

Statements on Introduced Bills/Resolutions:**Pages S8612–29****Additional Statements:****Pages S8606–08****Amendments Submitted:****Pages S8629–65****Authorities for Committees to Meet:****Pages S8665–66****Privileges of the Floor:****Pages S8666–67**

Record Votes: Three record votes were taken today. (Total—222) **Pages S8581, S8598, S8599**

Adjournment: Senate convened at 9:30 a.m., and adjourned at 8:06 p.m., until 9:30 a.m., on Thursday, August 3, 2006. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today's Record on page S8669.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

FOREST EMERGENCY RECOVERY AND RESEARCH ACT

Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry: Subcommittee on Forestry, Conservation, and Rural Revitalization concluded a hearing to examine H.R. 4200, to improve the ability of the Secretary of Agriculture and the Secretary of the Interior to promptly implement recovery treatments in response to catastrophic events affecting Federal lands under their jurisdiction, including the removal of dead and damaged trees and the implementation of reforestation treatments, to support the recovery of non-Federal lands damaged by catastrophic events, to revitalize Forest Service experimental forests, after receiving testimony from Lynn Scarlett, Deputy Secretary of the Interior; Mark Rey, Under Secretary of Agriculture for Natural Resources and Environment; Oregon State Senator Charlie Ringo, Beaverton; Alan Thompson, Ravalli County Commissioner, Hamilton, Montana, on behalf of the National Association of Counties; Sue Kupillas, Communities for Healthy Forests, Roseburg, Oregon; Jim Crouch, Jim Crouch and Associates, Russellville, Arkansas, on behalf of Ouachita Timber Purchasers Group, Ozark-St. Francis Renewable Resource Council, and the Lake States Federal Timber Purchasers Group; John A. Helms, University of California, Berkeley, on behalf of the Society of American Foresters; James R. Karr, University of Washington, Seattle; Robert L. Krepps, St. Louis County Land Commissioner, Duluth, Minnesota; and Leah W. MacSwords, Kentucky State Forester, Frankfort, on behalf of the National Association of State Foresters.

CAPITOL VISITOR CENTER

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Legislative Branch resumed hearings to examine the progress of Capitol Visitor Center construction, receiving testimony from Alan M. Hantman, Architect, and Doug Jacobs, Capitol Visitor Center Project Architect, both of the Office of the Architect of the Capitol; and Bernard L. Ungar, Director, and Terrell Dorn, Director, both of Physical Infrastructure Issues, Government Accountability Office.

Hearing recessed subject to the call.

MILITARY COMMISSIONS: HAMDAN V. RUMSFELD

Committee on Armed Services: Committee concluded hearings to examine the status of military commissions in light of the Supreme Court decision in Hamdan v. Rumsfeld, after receiving testimony from Alberto R. Gonzales, Attorney General of the United States, Department of Justice; and Gordon R. England, Deputy Secretary of Defense.

OVERHEAD IMAGERY SYSTEMS

Committee on Armed Services: Committee met in closed session to discuss overhead imagery systems.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: Committee ordered favorably reported an original bill to improve ratings quality for the protection of investors and in the public interest by fostering accountability, transparency, and competition in the credit rating agency industry.

VETERANS' HOUSING NEEDS

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: Subcommittee on Housing and Transportation concluded a hearing to examine Federal and local efforts to meet the housing needs of veterans, after receiving testimony from Mark Johnston, Acting Deputy Assistant Secretary of Housing and Urban Development for Special Needs; Keith Pedigo, Director, Loan Guaranty Service, and Peter H. Dougherty, Director, Homeless Veterans Programs, both of the Department of Veterans Affairs; Cheryl Beversdorf, National Coalition for Homeless Veterans, Washington, D.C.; and Barbara Banaszynski, Volunteers of America, Louisville, Kentucky.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Committee ordered favorably reported the nominations of Charles D. Nottingham, of Virginia, to be a Member of the Surface Transportation Board, and Sean T. Connaughton, of Virginia, to be Administrator of the Maritime Administration, both of the Department of Transportation, Robert L. Sumwalt

III, of South Carolina, to be a Member of the National Transportation Safety Board, Jay M. Cohen, of New York, to be Under Secretary of Homeland Security for Science and Technology, Nathaniel F. Wienecke, of New York, to be an Assistant Secretary of Commerce, and a promotion list for National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration.

CHEMICALS MANAGEMENT PROGRAM

Committee on Environment and Public Works: Committee concluded an oversight hearing to examine the implementation of the Toxic Substances Control Act and the chemicals management program of the Environmental Protection Agency, after receiving testimony from James B. Gulliford, Assistant Administrator, Office of Prevention, Pesticides and Toxic Substances, Environmental Protection Agency; John B. Stephenson, Director, Natural Resources and Environment, Government Accountability Office; William K. Rawson, Latham and Watkins, LLP, and Gail Charnley, HealthRisk Strategies, both of Washington, D.C.; Lynn R. Goldman, Johns Hopkins University Bloomberg School of Public Health, Baltimore, Maryland; Michael P. Walls, American Chemistry Council, Arlington, Virginia; Michael P. Wilson, University of California Center for Occupational and Environmental Health, Berkeley.

BORDER SECURITY

Committee on Finance: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the effectiveness of United States Customs and Border Protection in screening entrants into the United States at land border crossings, after receiving testimony from Gregory D. Kutz, Managing Director, Forensic Audits and Special Investigations, Government Accountability Office; Jayson P. Ahern, Assistant Commissioner, Office of Field Operations, U.S. Customs and Border Protection, and Michael Everitt, Unit Chief, Forensic Document Laboratory, Immigrations and Customs Enforcement, both of the Department of Homeland Security; Janice Kephart, 9/11 Security Solutions, Alexandria, Virginia; C. David Shepherd, Venetian Resort Hotel, Las Vegas, Nevada; R. Bruce Reeves, AssureTec Systems, Inc., Manchester, New Hampshire; and Scott Carr, Digimarc Corporation, Beaverton, Oregon.

NOMINATION

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nomination of John C. Rood, of Arizona, to be an Assistant Secretary of State for International Security and Non-Proliferation, after the nominee, who was introduced by Senator Cochran, testified and answered questions in his own behalf.

IRAQ RECONSTRUCTION

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the status of Iraq reconstruction, focusing on contracting and procurement issues, after receiving testimony from Stuart W. Bowen, Jr., Special Inspector General for Iraq Reconstruction.

NOMINATIONS

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: Committee ordered favorably reported the nominations of Carmel Borders, of Kentucky, Donald D. Deshler, of Kansas, and Timothy Shanahan, of Illinois, each to be a Member of the National Institute for Literacy Advisory Board, Mark R. Abbott, of Oregon, John T. Bruer, of Missouri, Patricia D. Gallo-way, of Washington, Jose-Marie Griffiths, of Pennsylvania, Karl Hess, of Illinois, Thomas N. Taylor, of Kansas, and Richard F. Thompson, of California, each to be a Member of the National Science Board, National Science Foundation, Josiah Bunting III, of Rhode Island, Robert S. Martin, of Texas, Wilfred M. McClay, of Tennessee, Manfredi Piccolomini, of New York, Kenneth R. Weinstein, of the District of Columbia, Mary Habeck, of Maryland, and Jay Winik, of Maryland, each to be a Member of the National Council on the Humanities, Victoria Ray Carlson, of Iowa, Chad Colley, of Florida, Lisa Mattheiss, of Tennessee, and John R. Vaughn, of Florida, each to be a Member of the National Council on Disability, Katherine M.B. Berger, of Virginia, Karen Brosius, of South Carolina, Ioannis N. Miaoulis, of Massachusetts, Christina Orr-Cahall, of Florida, and Kevin Owen Starr, of California, each to be a Member of the National Museum and Library Services Board, Arthur F. Rosenfeld, of Virginia, to be Federal Mediation and Conciliation Director, and Wilma B. Liebman, of the District of Columbia, to be a Member, Peter Schaumber, of the District of Columbia, to be a Member, and Ronald E. Meisburg, of Virginia, to be General Counsel, all of the National Labor Relations Board.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Indian Affairs: Committee ordered favorably reported the following bills: S. 374, to provide compensation to the Lower Brule and Crow Creek Sioux Tribes of South Dakota for damage to tribal land caused by Pick-Sloan projects along the Missouri River, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 660, to provide for the acknowledgement of the Lumbee Tribe of North Carolina; and

S. 1535, to amend the Cheyenne River Sioux Tribe Equitable Compensation Act to provide compensation to members of the Cheyenne River Sioux

Tribe for damage resulting from the Oahe Dam and Reservoir Project, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute.

WAR CRIME PROVISIONS

Committee on the Judiciary: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the authority to prosecute terrorists under the war crime provisions of Title 18, including S. 2453 to establish procedures for the review of electronic surveillance programs, and S. 2455, to provide in statute for the conduct of electronic surveillance of suspected terrorists for the purposes of protecting the American people, the Nation, and its interests from terrorist attack while ensuring that the civil liberties of United States citizens are safeguarded, after receiving testimony from Steven G. Bradbury, Acting Assistant Attorney General, Office of Legal Counsel, Department of Justice; General Richard B. Myers, former Chairman, Joint Chiefs of Staff; and Major General Scott C. Black, USA, Judge Advocate General, United States Army; Rear Admiral Bruce MacDonald, USN, Judge Advocate General, United States Navy; Major General Jack L. Rives, USAF, Judge Advocate General, United States Air Force; and Brigadier General Kevin M. Sandkuhler, USMC, Staff Judge Advocate to the Commandant, United States Marine Corps.

ATTORNEY'S FEES

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on the Constitution, Civil Rights, and Property Rights concluded a hearing to examine efforts to create a fair standard for attorney's fee awards in establishment clause cases, focusing on S. 3696, to amend the Revised Statutes of the United States to prevent the use of the legal system in a manner that extorts money from State and local governments, and the Federal Government, and inhibits such governments' constitutional actions under the first, tenth, and fourteenth amendments, after receiving testimony from Rees Lloyd, American Legion, Banning, California; Marc D. Stern, American Jewish Congress, New York, New York; Mathew D. Staver, Liberty University School of Law, Lynchburg, Virginia; Melissa Rogers, Wake Forest University Divinity School, Winston-Salem, North Carolina; and Shannon Demos Woodruff, American Center for Law and Justice, Virginia Beach, Virginia.

BUSINESS MEETING

Select Committee on Intelligence: Committee met in closed session and ordered favorably reported the nomination of Randall M. Fort, of Virginia, to be an Assistant Secretary of State for Intelligence and Research.

Committee recessed until Thursday, August 3.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 1 public bill, H.R. 6027; and 1 resolution, H. Con. Res. 467 were introduced. **Page H6241**

Additional Cosponsors: **Page H6242**

Reports Filed: There were no reports filed today.

Speaker: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he appointed Representative Davis, Tom of Virginia to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. **Page H6239**

Summer District Work Period: The House agreed to H. Con. Res. 467, providing for a conditional adjournment of the House of Representatives and a conditional recess or adjournment of the Senate. **Page H6239**

Meeting Hour: Agreed that when the House adjourns today, it stand adjourned until 4 p.m. on Friday, August 4, 2006, unless it sooner has received a message from the Senate transmitting its concur-

rence in H. Con. Res. 467, in which case, the House will stand adjourned pursuant to that concurrent resolution. **Pages H6239-40**

Senate Messages: Message received from the Senate today and message received from the Senate by the Clerk and subsequently presented to the House today appear on pages H6239, H6240.

Senate Referral: S. 2146 was referred to the Committee on Government Reform; S. 707 was referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce; and S. 3741 and S. Con. Res. 113 were held at the desk. **Page H6240**

Quorum Calls—Votes: There were no yea and nay votes, and there were no recorded votes. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 11 a.m. and adjourned at 11:08 a.m., the House stands adjourned until 4 p.m. on Friday, August 4, 2006, unless it