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Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

Bradley Udall, of Colorado, to be a Member of the Board of Trustees of the Morris K. Udall Scholarship and Excellence in National Environmental Policy Foundation for a term expiring October 6, 2012.

P. Robert Fannin, of Arizona, to be Ambassador to the Dominican Republic.

William Raymond Steiger, of Wisconsin, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Mozambique.

Douglas Menarchik, of Texas, to be an Assistant Administrator of the United States Agency for International Development.

Howard Charles Weizmann, of Maryland, to be Deputy Director of the Office of Personnel Management.

Routine lists in the Air Force, Army, Foreign Service, Navy. **Pages S401–04**

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Record Votes: Three record votes were taken today. (Total—4) **Pages S324–25, S343–44, S344**

Adjournment: Senate convened at 9:30 a.m., and adjourned at 6:07 p.m., until 9:30 a.m., on Thursday, January 11, 2006. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S401.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

NATIONAL ENERGY SECURITY

Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry: Committee concluded a hearing to examine agriculture and rural America's role in enhancing national energy security, after receiving testimony from Keith Collins, Chief Economist, Department of Agriculture; Philip Sharp, Resources for the Future, Washington, D.C.; J. Read Smith, 25x'25 Renew-

able Energy Alliance, St. John, Washington; Michael Pacheco, National Renewable Energy Laboratory, Golden, Colorado; Ron Miller, Aventine Renewable Energy, LLC, Pekin, Illinois, on behalf of the Renewable Fuels Association; Roger P. Webb, Georgia Institute of Technology, Atlanta; Gene Gourley, on behalf of the National Pork Producers Council and the Iowa Pork Producers Association, Webster City; Loni Kemp, Minnesota Project, Canton; and John Sellers, Iowa State Soil Conservation Committee, Corydon.

SOMALIA

Committee on Armed Services: Committee met in closed session to receive a briefing regarding United States military action in Somalia from Theresa Whelan, Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense; Janila Howard, Analyst, East Africa Counter-Terrorism, Defense Intelligence Agency; and Brigadier General Otis G. Mannon, USAF, Deputy Director for Special Operations, J-3 Operations Directorate, Joint Chiefs of Staff.

GEOPOLITICS OF OIL

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Committee held a hearing to examine global oil supplies and what it means for United States economic and national security, focusing on U.S. dependence on imported oil, the rapid growth in oil consumption in emerging economies such as China and India and the impact on U.S. energy security, how political stability in the Middle East could affect future oil supplies, and the implications of recent developments in the Russian energy sector for U.S. and global energy security, receiving testimony from General Charles F. Wald, USAF (Ret.), former Deputy Commander, United States European Command, Member, Energy Security Leadership Council, Linda G. Stuntz, Stuntz, Davis, and Staffier, on behalf of the Council on Foreign Relations Independent Task Force, Flynt Leverett, New America Foundation, all of Washington, D.C.; Robert D. Hormats, Goldman Sachs (International), New York, New York; and Fatih Birol, International Energy Agency, Paris, France.

Hearing recessed subject to the call.

BUSINESS TAX INCENTIVES

Committee on Finance: Committee concluded a hearing to examine tax incentives for businesses in response to a minimum wage increase, after receiving testimony from Jared Bernstein, Economic Policy Institute, Washington, D.C.; Joseph J. Sabia, University of Georgia Department of Housing and Consumer Economics, Athens; Matthew F. Kadish, Small Business Council of America, Cleveland, Ohio; Dave

Ratner, Dave's Soda and Pet City, Agawam, Massachusetts, on behalf of the National Retail Federation; and Bruce G. Obenour, Akwen, LTD, Akron, Ohio.

IRAQ

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee concluded a hearing to examine securing America's interests and the current situation in Iraq, after receiving testimony from Michael O'Hanlon, Brookings Institution, Paul R. Pillar, Georgetown University, and Phebe Marr, all of Washington, D.C.; and Yahia Khairi Said, London School of Economics, London, United Kingdom.

HEALTH CARE COVERAGE

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: Committee concluded a hearing to examine challenges and opportunities relating to health care for all Americans, after receiving testimony from Peter Meade, Blue Cross Blue Shield of Massachusetts, and John McDonough, Health Care for All, both of Boston, Massachusetts; Karen Davis, Commonwealth Fund, New York, New York; Debra Ness, National Partnership for Women and Families, Andy Stern, Service Employees International Union, Larry Burton, Business Roundtable, Peter Harbage, New America Foundation, Joseph R. Antos, American Enterprise Institute, and John C. Goodman, National

Center for Policy Analysis, all of Washington, D.C.; and Pat Vredevoogd Combs, National Association of Realtors, Grand Rapids, Michigan.

GOVERNMENT DATA MINING PROGRAMS

Committee on the Judiciary: Committee concluded a hearing to examine balancing privacy and security, focusing on the privacy implications of government data mining programs, including proposed legislation to prevent and mitigate identity theft, to ensure privacy, to provide notice of security breaches, and to enhance criminal penalties, law enforcement assistance, and other protections against security breaches, fraudulent access, and misuse of personally identifiable information, after receiving testimony from former Representative Barr; Jim Harper, CATO Institute, Leslie Harris, Center for Democracy and Technology, and James Jay Carafano, Heritage Foundation, all of Washington, DC; and Kim A. Taipale, Center for Advanced Studies in Science and Technology Policy, New York, New York.

BUSINESS MEETING

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

Committee recessed subject to the call.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 39 public bills, H.R. 361–399; and 15 resolutions, H. Con. Res. 22–29; and H. Res. 45–51 were introduced.

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Additional Cosponsors:

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Reports Filed: There were no reports filed today.

Speaker: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein she appointed Representative Hastings of Florida to act as Speaker Pro Tempore for today.

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Committee Elections: The House agreed to H. Res. 45, electing the following Members and the Resident Commissioner of the Minority to serve on certain committees of the House of Representatives: Committee on Agriculture: Representatives Everett, Lucas, Moran (KS), Hayes, Johnson (IL), Graves, Bonner, Rogers (AL), King (IA), Musgrave, Neugebauer, Boustany, Kuhl (NY), Foxx, Conaway, Fortenberry, Schmidt, Smith (NE), McCarthy (CA),

and Walberg. Committee on Armed Services: Representatives Saxton, McHugh, Everett, Bartlett (MD), McKeon, Thornberry, Jones (NC), Hayes, Calvert, Jo Ann Davis (VA), Akin, Forbes, Miller (FL), Wilson (SC), LoBiondo, Cole (OK), Bishop (UT), Turner, Kline, Miller (MI), Gingrey, Rogers (AL), Franks (AZ), Drake, McMorris Rodgers, Conaway, and Davis (KY). Committee on Education and Labor: Representatives Petri, Hoekstra, Castle, Souder, Ehlers, Biggert, Platts, Keller, Wilson (SC), Kline, Inglis (SC), McMorris Rodgers, Marchant, Price (GA), Fortuño, Boustany, Foxx, Kuhl (NY), Bishop (UT), David Davis (TN), and Walberg. Committee on Energy and Commerce: Representatives Hall, Hastert, Upton, Stearns, Deal (GA), Whitfield, Norwood, Cubin, Shimkus, Wilson (NM), Shadegg, Pickering, Fossella, Buyer, Radanovich, Pitts, Bono, Walden (OR), Terry, Ferguson, Rogers (MI), Myrick, Sullivan, Murphy, and Burgess. Committee on Financial Services: Representatives Baker, Pryce (OH), Castle, King (NY), Royce, Lucas, Paul, Gillmor, LaTourette, Manzullo, Jones (NC), Biggert,