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Adjournment: Senate convened at 9:30 a.m., and adjourned at 11:36 p.m., until 9:30 a.m., on Thursday, June 22, 2006. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S6322.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Armed Services: Committee ordered favorably reported the following business items:

S. 3237, to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2007 for the intelligence and intelligence-related activities of the United States Government, the Intelligence Community Management Account, and the Central Intelligence Agency Retirement and Disability System. (Committee approved a written report to accompany the bill.); and

A list of 3,741 nominations in the Army, Navy, Air Force, and Marine Corps.

FREIGHT RAILROAD INDUSTRY

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Subcommittee on Surface Transportation and Merchant Marine concluded a hearing to examine economics, service, and capacity in the freight railroad industry, after receiving testimony from JayEtta Z. Hecker, Director, Physical Infrastructure, Government Accountability Office; W. Douglas Buttrey, Chairman, Surface Transportation Board, Department of Transportation; Dale Schuler, National Association of Wheat Growers, Carter, Montana, on behalf of sundry organizations; Glenn English, National Rural Electric Cooperative Association, and John B. Ficker, National Industrial Transportation League, both of Arlington, Virginia; John L. McIntosh, Olin Corporation, Clayton, Missouri, on behalf of the American Chemistry Council; and Edward R. Hamberger, Association of American Railroads, Washington, D.C.

HEALTH INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Subcommittee on Technology, Innovation, and Competitiveness concluded a hearing to examine accelerating

the adoption of health information technology, focusing on efforts to improve efficiency, reduce medical errors, increase the quality of medical care, and provide better information for patients and physicians, after receiving testimony from former Representative Newt Gingrich, on behalf of the Center for Health Transformation; Carolyn M. Clancy, Director, Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality, Department of Health and Human Services; Mark Leavitt, Certification Commission for Healthcare Information Technology, Chicago, Illinois; John Halamka, Healthcare Information Technology Standards Panel, Boston, Massachusetts; Michael Raymer, GE Healthcare, Seattle, Washington; Kevin Hutchinson, SureScripts LLC, Alexandria, Virginia; and Terry Ragon, InterSystems Corporation, Cambridge, Massachusetts.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Committee ordered favorably reported the nominations of Philip D. Moeller, of Washington, and Jon Wellingshoff, of Nevada, each to be a Member of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission.

WILDLAND FIRE SUPPRESSION

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Subcommittee on Public Lands and Forests concluded a hearing to examine the Government Accountability Office report entitled "Wildland Fire Suppression—Lack of Clear Guidance Raises Concerns About Cost Sharing Between Federal and Nonfederal Entities" (GAO-06-570), after receiving testimony from Robert A. Robinson, Managing Director, Natural Resources and Environment, Government Accountability Office; Lynn Scarlett, Deputy Secretary of the Interior for Policy; Mark Rey, Under Secretary of Agriculture for Natural Resources and Environment; and Anne Heissenbuttel, National Association of State Foresters, Washington, D.C.

CHEMICAL SITE SECURITY

Committee on Environment and Public Works: Committee concluded a hearing to examine inherently safer technology in the context of chemical site security, focusing on the release of hazardous chemicals from industrial facilities and how to prevent such releases and to improve preparedness and response capabilities, after receiving testimony from Senator Biden; Lisa P. Jackson, New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection, Trenton; Dennis C. Hendershot, American Institute of Chemical Engineers, Furlong, Pennsylvania; Philip J. Crowley, Center for American Progress, Washington, D.C.; David A. Moore, Acutech Consulting Group, Alexandria, Virginia; and Charlie Cott, Missouri Farmers

Association, Columbia, on behalf of the Agricultural Retailers Association.

TREATY

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the United Nations Convention Against Corruption (the “Corruption Convention”), adopted by the United Nations General Assembly on October 31, 2003 (Treaty Doc. 109–06), after receiving testimony from Samuel M. Witten, Deputy Legal Adviser, Department of State; Bruce C. Swartz, Deputy Assistant Attorney General, Criminal Division, Department of Justice; and Alan P. Larson, Transparency International-USA, and William A. Reinsch, National Foreign Trade Council, both of Washington, D.C.

METHAMPHETAMINE TRAFFICKING

Committee on Foreign Relations: Subcommittee on International Economic Policy, Export and Trade Promotion and the Subcommittee on Western Hemisphere, Peace Corps and Narcotics Affairs concluded joint hearings to examine international methamphetamine trafficking, after receiving testimony from John P. Walters, Director, Office of National Drug Control Policy; Anne W. Patterson, Assistant Secretary of State for International Narcotics and Law Enforcement Affairs; and Karen P. Tandy, Administrator, Drug Enforcement Administration, Department of Justice.

FEDERAL RECOGNITION

Committee on Indian Affairs: Committee concluded a hearing to examine S. 480, to extend Federal recognition to the Chickahominy Indian Tribe, the Chickahominy Indian Tribe—Eastern Division, the Upper Mattaponi Tribe, the Rappahannock Tribe, Inc., the Monacan Indian Nation, and the Nansemond Indian Tribe, and S. 437, to expedite review of the Grand River Band of Ottawa Indians of Michigan to secure a timely and just determination of whether that group is entitled to recognition as a Federal Indian tribe, after receiving testimony from Senators Warner, Allen, and Levin; Representative James P. Moran; R. Lee Fleming, Director, Office of Federal Acknowledgment, Department of the Interior; Stephen R. Adkins, Chickahominy Indian Tribe, Charles City, Virginia; Helen C. Rountree, Old Dominion University, Norfolk, Virginia; Ron Yob, Grand River Bands of Ottawa Indians, Grand Rapids, Michigan; David Willerup, Westwood Reformed Church, Muskegon, Michigan; and Michael J. O’Connor, Virginia Petroleum, Convenience and Grocery Association, Richmond, Virginia.

COPYRIGHT PROTECTION

Committee on the Judiciary: Committee concluded a hearing to examine if Congress can protect copyright and promote innovation relating to the analog hole, focusing on the technology gap known as the analog hole that creates a disconnect between the analog past and the digital future, after receiving testimony from LeVar Burton, Directors Guild of America, Los Angeles, California; Dan Glickman, Motion Picture Association of America, Gary J. Shapiro, Consumer Electronics Association and Home Recording Rights Coalition, and Gigi B. Sohn, Public Knowledge, all of Washington, D.C.; Chris Cookson, Warner Bros. Entertainment, Inc., Burbank, California; and Matthew Zinn, TiVo Inc., Alviso, California.

VOTING RIGHTS ACT REAUTHORIZATION

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on the Constitution, Civil Rights, and Property Rights held a hearing to examine policy and perspectives and views from the field regarding reauthorizing the Voting Rights Act, receiving testimony from Gerald A. Reynolds, Chairman, U.S. Commission on Civil Rights; Donald M. Wright, North Carolina State Board of Elections, Raleigh; John J. Park, Jr., Office of the Attorney General of Alabama, Montgomery; Debo P. Adebile, NAACP Legal Defense and Educational Fund, Inc., New York, New York; David T. Canon, University of Wisconsin Department of Political Science, Madison; and Carol M. Swain, Vanderbilt University, Nashville, Tennessee.

Hearing recessed subject to the call.

NOMINATION

Committee on the Judiciary: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nomination of Neil M. Gorsuch, of Colorado, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Tenth Circuit, after the nominee, who was introduced by Senators Allard and Salazar, testified and answered questions on his own behalf.

NOMINATION

Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nomination of Steven C. Preston, of Illinois, to be Administrator of the Small Business Administration, after the nominee, who was introduced by Senator Durbin, testified and answered questions on his own behalf.

