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Adjournment: Senate convened at 1 p.m., and adjourned at 6:03 p.m., until 10 a.m., on Tuesday, July 20, 2004. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S8428.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

NOMINATIONS

Committee on Governmental Affairs: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of Neil McPhie, of Virginia, to be Chairman, and Barbara J. Sapin, of Maryland, to be a Member, both of the Merit Systems Protection Board, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

MEDICARE DRUG BENEFIT

Special Committee on Aging: Committee concluded a hearing to examine certain aspects of the new Medicare law aimed at assisting seniors of modest and low incomes, including principally the full drug benefit scheduled for 2006, and the ongoing prescription drug card transitional assistance, after receiving testimony from Mark McClellan, Administrator, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, Department of Health and Human Services; Gail R. Wilensky, Project HOPE, Bethesda, Maryland, former Administrator, Health Care Financing Administration, Department of Health and Human Services; and Thomas Byron Thames, AARP, Jane L. Delgado, National Alliance for Hispanic Health, and Patricia B. Nemore, Center for Medicare Advocacy, Inc., all of Washington, D.C.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Measures Introduced: 11 public bills, H.R. 4851–4861; 1 private bill, H.R. 4862; and 3 resolutions, H. Res. 723, 726–727, were introduced.

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Additional Cosponsors: Pages H5983–84

Reports Filed: Reports were filed today as follows:

H.R. 4850, making appropriations for the government of the District of Columbia and other activities chargeable in whole or in part against the revenues of said District for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2005 (H. Rept. 108–610);

H.R. 4492, to amend the Omnibus Parks and Public Lands Management Act of 1996 to extend the authorization for certain national heritage areas, amended (H. Rept. 108–611);

H.R. 4625, to reduce temporarily the royalty required to be paid for sodium produced on Federal lands (H. Rept. 108–612);

H.R. 4170, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to recruit volunteers to assist with, or facilitate, the activities of various agencies and offices of the Department of the Interior, amended (H. Rept. 108–613);

H.R. 3313, to amend title 28, United States Code, to limit Federal court jurisdiction over questions under the Defense of Marriage Act, amended (H. Rept. 108–614);

H. Res. 724, providing for consideration of H.R. 4850, making appropriations for the government of the District of Columbia and other activities chargeable in whole or in part against the revenues of said District for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2005 (H. Rept. 108–615); and

H. Res. 725, providing for consideration of H.R. 3574, to require the mandatory expensing of stock options granted to executive officers (H. Rept. 108–616).

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Speaker Pro Tempore: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he appointed Representative Nunes to act as Speaker Pro Tempore for today. Page H5911

Recess: The House recessed at 12:56 p.m. and reconvened at 2 p.m. Page H5920

Suspensions: The House agreed to suspend the rules and pass the following measures:

Vietnam Human Rights Act of 2003: Debated on Wednesday, July 14: H.R. 1587, amended, to promote freedom and democracy in Vietnam, by a 2/3 yea-and-nay vote of 323 yeas to 45 nays, Roll No. 391; Pages H5947–48

Agreed to amend the title so as to read: a bill to promote freedom and democracy in Vietnam.

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Concerning the importance of the distribution of food in schools to hungry or malnourished children around the world: Debated on Wednesday, July 14: