

that Senator Bond be recognized in order to call up the Bond-Harkin amendment. **Page S6908**

**Message From the President:** Senate received the following message from the President of the United States:

Transmitting, pursuant to law, a report of the continuation of the national emergency with respect to the risk of nuclear proliferation created by the accumulation of weapons-usable fissile material in the territory of the Russian Federation; which was referred to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs. (PM-87) **Page S6880**

**Removal of Injunction of Secrecy:** The injunction of secrecy was removed from the following treaty:

Agreement With Canada on Pacific Hake/Whiting (Treaty Doc. No. 108-24)

The treaty was 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. **Page S6907**

#### Appointments:

**Election Assistance Board of Advisors:** The Chair, on behalf of the Majority Leader pursuant to Public Law 107-252, Title II, Section 214, appointed the following individual to serve as a member of the Election Assistance Board of Advisors: Wesley R. Kliner, Jr., of Tennessee. **Page S6907**

**National Commission of Small Community Air Service:** The Chair, on behalf of the Majority Leader pursuant to Public Law 108-176, Section 411(b)(1)(B), appointed the following individual to serve as a member of the National Commission of Small Community Air Service: Philip H. Trenary of Tennessee. **Page S6907**

**Nominations Confirmed:** Senate confirmed the following nominations:

By unanimous vote of 97 yeas (Vote No. Ex. 121), William S. Duffey, Jr., of Georgia, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of Georgia. **Pages S6859-60, S6909**

By unanimous vote of 97 yeas (Vote No. Ex. 122), Lawrence F. Stengel, of Pennsylvania, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania. **Pages S6860-61, S6909**

By unanimous vote of 97 yeas (Vote No. Ex. 123), Paul S. Diamond, of Pennsylvania, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania. **Pages S6861-62, S6909**

**Nominations Received:** Senate received the following nominations:

Micaela Alvarez, of Texas, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of Texas.

1 Air Force nomination in the rank of general.

1 Army nomination in the rank of general.

3 Coast Guard nominations in the rank of admiral.

Routine lists in the Army. **Pages S6908-09**

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**Record Votes:** Six record votes were taken today. (Total—123)

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**Adjournment:** Senate convened at 9 a.m., and adjourned at 7:17 p.m., until 9:30 a.m., on Thursday, June 17, 2004. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S6908.)

## Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

### APPROPRIATIONS: HOMELAND SECURITY

**Committee on Appropriations:** Subcommittee on Homeland Security approved for full Committee consideration an original bill making appropriations for the Department of Homeland Security for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2005.

### VOIP REGULATORY FREEDOM ACT

**Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation:** Committee concluded a hearing to examine S. 2281, to provide a clear and unambiguous structure for the jurisdictional and regulatory treatment for the offering or provision of voice-over-Internet-protocol applications, after receiving testimony from Laura H. Parsky, Deputy Assistant Attorney General, Criminal Division, Department of Justice; James X. Dempsey, Center for Democracy and Technology, Washington, D.C.; Thomas Rutledge, Cablevision Systems Corporation, Bethpage, New York; David F. Jones, Spartanburg County Communications, Spartanburg, South Carolina, on behalf of the National Emergency Number Association; Stan Wise, Georgia Public Service Commission, Atlanta, on behalf of the National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners; Jeff Pulver, pulver.com, Melville, New York; and Arturo "Archie" Macias, Wheat State Telephone

Company, Udall, Kansas, on behalf of the Organization for the Promotion and Advancement of Small Telecommunications Companies.

### BUSINESS MEETING

*Committee on Energy and Natural Resources:* Committee ordered favorably reported the following business items:

S. 155, to convey to the town of Frannie, Wyoming, certain land withdrawn by the Commissioner of Reclamation, with an amendment;

S. 180, to establish the National Aviation Heritage Area, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 211, to establish the Northern Rio Grande National Heritage Area in the State of New Mexico;

S. 323, to establish the Atchafalaya National Heritage Area, Louisiana, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 1241, to establish the Kate Mullany National Historic Site in the State of New York, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 1467, to establish the Rio Grande Outstanding Natural Area in the State of Colorado, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 1521, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to convey certain land to the Edward H. McDaniel American Legion Post No. 22 in Pahrump, Nevada, for the construction of a post building and memorial park for use by the American Legion, other veterans' groups, and the local community, with an amendment;

S. 1727, to authorize additional appropriations for the Reclamation Safety of Dams Act of 1978, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 1957, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to cooperate with the States on the border with Mexico and other appropriate entities in conducting a hydrogeologic characterization, mapping, and modeling program for priority transboundary aquifers, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 2046, to authorize the exchange of certain land in Everglades National Park, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 2180, to direct the Secretary of Agriculture to exchange certain lands in the Arapaho and Roosevelt National Forests in the State of Colorado, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 2243, to extend the deadline for commencement of construction of a hydroelectric project in the State of Alaska;

S. 2319, to authorize and facilitate hydroelectric power licensing of the Tapoco Project, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

H.R. 1648, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to convey certain water distribution systems of

the Cachuma Project, California, to the Carpinteria Valley Water District and the Montecito Water District;

H.R. 1658, to amend the Railroad Right-of-Way Conveyance Validation Act to validate additional conveyances of certain lands in the State of California that form part of the right-of-way granted by the United States to facilitate the construction of the transcontinental railway, with an amendment;

H.R. 1732, to amend the Reclamation Wastewater and Groundwater Study and Facilities Act to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to participate in the Williamson County, Texas, Water Recycling and Reuse Project;

H.R. 3209, to amend the Reclamation Project Authorization Act of 1972 to clarify the acreage for which the North Loup division is authorized to provide irrigation water under the Missouri River Basin project; and

The nomination of Suedeen G. Kelly, of New Mexico, to be a Member of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission.

### AGRICULTURE FINANCING INTEGRITY

*Committee on Finance:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine measures to strengthen regulations and oversight to better ensure agriculture financing integrity, focusing on a GAO report that evaluated qualifications and oversight associated with farm entity financing, specifically unlimited farm payments that have placed upward pressure on land prices leading to overproduction and lower commodity prices, after receiving testimony from Lawrence J. Dyckman, Director, Natural Resources and Environment, General Accounting Office.

### U.S. NONPROLIFERATION POLICY

*Committee on Foreign Relations:* on Tuesday, June 15, Committee concluded a hearing to examine the Sea Island G8 Summit status report on the global partnership against weapons of mass destruction, focusing on the Nunn-Lugar program and related programs at the Departments of State and Energy to improve the United States' nonproliferation agenda, after receiving testimony from Senator Domenici; John R. Bolton, Under Secretary of State for Arms Control and International Security; and Linton F. Brooks, Administrator, National Nuclear Security Administration, Department of Energy.

### NOMINATIONS

*Committee on Foreign Relations:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of Charles P. Ries, of the District of Columbia, to be Ambassador to Greece, Tom C. Korologos, of the District of Columbia, to be Ambassador to Belgium, who was introduced by Senators Hatch, Bennett, McCain, Byrd,

and Stevens, and John Marshall Evans, of the District of Columbia, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Armenia, after each nominee testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

#### BUSINESS MEETING

*Committee on Indian Affairs:* Committee ordered favorably reported the following business items:

S. 297, to provide reforms and resources to the Bureau of Indian Affairs to improve the Federal acknowledgement process, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 1696, to amend the Indian Self-Determination and Education Assistance Act to provide further self-governance by Indian tribes, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 1715, to amend the Indian Self-Determination and Education Assistance Act to provide further self-governance by Indian tribes, with amendments;

S. 2172, to make technical amendments to the provisions of the Indian Self-Determination and Education Assistance Act relating to contract support costs, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 2277, to amend the Act of November 2, 1966 (80 Stat. 1112), to allow binding arbitration clauses to be included in all contracts affecting the land within the Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Reservation, and motion to authorize the chairman to issue subpoenas in regards to tribal lobbying matters; to be followed by an oversight hearing to examine the No Child Left Behind Act (Public Law 107-110); and

S. 2436, to reauthorize the Native American Programs Act of 1974.

Also, Committee met in closed session to discuss the issuance of subpoenas, in regard to tribal lobbying matters.

#### OGLALA SIOUX TRIBE ANGOSTURA IRRIGATION PROJECT

*Committee on Indian Affairs:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine S. 1996, to enhance and provide to the Oglala Sioux Tribe and Angostura Irrigation Project certain benefits of the Pick-Sloan Missouri

River basin program, after receiving testimony from Senator Daschle; Ross Mooney, Acting Director of Trust Services, Bureau of Indian Affairs, Department of the Interior; and John Yellow Bird Steele, Oglala Sioux Tribe, and Valerie Janis, The Red Shirt District, both of Pine Ridge, South Dakota.

#### NO CHILD LEFT BEHIND ACT

*Committee on Indian Affairs:* Committee concluded an oversight hearing to examine the No Child Left Behind Act (Public Law 107-110), focusing on the implementation of the Act in Indian communities, after receiving testimony from Theresa Rosier, Counselor to the Assistant Secretary of Indian Affairs, and Edward Parisian, Director, Office of Indian Education Programs, both of the Department of the Interior; Victoria Vasques, Deputy Under Secretary and Director of the Office of Indian Education, and Darla Marberger, Deputy Assistant Secretary for Elementary and Secondary Education, both of the Department of Education; Lillian Sparks, National Indian Education Association, Alexandria, Virginia; Carmen Cornelius Taylor, National Indian School Board Association, Polson, Montana; Roger Bordeaux, Tiospa Zina Tribal School, Agency Village, South Dakota, on behalf of the Association of Community Tribal Schools, Inc.; Terry Ben, Mississippi Band of Choctaw Indians, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania; and Leland Leonard, Navajo Nation, Window Rock, Arizona.

#### NOMINATIONS

*Committee on the Judiciary:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of Richard A. Griffin, of Michigan, who was introduced by Representative Camp, and David W. McKeague, of Michigan, who was introduced by Representative Mike Rogers (MI), each to be a United States Circuit Judge for the Sixth Circuit, and Virginia Maria Hernandez Covington, to be United States District Judge for the Middle District of Florida, who was introduced by Senator Nelson (FL), after each nominee testified and answered questions in their own behalf. Testimony was also received from Senators Levin and Stabenow on the nominations of Messrs. Griffin and McKeague.