

Record Votes: Three record votes were taken today. (Total—82) **Pages S2498, S2509 S2511**

Adjournment: Senate convened at 9:30 a.m., and adjourned at 8:11 p.m., until 9:30 a.m., on Thursday, March 30, 2006. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S2543.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

APPROPRIATIONS: DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE (AIR FORCE)

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Defense concluded a hearing to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2007 for the Air Force, after receiving testimony from Michael W. Wynne, Secretary, and General T. Michael Moseley, Chief of Staff, both of the United States Air Force, Department of Defense.

APPROPRIATIONS: VA

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Military Construction and Veterans' Affairs, and Related Agencies concluded a hearing to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2007 for Department of Veterans Affairs, after receiving testimony from R. James Nicholson, Secretary, Jonathan B. Perlin, Under Secretary for Health, Daniel L. Cooper, Under Secretary for Benefits, and William F. Tuerk, Under Secretary for Memorial Affairs, all of the Department of Veterans Affairs.

DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Emerging Threats and Capabilities concluded a hearing to examine the proposed defense authorization request for fiscal year 2007 and the future years defense program, focusing on the U.S. nonproliferation strategy and the roles and missions of the Department of Defense and the Department of Energy in nonproliferation, after receiving testimony from Peter C.W. Flory, Assistant Secretary of Defense for International Security Policy; General James E. Cartwright, USMC, Commander, U.S. Strategic Command; and Jerald S. Paul, Deputy Secretary of Energy for Nuclear Security and Administrator, National Nuclear Security Administration.

DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Strategic Forces concluded a hearing to examine the proposed defense authorization request for fiscal year, focusing on the Global Strike Plans and Programs, after receiving testimony from Peter C.W. Flory, As-

sistant Secretary of Defense for International Security Policy; General James E. Cartwright, USMC, Commander, U.S. Strategic Command; Rear Admiral Charles B. Young, USN, Director, Strategic Systems Programs, Department of the Navy; and Major General Stanley Gorenc, USAF, Director, Operational Capability Requirements, Deputy Chief of Staff for Air and Space Operations, Headquarters, U.S. Air Force.

DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Seapower concluded a hearing to examine the proposed defense authorization request for fiscal year 2007 and the future years defense program, focusing on the Navy/Marine Corps force structure and future capabilities, after receiving testimony from Vice Admiral Lewis W. Crenshaw, Jr., USN, Deputy Chief of Naval Operations for Resources, Requirements and Assessments; Lieutenant General Emerson N. Gardner, Jr., USMC, Deputy Commandant of the Marine Corps for Programs and Resources; Lieutenant General James N. Mattis, USMC, Deputy Commandant of the Marine Corps for Combat Development and Integration; and Rear Admiral Mark J. Edwards, USN, Director, Warfare Integration (N8F), Office of the Chief of Naval Operations.

EXPORT-IMPORT BANK REAUTHORIZATION

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: Subcommittee on International Trade and Finance concluded a hearing to examine the reauthorization of the U.S. Export-Import Bank, focusing on ways to improve the Bank's economic impact procedures, after receiving testimony from James H. Lambright, Acting President and Chairman, Export-Import Bank of the United States; Steven R. Appleton, Micron Technology, Inc., Boise, Idaho; and Thomas M. Sneeringer, United States Steel Corporation, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

BASIC RESEARCH IN COMPETITIVENESS

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Subcommittee on Technology, Innovation, and Competitiveness concluded a hearing to examine the importance of basic research to United States' competitiveness, focusing on the importance and priority of Federally-funded basic research, after receiving testimony from John Marburger III, Director, Office of Science and Technology Policy; Arden L. Bement, Jr., Director, National Science Foundation; William Jeffrey, Director, National Institute of Standards and Technology, Technology Administration, Department of Commerce; Steven Knapp, Johns Hopkins University, Baltimore, Maryland; Leonard J. Pietrafesa, North Carolina State University, Raleigh,

on behalf of National Ocean and Atmospheric Administration Science Advisory Board; Philip J. Ritter, Texas Instruments, Inc., Dallas; and Adam Drobot, Telcordia Technologies, Inc., Piscataway, New Jersey.

LAND BILLS

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Subcommittee on Public Lands and Forests concluded a hearing to examine S. 1056, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to convey to the City of Henderson, Nevada, certain Federal land located in the City, S. 1832, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to lease oil and gas resources underlying Fort Reno, Oklahoma, to establish the Fort Reno Management Fund, S. 2150, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to convey certain Bureau of Land Management Land to the City of Eugene, Oregon, S. 2373, to provide for the sale of approximately 132 acres of public land to the City of Green River, Wyoming, at fair market value, and H.R. 3507, to transfer certain land in Riverside County, California, and San Diego County, California, from the Bureau of Land Management to the United States to be held in trust for the Pechanga Band of Luiseno Mission Indians, after receiving testimony from Edward B. Knipling, Administrator, Agricultural Research Service, Department of Agriculture; and Lawrence E. Benna, Deputy Director, Bureau of Land Management, Department of the Interior.

CLEAN AIR

Committee on Environment and Public Works: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the impact of the elimination of methyl tertiary-butyl ether (MTBE) from gasoline, including regional imbalances in gasoline supply and demand and temporarily increased fuel prices, especially in the Mid-Atlantic and Northeast regions and Texas, after receiving testimony from Guy Caruso, Administrator, Energy Information Administration, Department of Energy; Robert J. Meyers, Associate Assistant Administrator, Office of Air and Radiation, Environmental Protection Agency; Bill Douglass, Douglass Distributing Company, Sherman, Texas, on behalf of the National Association of Convenience Stores and the Society of Independent Gasoline Marketers of America; and A. Blakeman Early, American Lung Association, and Bob Dinneen, Renewable Fuels Association, both of Washington, D.C.

