

States District Judge for the Southern District of New York.

Joseph S. Van Bokkelen, of Indiana, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of Indiana.

By 94 yeas 4 nays (Vote No. EX. 236), Lt. Gen. Douglas E. Lute U.S. Army. **Pages S8662–66, S8670–73, S8720–23, S8727–30**

Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

Donald B. Marron, of Maryland, to be a Member of the Council of Economic Advisers.

Brent T. Wahlquist, of Pennsylvania, to be Director of the Office of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement.

Christopher Egan, of Massachusetts, to be Representative of the United States of America to the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development, with the rank of Ambassador.

Reed Verne Hillman, of Massachusetts, to be United States Marshal for the District of Massachusetts for the term of four years.

Thomas M. Beck, of Virginia, to be a Member of the Federal Labor Relations Authority for a term expiring July 29, 2012.

1 Air Force nomination in the rank of general.

1 Marine Corps nomination in the rank of general.

1 Navy nomination in the rank of admiral.

Routine lists in the Navy. **Pages S8724–27**

Nomination Withdrawn: Senate received notification of withdrawal of the following nomination:

John Ray Correll, of Indiana, to be Director of the Office of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement, which was sent to the Senate on January 9, 2007. **Page S8730**

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Record Votes: Four record votes were taken today. (Total—238) **Pages S8650–51, S8670–71, S8672, S8672–73**

Adjournment: Senate convened at 9:30 a.m. and adjourned at 7:04 p.m., until 9:45 a.m. on Friday, June 29, 2007. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today's Record on page S8724.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Appropriations: Committee ordered favorably reported the following:

H.R. 2764, making appropriations for Department of States, foreign operations, and related program, with an amendment;

An original bill making appropriations for the Departments of Commerce and Justice, Science, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2008;

An original bill making appropriations for energy and water development and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2008.

NATIONAL OCEANIC AND ATMOSPHERIC ADMINISTRATION BUDGET

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Subcommittee on Oceans, Atmosphere, Fisheries, and Coast Guard concluded an oversight hearing to examine the President's proposed budget request for fiscal year 2008 for the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), after receiving testimony from Vice Admiral Conrad C. Lautenbacher, Jr., USN (Ret.), Under Secretary of Commerce for Oceans and Atmosphere, and Administrator, NOAA.

GLOBAL WARMING ISSUES

Committee on Environment and Public Works: Committee concluded a hearing to examine global warming issues in the power plant sector, after receiving testimony from James E. Rogers, Duke Energy Corporation, Charlotte, North Carolina; Peter A. Darbee, Pacific Gas and Electric Corporation (PG&E), San Francisco, California; Lewis Hay, III, Florida Power and Light Company (FLP), Juno Beach; David G. Hawkins, Natural Resources Defense Council, Jason Grumet, National Commission on Energy Policy, Thomas J. Donohue, U.S. Chamber of Commerce, and Marlo Lewis, Competitive Enterprise Institute, all of Washington, D.C.; Robert E. Murray, Murray Energy Corporation, Cleveland, Ohio; and Thomas J. Borelli, Free Enterprise Action Fund, Eastchester, New York.

DHS FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT SYSTEMS MODERNIZATION

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: Subcommittee on Federal Financial Management, Government Information, Federal Services, and International Security concluded a hearing to examine financial management systems modernization at the Department of Homeland Security, focusing on systems and processes needed to support the Department's mission and operations, after receiving testimony from McCoy Williams, Director, Financial Management and Assurance, and Keith Rhodes, Chief Technologist, Applied Research and Methods, Center for Technology and Engineering, both of the Government Accountability Office; and David Norquist, Chief Financial Officer, and Scott Charbo, Chief Information Officer, both of the Department of Homeland Security.

CLASS III GAMING REGULATION

Committee on Indian Affairs: Committee concluded a hearing to examine draft legislation regarding the regulation of class III gaming, after receiving testimony from Philip N. Hogen, Chairman, National Indian Gaming Commission; Dean Shelton, California Gambling Control Commission, Sacramento, on behalf of Governor Schwarzenegger; Myra Pearson, Fort Totten, North Dakota, and Kurt Luger, Bismark, North Dakota, both of the Great Plains Indian Gaming Association; W. Ron Allen, Jamestown S'Klallam Tribe, Sequim, Washington, on behalf of the Washington Indian Gaming Association; and Valerie Welsh-Tahbo, Colorado River Indian Tribes, Parker, Arizona.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: On Wednesday, June 27, 2007, Committee ordered favorably reported the following:

S. 423, to increase, effective as of December 1, 2007, the rates of compensation for veterans with service-connected disabilities and the rates of dependency and indemnity compensation for the survivors of certain disabled veterans;

S. 1163, to amend title 38, United States Code, to improve compensation and specially adapted housing for veterans in certain cases of impairment of vision involving both eyes, and to provide for the use of the National Directory of New Hires for income verification purposes;

S. 479, to reduce the incidence of suicide among veterans;

S. 1315, to amend title 38, United States Code, to enhance life insurance benefits for disabled veterans, with amendments; and

S. 1233, to provide and enhance intervention, rehabilitative treatment, and services to veterans with traumatic brain injury, with amendments.

NOMINATION

Committee on Veterans Affairs: On Wednesday, June 28, 2007, Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nomination of Charles L. Hopkins, of Massachusetts, to be an Assistant Secretary of Veterans Affairs (Operations, Preparedness, Security and Law Enforcement).

INTELLIGENCE

Select Committee on Intelligence: Committee held closed hearings on intelligence matters, receiving testimony from officials of the intelligence community.

Committee recessed subject to the call.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 58 public bills, H.R. 2894–2951; and 9 resolutions, H. Con. Res. 178–181; and H. Res. 525–529 were introduced. **Pages H7430–33**

Additional Cosponsors: **Pages H7433–35**

Reports Filed: Reports were filed today as follows:

H.R. 2420, to declare United States policy on international climate cooperation, to authorize assistance to promote clean and efficient energy tech-

nologies in foreign countries, and to establish the International Clean Energy Foundation, with an amendment (H. Rept. 110–215);

H.R. 1851, to reform the housing choice voucher program under section 8 of the United States Housing Act of 1937, with an amendment (H. Rept. 110–216); and

H.R. 1852, to modernize and update the National Housing Act and enable the Federal Housing Administration to use risk-based pricing to more effectively reach underserved borrowers, with an amendment (H. Rept. 110–217). **Pages H7429–30**