

Measures Read First Time:	Pages S8133, S8144
Executive Communications:	Pages S8133–34
Additional Cosponsors:	Pages S8134–37
Statements on Introduced Bills/Resolutions:	Pages S8137–43
Additional Statements:	Pages S8131–33
Amendments Submitted:	Page S8143
Notices of Hearings/Meetings:	Page S8143
Authority for Committees to Meet:	Pages S8143–44
Privilege of the Floor:	Page S8144
Record Votes: Three record votes were taken today. (Total—176)	Pages S8110, S8130

Adjournment: Senate convened at 9:45 a.m., and adjourned at 6:09 p.m. until 9:30 a.m., on Wednesday, July 13, 2005. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today's Record on page S8145.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

STEM CELLS RESEARCH

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, Education, and Related Agencies concluded a hearing to examine alternative methods for deriving stem cells, focusing on a single cell technique without destruction of the embryo, and a related measure, H.R. 810, to amend the Public Health Service Act to provide for human embryonic stem cell research (pending on Senate calendar), after receiving testimony from James F. Battey, Director, National Institute on Deafness and Other Communication Disorders, and Chair, National Institutes of Health Stem Cell Task Force, Department of Health and Human Services; Robert Lanza, Advanced Cell Technology, Worcester, Massachusetts; Ronald M. Green, Director, Dartmouth College Ethics Institute, Hanover, New Hampshire; George Q. Daley, Harvard Medical School, Boston, Massachusetts, on behalf of the American Society for Cell Biology; and William B. Hurlbut, Stanford University, Stanford, California.

APPROPRIATIONS: LABOR/HHS/ EDUCATION

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, Education, and Related Agencies approved for full Committee consideration H.R. 3010, making appropriations for the Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, and Related Agencies for the fiscal year

ending September 30, 2006, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute.

DIGITAL TELEVISION TRANSITION

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Committee concluded hearings to examine issues concerning Digital Television (DTV) transition, after receiving testimony from Edward O. Fritts, National Association of Broadcasters, Kyle McSlarrow, National Cable and Telecommunications Association, Richard Slenker, DIRECTV, Inc., John M. Lawson, Association of Public Television Stations, Michael D. Kennedy, Motorola, Gene Kimmelman, Consumers Union, on behalf of Consumer Federation of America, and Michael Calabrese, New America Foundation, all of Washington, D.C.; Manuel Abud, KVEA-TV, Channel 52, Los Angeles, California, on behalf of Telemundo; Patrick Knorr, Sunflower Broadband, Lawrence, Kansas, on behalf of the American Cable Association; Harlin R. McEwen, Ithaca, New York, on behalf of the International Association of Chiefs of Police; Charles C. Townsend, Aloha Partners, LP, Rumford, Rhode Island; and Gary J. Shapiro, Consumer Electronics Association, Arlington, Virginia.

NOMINATIONS

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of Jill L. Sigal, of Wyoming, to be Assistant Secretary of Energy for Congressional and Intergovernmental Affairs, who was introduced by Senator Crapo; David R. Hill, of Missouri, to be General Counsel of the Department of Energy, and James A. Rispoli, of Virginia, to be Assistant Secretary of Energy for Environmental Management, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

WATER PROJECTS

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Subcommittee on Water and Power concluded a hearing to examine S. 49, to establish a joint Federal-State Floodplain and Erosion Mitigation Commission for the State of Alaska, S. 247, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to assist in the planning, design, and construction of the Tumalo Irrigation District Water Conservation Project in Deschutes County, Oregon, S. 648, to amend the Reclamation States Emergency Drought Relief Act of 1991 to extend the authority for drought assistance, S. 819, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to reallocate costs of the Pactola Dam and Reservoir, South Dakota, to reflect increased demands for municipal, industrial, and fish and wildlife purposes, S. 891, to extend the water service contract for the Ainsworth Unit, Sandhills Division, Pick-Sloan Missouri Basin

Program, Nebraska, and S. 1338, to require the Secretary of the Interior, acting through the Bureau of Reclamation and the United States Geological Survey, to conduct a study on groundwater resources in the State of Alaska, after receiving testimony from John W. Keys III, Commissioner, Bureau of Reclamation, and Leslie Holland-Bartels, U.S. Geological Survey, both of the Department of the Interior; Edgar Blatchford, Alaska Department of Community and Economic Development, Anchorage; and Elmer McDaniels, Tumalo Irrigation District, Bend, Oregon.

