Service Training, public education and awareness, data collection, research and technology, and challenges, after receiving testimony from Representatives Camp and Weldon; Arden L. Bement, Jr., Director, National Institute of Standards and Technology, Department of Commerce; R. David Paulison, Director, Preparedness Division, Emergency Preparedness and Response Directorate, Department of Homeland Security; Randy R. Bruegman, Clackamas County Fire District, Portland, Oregon, on behalf of the International Association of Fire Chiefs; James M. Shannon, National Fire Protection Association, Quincy, Massachusetts; and Kevin O'Connor, International Association of Fire Fighters, and Philip C. Stittleburg, National Volunteer Fire Council, both of Washington, D.C.

BUSINESS MEETING: COMPREHENSIVE ENERGY LEGISLATION

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Committee ordered favorably reported an original bill entitled "Energy Policy Act of 2003".

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee ordered favorably reported the following business items:

Protocols to the North Atlantic Treaty of 1949 on the Accession of Bulgaria, Estonia, Latvia, Lithuania, Romania, Slovakia, and Slovenia. These protocols were opened for signature at Brussels on March 26, 2003, and signed that day on behalf of the United States and the other parties to the North Atlantic Treaty (Treaty Doc. 108-4), with 9 declarations and 3 conditions; and

S. Con. Res. 26, condemning the punishment of execution by stoning as a gross violation of human rights.

ENERGY SECURITY

Committee on Foreign Relations: Subcommittee on International Economic Policy, Export and Trade Promotion concluded hearings to examine U.S. energy security issues, focusing on the importance of Russia and the Caspian to global energy production, after receiving testimony from Anna Borg, Deputy Assistant Secretary of State for Energy, Sanctions, and Commodities, Bureau of Economic and Business Affairs; Leonard L. Coburn, Director, Russian and Eurasian Affairs, Office of Policy and International Affairs, Department of Energy; Julia Nanay, PFC Energy, and Edward C. Chow, Carnegie Endowment for International Peace, both of Washington, D.C.; and Andrew B. Somers, Commercial Energy Dialogue With Russia, Moscow, on behalf of the American Chamber of Commerce in Russia.

INDIAN ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Committee on Indian Affairs: Committee concluded hearings to examine S. 519, to establish a Native American-owned financial entity to provide financial services to Indian tribes, Native American organizations, and Native Americans after receiving testimony from William O. Russell, Deputy Assistant Secretary of Housing and Urban Development for Public and Indian Housing; Tex G. Hall, National Congress of American Indians, and Chris Paisano, Navajo Nation, both of Washington, D.C.; Derrick Watchman, Native American Bancorporation, Denver, Colorado; Cris E. Stainbrook, Indian Land Tenure Foundation, Little Canada, Minnesota; Eric Conrad Henson, Lexecon, Inc., Cambridge, Massachusetts, on behalf of the Harvard Project on American Indian Economic Development; and Mike Irwin, Alaska Federation of Natives, Anchorage.

NOMINATIONS

Committee on the Judiciary: Committee concluded hearings to examine the nominations of John G. Roberts, Jr., of Maryland, to be United States Circuit Judge for the District of Columbia Circuit, and

William Emil Moschella, of Virginia, to be an Assistant Attorney General, Department of Justice, who were both introduced by Senator Warner, David G. Campbell, to be United States District Judge for the District of Arizona, S. Maurice Hicks, Jr., to be

United States District Judge for the Western District of Louisiana, who was introduced by Senator Breaux and Representative McCrery, after each nominee testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Measures Introduced: 29 public bills, H.R. 1873–1901; and 5 resolutions, H. Con. Res. 158 and H. Res. 208–211, were introduced.

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Additional Cosponsors:

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Reports Filed: Reports were filed today as follows:

Committee on the Budget Activities Report, 107th Congress, Second Session (H. Rept. 107–811);

H. Res. 210, providing for consideration of H.R. 1298, to provide assistance to foreign countries to combat HIV/AIDS, tuberculosis, and malaria (H. Rept. 108–80); and

H.R. 100, to restate, clarify, and revise the Soldiers' and Sailors' Civil Relief Act of 1940, amended (H. Rept. 108–81).

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Speaker Pro Tempore: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he appointed Representative Simpson to act as Speaker Pro Tempore for today.

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Guest Chaplain: The prayer was offered by the guest Chaplain, Rabbi Manny Behar, Executive Director, Queens Jewish Community Council of Forest Hills, New York.

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Individuals with Disabilities Education Act Reauthorization: The House passed H.R. 1350, to reauthorize the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act by yeas and nays vote of 251 yeas to 171 nays, Roll No. 154.

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Pursuant to the rule the amendment in the nature of a substitute recommended by the Committee on Education and the Workforce now printed in the bill (H. Rept. 108–77) was considered as an original bill for the purpose of amendment.

Agreed To:

Castle amendment No. 1 printed in H. Rept. 108–79 that clarifies changes to GAO reports; increases the level of State reserves for high cost education needs; changes issues that can be raised at due process hearings; makes language dealing with local control over curriculum the same as that in the No Child Left Behind Act; changes part D programs to

insure that the needs of children with limited English proficiency are met; and permits the support for the captioning of news programs; Pages H3510–12

Vitter amendment No. 2 printed in H. Rept. 108–79 that mandates GAO reviews to include recommendations to reduce or eliminate excessive paperwork burdens (recorded vote of 413 yeas with none voting "no", Roll No. 150);

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Bradley amendment No. 3 printed in H. Rept. 108–79 that increases the Part B set-aside funding cap to \$750,000;

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Woolsey amendment No. 4 printed in H. Rept. 108–79 that defines a free public education as one that is reasonably calculated to provide educational benefit to enable the child with a disability to access the general curriculum;

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Shadegg Amendment No. 7 printed in H. Rept. 108–79 that expresses the sense of Congress that students who have not been diagnosed by a physician or other person certified by a State health board as having a disability should not be classified as disabled;

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Kirk amendment No. 9 printed in H. Rept. 108–79 that expresses the sense of Congress that safe and drug-free schools are essential for the learning and development of children with disabilities;

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McKeon amendment No. 10 printed in H. Rept. 108–79 that requires additional Federal increases above FY 2003 levels to be passed directly to the local level;

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Nethercutt amendment No. 11 printed in H. Rept. 108–79 that allows parents in consultation with the Individualized Family Service Plan (IFSP) team to determine the appropriate educational setting for each child;

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Davis of California amendment No. 12 printed in H. Rept. 108–79 that authorizes the use of funding to train school safety personnel and first responders who work at qualified educational facilities in the recognition of autism spectrum disorders;

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