

Messages From the President: Senate received the following message from the President of the United States:

Transmitting a draft of proposed legislation entitled “Military Commissions Act of 2006”; which was referred to the Committee on Armed Services. (PM–55) **Pages S9038–39**

Nominations Received: Senate received the following nomination:

Robert K. Steel, of Connecticut, to be an Under Secretary of the Department of the Treasury.

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Record Votes: Three record votes were taken today. (Total—234) **Pages S8996, S9034, S9035**

Recess: Senate convened at 9:45 a.m., and recessed at 9:25 p.m., until 9:30 a.m., on Thursday, September 7, 2006. (For Senate’s program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today’s Record on page S9066.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

STEM CELL RESEARCH

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, Education, and Related Agencies concluded a hearing to examine recent controversies in stem cell research, after receiving testimony from James F. Battey, Chairman, National Institutes of Health Stem Cell Task Force; Robert Lanza, Advanced Cell Technology, Inc., Worcester, Massachusetts; Ronald M. Green, Dartmouth College, Hanover, New Hampshire; and Kevin Eggan, Harvard University, Cambridge, Massachusetts.

ARMY FIELD MANUAL ON INTERROGATION

Committee on Armed Services: Committee met in closed session to receive a briefing regarding the Army Field Manual on Interrogation from Stephen A. Cambone, Under Secretary for Intelligence, Lieutenant General John F. Kimmons, USA, Deputy Chief of Staff, G–2, Office of the Chief of Staff of the

Army, and Cully Stimson, Deputy Assistant Secretary for Detainee Affairs, all of the Department of Defense.

STOCK OPTIONS

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: Committee concluded a hearing to examine Federal accounting and regulation of stock options backdating, after receiving testimony from Christopher Cox, Chairman, U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission; Mark W. Olson, Public Company Accounting Oversight Board, Washington, D.C.; Erik Lie, University of Iowa Henry B. Tippie College of Business, Iowa City; Lynn E. Turner, Glass, Lewis and Co. LLC, San Francisco, California; Kurt N. Schacht, CFA Centre for Financial Market Integrity, Charlottesville, North Carolina; and Russell Read, California Public Employees’ Retirement System, Sacramento.

FEDERAL RENEWABLE FUELS PROGRAM

Committee on Environment and Public Works: Committee concluded an oversight hearing to examine the implementation of the federal renewable fuels programs, after receiving testimony from William Wehrum, Acting Assistant Administrator, Office of Air and Radiation, Environmental Protection Agency; Alexander Karsner, Assistant Secretary of Energy for Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy; and Keith Collins, Chief Economist, Department of Agriculture.

EXECUTIVE COMPENSATION

Committee on Finance: Committee concluded a hearing to examine current issues regarding executive compensation, including backdating of stock options, and tax treatment of executive compensation, retirement and benefits, after receiving testimony from Paul J. McNulty, Deputy Attorney General, Department of Justice; Mark Everson, Commissioner, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury; Linda Thomsen, Director, Division of Enforcement, U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission; Nell Minow, The Corporate Library, Portland, Maine; Lucian A. Bebchuk, Harvard Law School, Cambridge, Massachusetts; Charles M. Elson, University of Delaware Lerner College of Business and Economics, Newark; and Steven Balsam, Temple University Fox School of Business, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

GROUP HEALTH CARE

Committee on the Judiciary: Committee concluded a hearing to examine competition in group health care, focusing on enforcement actions and competition advocacy to protect and promote competition in health care markets, after receiving testimony from Senator

Coburn; J. Bruce McDonald, Deputy Assistant Attorney General, Antitrust Division, Department of Justice; David P. Wales, Deputy Director, Bureau of Competition, Federal Trade Commission; Mark A. Piasio, Pennsylvania Medical Society, Harrisburg; Edward L. Langston, American Medical Association, Chicago, Illinois; Stephanie W. Kanwit, America's Health Insurance Plans, Washington, D.C.; and David A. Hyman, University of Illinois Epstein Program in Health Law and Policy, Champaign.

NOMINATIONS

Committee on the Judiciary: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of Kent A. Jordan, of Delaware, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Third Circuit, who was introduced by Senators Biden and Carper and Representative Castle;

Marcia Morales Howard, to be United States District Judge for the Middle District of Florida, who was introduced by Senator Martinez; John Alfred Jarvey, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of Iowa, who was introduced by Senators Harkin and Grassley; and Sara Elizabeth Lioi, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of Ohio, who was introduced by Senators DeWine and Voinovich, after each nominee testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

INTELLIGENCE

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

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 11 public bills, H.R. 6028–6038; and 5 resolutions, H. Con. Res. 468 and H. Res. 980, 982–984, were introduced.

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Additional Cosponsors:

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Reports Filed: Reports were filed today as follows:

Report entitled “al-Qaeda: The Many Faces of an Islamic Extremist Threat” (H. Rept. 109–615);

Brownfields: What Will It Take To Turn Lost Opportunities Into America's Gain? (H. Rept. 109–616);

H.R. 503, to amend the Horse Protection Act to prohibit the shipping, transporting, moving, delivering, receiving, possessing, purchasing, selling, or donation of horses and other equines to be slaughtered for human consumption, with an amendment (H. Rept. 109–617, Pt. 1), adversely;

H.R. 138, to revise the boundaries of John H. Chafee Coastal Barrier Resources System Jekyll Island Unit GA–06P, with an amendment (H. Rept. 109–618);

H.R. 383, to designate the Ice Age Floods National Geologic Trail, with amendments (H. Rept. 109–619);

H.R. 479, to replace a Coastal Barrier Resources System map relating to Coastal Barrier Resources System Grayton Beach Unit FL–95P in Walton County, Florida, with an amendment (H. Rept. 109–620);

H.R. 631, to provide for acquisition of subsurface mineral rights to land owned by the Pascua Yaqui Tribe and land held in trust for the Tribe (H. Rept. 109–621);

H.R. 1796, to amend the National Trails System Act to designate the route of the Mississippi River from its headwaters in the State of Minnesota to the Gulf of Mexico for study for potential addition to the National Trails System as a national scenic trail, national historic trail, or both (H. Rept. 109–622);

H.R. 2069, to authorize the exchange of certain land in Grand and Uintah Counties, Utah (H. Rept. 109–623);

H.R. 2110, to provide for a study of options for protecting the open space characteristics of certain lands in and adjacent to the Arapaho and Roosevelt National Forests in Colorado, with an amendment (H. Rept. 109–624);

H.R. 2334, to amend the Reclamation Wastewater and Groundwater Study and Facilities Act to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to participate in the design, planning, and construction of permanent facilities for the GREAT project to reclaim, reuse, and treat impaired waters water in the area of Oxnard, California, with an amendment (H. Rept. 109–625);

H.R. 3350, to amend the Native American Business Development, Trade Promotion, and Tourism Act of 2000 to establish the Tribal Development Corporation Feasibility Study Group (H. Rept. 109–626);