DIESEL EMISSIONS REDUCTION ACT

Committee on Environment and Public Works: Subcommittee on Clean Air, Climate Change, and Nuclear Safety concluded a hearing to examine S. 1265, to make grants and loans available to States and other organizations to strengthen the economy, public health, and environment of the United States by reducing emissions from diesel engines, after receiving testimony from Wayne Nastri, Regional Administrator, Region 9—Pacific Southwest Region, Environmental Protection Agency; Joseph P. Koncelik, Ohio Environmental Protection Agency, Columbus; Judge Margaret Keliher, Dallas County Commissioner's Court, Dallas, Texas; Michael S. Cross, Cummins, Inc., Columbus, Indiana; Conrad G. Schneider, Brunswick, Maine, on behalf of the Clean Air Task Force; Timothy J. Regan, Emissions Control Technology Association, Washington, D.C.; and Stuart Nemser, Compact Membrane Systems, Inc., Wilmington, Delaware.

NORTH AMERICAN BORDER SECURITY

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee concluded a hearing to examine North American cooperation on border security, after receiving testimony from Senators McCain, Cornyn, and Kennedy; Representative Harris; David V. Aguilar, Chief, U.S. Border Patrol, Customs and Border Protection, Department of Homeland Security; Perrin Beatty, Canadian Manufacturers and Exporters, Ottawa; and Jorge

Castaneda, former Foreign Minister of Mexico, Mexico City.

FEDERAL FINANCIAL REPORTING

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: Subcommittee on Federal Financial Management, Government Information, and International Security concluded an oversight hearing to examine truth and transparency in Federal financial reporting, focusing on challenges Federal agencies face in meeting the requirements of the Improper Payments Information Act of 2002, as well as incentives for improved reporting, and elimination of improper payments in the Federal government, after receiving testimony from McCoy Williams, Director, Financial Management and Assurance, Government Accountability Office; Linda M. Combs, Controller, Office of Federal Financial Management, Office of Management and Budget; Tim Hill, Director, Office of Financial Management, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, Department of Health and Human Services; and Kate Coler, Deputy Under Secretary of Agriculture, Food, Nutrition, and Consumer Services.

MUSIC LICENSING REFORM

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Intellectual Property held a hearing to examine music licensing reform issues, focusing on legal online music services, and equitable compensation of creators and copyright holders, receiving testimony from Marybeth Peters, Register of Copyrights, U.S. Copyright Office, Library of Congress; Rob Glaser, RealNetworks, Inc., Seattle, Washington, on behalf of the Digital Media Association; Rick Carnes, Songwriters' Guild of America, Nashville, Tennessee; Ismael Cuebas, Trans World Entertainment Corporation, Albany, New York, on behalf of the National Association of Recording Merchandisers; Glen Barros, Concord Music Group, Beverly Hills, California; Del R. Bryant, Broadcast Music, Inc., New York, New York; and David Israelite, National Music Publishers' Association, Washington, D.C.

Hearing recessed subject to the call.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 57 public bills, H.R. 3204–3260; 1 private bill, H.R. 3261; and 7 resolutions, H. Con. Res. 206–207; and H. Res. 356–360, were introduced. **Pages H5739–41**

Additional Cosponsors:

Pages H5741–42

Reports Filed: Reports were filed today as follows:

H.R. 2385, to make permanent the authority of the Secretary of Commerce to conduct the quarterly financial report program, amended (H. Rept.