

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

NOMINATIONS

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: Committee concluded a hearing on the nominations of Harvey S. Rosen, of New Jersey, and Kristin J. Forbes, of Massachusetts, who was introduced by Senator Sununu, each to be a Member of the Council of Economic Advisers, Julie L. Myers, of Kansas, to be Assistant Secretary of Commerce for Export Enforcement, and Peter Lichtenbaum, of Virginia, to be Assistant Secretary of Commerce for Export Administration, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

FINANCIAL RECONSTRUCTION IN IRAQ

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: Subcommittee on International Trade and Finance concluded a hearing on recent developments on the financial reconstruction in Iraq, after receiving testimony from Alan Larson, Under Secretary of State for Economic, Agricultural and Business Affairs; John B. Taylor, Under Secretary of Treasury for International Affairs; and Philip Merrill, President and Chairman, Export-Import Bank of the United States.

CLEAN WATER ACT OVERSIGHT

Committee on Environment and Public Works: Subcommittee on Fisheries, Wildlife, and Water held an oversight hearing to examine the implementation of the Clean Water Act, focusing on the Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL) program, Spill Prevention Control and Countermeasure plans, storm water issues, and water quality trading, receiving testimony from G. Tracy Mehan III, Assistant Administrator for Water, Environmental Protection Agency; David Mabe, Idaho Department of Environmental Quality, Boise; Juli Beth Hoover, City of South Burlington, South Burlington, Vermont; Michael J. Samoviski, City Manager, Hamilton, Ohio; Steve Kouplen, Oklahoma Farm Bureau Federation, Oklahoma City, on behalf of the American Farm Bureau Federation; Lee Fuller, Independent Petroleum Association of America, on behalf of sundry organizations, and Jim Hall, Hall and Associates, former Chairman, National Transportation Safety Board, both of Washington, D.C.; Michael R. Lozeau, Earthjustice, Stanford, California; and Rena Steinzor, University of Maryland School of Law, Baltimore, on behalf of the Center for Progressive Regulation.

Hearing recessed subject to the call.

FUTURE OF GAO

Committee on Governmental Affairs: Committee concluded a hearing on the future of the General Accounting Office, focusing on past accomplishments, future challenges, including why passage of S. 1522, the GAO Human Capital Reform Act is an integral part of helping GAO prepare for the future, after receiving testimony from David M. Walker, Comptroller General of the United States, General Accounting Office; and Maurice P. McTigue, George Mason University, Mercatus Center, Arlington, Virginia.

NOMINATION

Committee on Governmental Affairs: Committee concluded hearing on the nomination of C. Suzanne Mencer, of Colorado, to be the Director of the Office for Domestic Preparedness, Department of Homeland Security, after the nominee, who was introduced by Senators Campbell and Allard, testified and answered questions in her own behalf.

PRESIDENTIAL SUCCESSION

Committee on the Judiciary/Committee on Rules and Administration: Committees concluded a joint hearing to examine the continuity of the United States government in relation to the Presidency, focusing on the role of Congress in line of Presidential succession, including Presidential incapacitation, impeachment and removal, death or resignation, and the bumping or supplantation procedure, after receiving testimony from Akhil Reed Amar, Yale University Law School, New Haven, Connecticut; John C. Fortier, American Enterprise Institute, and M. Miller Baker, McDermott, Will and Emery, both of Washington, D.C.; and Howard M. Wasserman, Florida International University College of Law, Miami.

H-1B VISAS

Committee on the Judiciary: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the importance of the H-1B visa to the American economy, focusing on protection of United States workers including training and recruiting, statistics on usage, the globalized economy, and Free Trade Agreements, after receiving testimony from Stephen Yale-Loehr, Cornell University Law School, Ithaca, New York, on behalf of the American Immigration Lawyers Association; Elizabeth C. Dickson, Ingersoll-Rand Company, Woodcliff Lake, New Jersey, on behalf of the U.S. Chamber of Commerce; John W. Steadman, Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers—United States of America, Washington, D.C.; and Patrick J. Duffy, Intel Corporation, Chandler, Arizona.