BUSINESS MEETING

Select Committee on Intelligence: Committee met in closed session to consider pending intelligence matters.

Committee recessed subject to the call.

MANAGING RETIREMENT ASSETS

Special Committee on Aging: Committee concluded a hearing to examine ways to ensure that seniors do not outlive their savings and efforts to manage retirement assets, focusing on consumer preparedness, risks in retirement, stock market volatility, and the

value of annuities, after receiving testimony from Ben Stein, Los Angeles, California, on behalf of the National Retirement Planning Coalition; C. Robert Henrikson, MetLife, Inc., Long Island City, New York; Stephen P. Utkus, Vanguard Center for Retirement Research, Valley Forge, Pennsylvania; and Leroy Gilbertson, AARP, Washington, D.C.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 13 public bills, H.R. 5655–5667; and 4 resolutions, H. Con. Res. 431; and H. Res. 882–884 were introduced. **Pages H4423–24**

Additional Cosponsors: **Page H4424**

Reports Filed: Reports were filed today as follows:

H. Res. 885, providing for consideration of H.R. 5638, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to increase the unified credit against the estate tax to an exclusion equivalent of \$5,000,000 and to repeal the sunset provision for the estate and generation-skipping taxes (H. Rept. 109–517); and

H. Res. 886, providing for consideration of H.R. 4890, to amend the Congressional and Impoundment Control Act of 1974 to provide for the expedited consideration of certain proposed rescissions of budget authority (H. Rept. 109–518). **Page H4423**

Chaplain: The prayer was offered by the guest Chaplain, Father Luke Palumbis, St. Basil Greek Orthodox Church, Stockton, California. **Page H4331**

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

Amending the Federal Financial Assistance Management Improvement Act of 1999 to require data with respect to Federal financial assistance to be available for public access in a searchable and user friendly form: H.R. 5060, amended, to amend the Federal Financial Assistance Management Improvement Act of 1999 to require data with respect to Federal financial assistance to be available for public access in a searchable and user friendly form; **Pages H4335–38**

Second Higher Education Extension Act of 2006: H.R. 5603, to temporarily extend the programs under the Higher Education Act of 1965; **Pages H4338–40**

Senior Independence Act of 2006: H.R. 5293, amended, to amend the Older Americans Act of

1965 to authorize appropriations for fiscal years 2007 through 2011; **Pages H4340–57**

Recognizing the Food and Drug Administration of the Department of Health and Human Services on the occasion of the 100th anniversary of the passage of the Food and Drugs Act for the important service it provides to the Nation: H. Con. Res. 426, amended, to recognize the Food and Drug Administration of the Department of Health and Human Services on the occasion of the 100th anniversary of the passage of the Food and Drugs Act for the important service it provides to the Nation; **Pages H4357–59**

Health Centers Renewal Act of 2006: H.R. 5573, to amend the Public Health Service Act to provide additional authorizations of appropriations for the health centers program under section 330 of such Act, by a (2/3) yea-and-nay vote of 424 yeas to 3 nays, Roll No. 306; and **Pages H4359–65, H4371–72**

Children's Hospital GME Support Reauthorization Act of 2006: H.R. 5574, amended, to amend the Public Health Service Act to reauthorize support for graduate medical education programs in children's hospitals, by a (2/3) yea-and-nay vote of 421 yeas to 4 nays, Roll No. 307. **Pages H4365–68, H4372**

Suspensions—Proceedings Postponed: The House completed debate on the following measure under suspension of the rules. Further consideration of the measure is expected to resume tomorrow, Thursday, June 22nd:

Supporting efforts to increase childhood cancer awareness, treatment, and research: H. Res. 323, amended, to support efforts to increase childhood cancer awareness, treatment, and research. **Pages H4368–71**

Recess: The House recessed at 1:28 p.m. and reconvened at 2:30 p.m. **Page H4371**

Quorum Calls—Votes: Two yea-and-nay votes developed during the proceedings today and appear on