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Record Votes: One record vote was taken today. (Total—127) **Page S5828**

Adjournment: Senate convened at 9:45 a.m. and adjourned at 6:57 p.m. until 9:30 a.m., on Wednesday, May 25, 2005. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today's Record on page S5857.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, Science and Related Agencies concluded a hearing to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2006 for the Department of Justice, after receiving testimony from Alberto R. Gonzales, Attorney General, and Robert S. Mueller III, Director, Federal Bureau of Investigations, both of the Department of Justice.

U.S. ANTI-DOPING AGENCY

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Committee concluded a hearing to examine S. 529, to designate a United States Anti-Doping Agency and to examine the competitive pressures that lead amateur athletes to use drugs, the sources of such drugs, and the science of doping, after receiving testimony from Jim Scherr, U.S. Olympic Committee, and Terrence Madden, U.S. Anti-Doping Agency, both of Colorado Springs, Colorado; Roger Blake, California Interscholastic Federation, Alameda; Don H. Catlin, University of California at Los Angeles Medical School; and Kelli White, Voorhees, New Jersey.

NOMINATIONS

Committee on Finance: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of Alex Azar II, of Maryland, to be Deputy Secretary of Health and Human Services, who was introduced by Senator Hatch, Timothy D. Adams, of Virginia, to be Under Secretary of the Treasury for International Affairs, who was introduced by Senator McConnell, Suzanne C. DeFrancis, of Maryland, to be Assistant Secretary of Health and Human Services for Public Affairs, Charles E. Johnson, of Utah, to be Assistant Secretary of Health and Human Services for Budget,

Technology, and Finance, who was introduced by Senator Hatch, and Shara L. Aranoff, of Maryland, to be a Member of the United States International Trade Commission, who was introduced by Senator Baucus, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

NOMINATIONS

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of Eduardo Aguirre, Jr., of Texas, to be Ambassador to Spain and Andorra, who was introduced by Senators Hutchison, Cornyn and Martinez; Victoria Nuland, of Connecticut, to be Permanent Representative of the United States of America on the Council of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization, with the rank and status of Ambassador, who was introduced by Senator Lieberman; Julie Finley, of the District of Columbia, to be U.S. Representative to the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe, with the rank of Ambassador, who was introduced by Senator Warner; and John F. Tefft, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to Georgia, and Craig Roberts Stapleton, of Connecticut, to be Ambassador to France, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

U.S. SPECIAL COUNSEL

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: Subcommittee on Oversight of Government Management, the Federal Workforce, and the District of Columbia concluded a hearing to examine a review of the U.S. Office of Special Counsel, focusing on safeguarding the merit system by protecting federal employees and applicants from prohibited personnel practices, especially reprisal for whistleblowing, after receiving testimony from Scott J. Bloch, Special Counsel, U.S. Office of Special Counsel.

SPECIALTY HOSPITALS

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: Subcommittee on Federal Financial Management, Government Information, and International Security concluded an oversight hearing to examine the competitive effects of specialty hospitals, after receiving testimony from John D. Graubert, Principal Deputy General Counsel, Federal Trade Commission; Mark E. Miller, Executive Director, Medicare Payment Advisory Commission; Regina E. Herzlinger, Harvard Business School, Boston, Massachusetts; Stan Pelofsky, Oklahoma Spine Hospital, Oklahoma City; John T. Thomas, Baylor Health Care System, Dallas, Texas; William G. Plested, American Medical Association, Chicago, Illinois; James E. Cain, Lampasas, Texas; and Ed Jungbluth, Albuquerque, New Mexico.

USA PATRIOT ACT AUTHORIZATION

Select Committee on Intelligence: Committee concluded a hearing to examine proposed legislation to reauthorize certain provisions of the Uniting and Strengthening America by Providing Appropriate Tools Required to Intercept and Obstruct Terrorism (USA PATRIOT) Act of 2001 and the Intelligence Reform and Terrorism Prevention Act of 2004, to clarify certain definitions in the Foreign Intelligence Surveil-

lance Act of 1978, to provide additional investigative tools necessary to protect the national security, after receiving testimony from Valerie Caproni, General Counsel, Federal Bureau of Investigation, David S. Kris, former Associate Deputy Attorney General, and Daniel P. Collins, former Associate Deputy Attorney Chief Privacy Officer, all of the Department of Justice; and Joseph Onek, Constitution Project, and James X. Dempsey, Center for Democracy and Technology, both of Washington, D.C.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Measures Introduced: 57 public bills, H.R. 2560–2616; and 6 resolutions, H. Con. Res. 165–166; and H. Res. 294–297, were introduced.

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Additional Cosponsors:

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Reports Filed: Reports were filed on May 25 (Legislative day, May 24), 2005 as follows:

H. Res. 293, providing for consideration of H.R. 1815, to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2006 for military activities of the Department of Defense, to prescribe military personnel strengths for fiscal year 2006 (H. Rept. 109–96).

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

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Recess: The House recessed at 9:13 a.m. and reconvened at 10 a.m.

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Discharge Petition: Representative Marshall moved to discharge the Committee on Rules from the consideration of H. Res. 270, providing for the consideration of H.R. 303, to amend title 10, United States Code, to permit certain additional retired members of the Armed Forces who have a service-connected disability to receive both disability compensation from the Department of Veterans Affairs for their disability and either retired pay by reason of their years of military service or Combat-Related Special Compensation and to eliminate the phase-in period under current law with respect to such concurrent receipt (Discharge Petition No. 2).

Energy and Water Development and Related Agencies Appropriations Act for Fiscal Year 2006: The House passed H.R. 2419, making appropriations for energy and water development for the

fiscal year ending September 30, 2006, by a yeas-and-nays vote of 416 yeas to 13 nays, Roll No. 211.

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Rejected the Etheridge motion to recommit the bill to the Committee on Appropriations with instructions to report the same back to the House forthwith with an amendment, by a recorded vote of 167 yeas to 261 noes, Roll No. 210.

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Agreed to adopt the Hobson amendment in the House and the Committee of the Whole and that it be considered as original text for the purpose of further amendment.

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Agreed to:

Sanders amendment that increases funding for Energy Supply and Conservation;

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Markey amendment that prohibits the use of funds by the Nuclear Regulatory Commission to contract with or reimburse any Nuclear Regulatory Commission licensee or the Nuclear Energy Institute with respect to matters relating to the security of production facilities or utilization facilities; and

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Boehlert amendment that prohibits the use of funds to enter into an agreement obligating the U.S. to contribute funds to ITER before March 1, 2006.

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Rejected:

Markey amendment that sought to increase funding for Energy Supply and Conservation (by a recorded vote of 110 yeas to 312 noes, Roll No. 207);

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