U.S.-CHINA ECONOMIC RELATIONS

Committee on Finance: Committee held a hearing to examine U.S.-China economic relations revisited, focusing on U.S.-China trade relations entering a new phase in which greater accountability on China's part and greater enforcement on the Administration's part

are needed, receiving testimony from Karan K. Bhatia, Deputy U.S. Trade Representative, Office of the U.S. Trade Representative; Timothy D. Adams, Under Secretary of the Treasury for International Affairs; Franklin L. Lavin, Under Secretary of Commerce for International Trade Administration; Joseph S. Papovich, Recording Industry Association of America, John Frisbie, U.S.-China Business Council, and C. Fred Bergsten, Institute for International Economics, all of Washington, D.C.; Robert D. Hormats, Goldman Sachs International, New York, New York; and Gary Joachim, American Soybean Association, Owatona, Minnesota.

Hearings recessed subject to the call.

INDIAN SEPARATION PLAN

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee met in closed session to receive a briefing to examine United States-India atomic energy cooperation, focusing on the Indian separation plan and the Administration's related legislative proposal, S. 2429, to authorize the President to waive the application of certain requirements under the Atomic Energy Act of 1954 with respect to India, from R. Nicholas Burns, Under Secretary for Political Affairs, and Robert Joseph, Under Secretary for Arms Control and International Security, both of the Department of State.

U.S.-BURMA RELATIONS

Committee on Foreign Relations: Subcommittee on East Asian and Pacific Affairs concluded a hearing to examine United States-Burma relations, focusing on the current situation in Burma, Burma-India relations, and how Burma represents a new, non-traditional security threat to the region, after receiving testimony from Senator McConnell; Eric G. John, Deputy Assistant Secretary of State for Bureau of East Asian and Pacific Affairs; Michael J. Green, Center for Strategic and International Studies, Washington, D.C.; Sean Turnell, Macquarie University, Sydney, Australia; and Thin Thin Aung, Women's League of Burma, New Delhi, India.

NATION'S CAPITAL TERRORISM PREPAREDNESS

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 the status of strategic planning and readiness in the National Capital Region, focusing on efforts to improve and refine coordination efforts and the NCR strategic plan and implementation, after receiving testimony from Thomas Lockwood, Director, National Capital Region Coordination, Department of

Homeland Security; William O. Jenkins, Jr., Director, Homeland Security and Justice Issues, Government Accountability Office; Edward D. Reiskin, Deputy Mayor for Public Safety and Justice, District of Columbia; Robert P. Crouch, Jr., Assistant to the Governor of Virginia for Commonwealth Preparedness, Richmond; and Dennis R. Schrader, Director, Maryland Governor's Office of Homeland Security, Annapolis.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Indian Affairs: Committee ordered favorably reported the following bills:

S. 2078, to amend the Indian Gaming Regulatory Act to clarify the authority of the National Indian Gaming Commission to regulate class III gaming, to limit the lands eligible for gaming, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 1899, to amend the Indian Child Protection and Family Violence Prevention Act to identify and remove barriers to reducing child abuse, to provide for examinations of certain children, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 2245, to establish an Indian youth telemental health demonstration project; and

S. 1773, to resolve certain Native American claims in New Mexico, with an amendment.

NOMINATIONS

Committee on the Judiciary: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of Brian M. Cogan, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of New York, who was introduced by Senator Schumer, Michael Ryan Barrett, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of Ohio, who was introduced by Senators DeWine and Voinovich, and Thomas M. Golden, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania, who was introduced by Senator Santorum, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

REGULATION OF VIDEO GAMES

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on the Constitution, Civil Rights, and Property Rights concluded a hearing to examine state regulation of violent video games and the first amendment, after receiving testimony from Minnesota Representative Jeff Johnson, Minnesota House of Representatives, St. Paul; Elizabeth K. Carll, American Psychological Association, Long Island, New York; Dmitri Williams, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign Department of Speech Communication; David S. Bickham, Children's Hospital Boston and Harvard Medical School Center on Media and Child Health, Boston, Massachusetts; Patricia E. Vance, Entertainment Software Rating Board, New York, New York; Paul M. Smith, Jenner and Block LLP, Washington, D.C.; Kevin W. Saunders, Michigan State University College of Law, East Lansing; and Steve Strickland, Fayette, Alabama.

INTELLIGENCE

Select Committee on Intelligence: Committee met in closed session to receive a briefing on certain intelligence matters from officials of the intelligence community.

INVESTMENT FRAUD

Special Committee on Aging: Committee concluded a hearing to examine how seniors can stop investment fraud, focusing on the Investor Education Program of the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission, after receiving testimony from Susan Ferris Wyderko, Director, Office of Investor Education and Assistance, Acting Director, Division of Investment Management, U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission; Patricia D. Struck, North American Securities Administrators Association, Inc., Madison, Wisconsin; Elisse B. Walter, National Association of Securities Dealers (NASD), Washington, D.C.; Barry Minkow, Fraud Discovery Institute, San Diego, California; and Ruth Mitchell, Columbiana, Ohio.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 14 public bills, H.R. 5036–5049; and 8 resolutions, H. Con. Res. 366–370; and H. Res. 743–745 were introduced.

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Additional Cosponsors:

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Reports Filed: Reports were filed today as follows:

H.R. 3127, to impose sanctions against individuals responsible for genocide, war crimes, and crimes against humanity, to support measures for the protection of civilians and humanitarian operations, and to support peace efforts in the Darfur region of Sudan, with an amendment (H. Rept. 109–392, Pt. 2); and