

Grassley) Modified Amendment No. 3695 (to Amendment No. 3500), following 2 minutes of debate.

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Appointments:

Congressional Award Board: The Chair, on behalf of the Majority Leader, pursuant to Public Law 96–114, as amended, appointed the following individual to the Congressional Award Board: Patrick Murphy of Washington, D.C.

And reappointed the following individual to the Congressional Award Board: Andrew Ortiz of Arizona.

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China Economic Security Review Commission: The Chair, on behalf of the Majority Leader, and after consultation with the ranking members of the Senate Committee on Armed Services and the Senate Committee on Finance, pursuant to Public Law 106–398, appointed the following individual as a member of the United States-China Economic Security Review Commission: Patrick A. Mulloy of Virginia for a term beginning January 1, 2008 and expiring December 31, 2009, vice C. Richard D'Amato of Maryland,

And reappointed the following individual to the United States-China Economic Security Review Commission: William A. Reinsch of Maryland for a term beginning January 1, 2008 and expiring December 31, 2009.

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Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

Marcia Stephens Bloom Bernicat, of New Jersey, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Senegal, and to serve concurrently and without additional compensation as Ambassador to the Republic of Guinea-Bissau.

Robert F. Cohen, Jr., of West Virginia, to be a Member of the Federal Mine Safety and Health Review Commission for a term of six years expiring August 30, 2012.

Harvey E. Johnson, Jr., of Virginia, to be Deputy Administrator, Federal Emergency Management Agency, Department of Homeland Security.

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Nomination Withdrawn: Senate received notification of withdrawal of the following nomination:

Harvey E. Johnson, Jr., of Virginia, to be Deputy Administrator and Chief Operating Officer, Federal Emergency Management Agency, Department of Homeland Security, which was sent to the Senate on September 7, 2007.

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Record Votes: Six record votes were taken today. (Total—423) Page S15182, S15216–17, S15222

Adjournment: Senate convened at 9 a.m. and adjourned at 9:39 p.m., until 8:30 a.m. on Thursday, December 13, 2007. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S15378.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

NORTH KOREA

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee met in closed session to receive a briefing to examine North Korea, focusing on the six-party talks, from Christopher R. Hill, Assistant Secretary of State for the Bureau of East Asian and Pacific Affairs.

NOMINATIONS

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of Harvey E. Johnson, Jr., of Virginia, to be Deputy Administrator and Chief Operating Officer, Federal Emergency Management Agency, and Jeffrey William Runge, of North Carolina, to be Assistant Secretary for Health Affairs and Chief Medical Officer, who was introduced by Senator Burr, both of the Department of Homeland Security, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

ARBITRATION FAIRNESS ACT

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on the Constitution concluded a hearing to examine S. 1782, to amend chapter 1 of title 9 of United States Code with respect to arbitration, after receiving testimony from Tanya Solov, Office of the Secretary of State, Securities Department, Springfield, Illinois, on behalf of the North American Securities Administrators Association; Mark A. de Bernardo, Jackson Lewis,

LLP, Vienna, Virginia; Richard M. Alderman, University of Houston Law Center Consumer Law Center, Houston, Texas; Richard Naimark, American Arbitration Association (AAA), Peter B. Rutledge, Catholic University of America Columbus School of Law, and F. Paul Bland, Jr., Public Justice, all of Washington, D.C.; and Fonza Luke, Birmingham, Alabama.

SMITHSONIAN INSTITUTION

Committee on Rules and Administration: Committee concluded a hearing to examine a recently released Government Accountability Office report, focusing on funding challenges and facilities maintenance issues at the Smithsonian Institution, and the Smithsonian's real property management efforts and its efforts to develop and implement strategies to fund its facilities projects, after receiving testimony from Mark L. Goldstein, Director, Physical Infrastructure Issues, Government Accountability Office; and Cristian Samper, Acting Secretary, and Roger

W. Sant, Chairman, Executive Committee, and Robert P. Kogod, Chairman, Facilities Revitalization Committee, both of the Board of Regents, all of the Smithsonian Institution.

REVERSE MORTGAGES

Special Committee on Aging: Committee concluded a hearing to examine reverse mortgages, focusing on the Federal Housing Administration's Home Equity Conversion Mortgage (HECM) program, after receiving testimony from Meg Burns, Director, Federal Housing Administration (FHA) Single Family Program Development, Department of Housing and Urban Development; Prescott Cole, Coalition to End Elder Financial Abuse (CEASE), San Francisco, California; Donald L. Redfoot, American Association of Retired Persons (AARP) Public Policy Institute, Billings, Montana; George B. Lopez, James B. Nutter and Company, Kansas City, Missouri; and Carol Anthony, King City, California.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 63 public bills, H.R. 4457–4519; 4 private bills, H.R. 4520–4523; and 5 resolutions, H.J. Res. 69; H. Con. Res. 269; and H. Res. 870–872, were introduced. **Pages H15412–14**

Additional Cosponsors: **Pages H15414–15**

Reports Filed: H.R. 2537, to amend the Federal Water Pollution Control Act relating to beach monitoring, and for other purposes (H. Rept. 110–491); and H. Res. 869, providing for consideration of (H.J. Res. 69) making further continuing appropriations for the fiscal year 2008, and for other purposes (H. Rept. 110–492) **Page H15412**

Chaplain: The prayer was offered by the guest Chaplain, Bishop Earl J. Wright, Sr., Greater Miller Memorial Church of God in Christ, Warren, Michigan. **Page H15319**

National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2008: The House agreed to the conference report to accompany the bill (H.R. 1585) to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2008 for military activities of the Department of Defense, for military construction, and for defense activities of the Depart-

ment of Energy, to prescribe military personnel strengths for such fiscal year, by a yea-and-nay vote of 370 yeas to 49 nays, Roll No. 1151.

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Pursuant to the rule, the managers on the part of the House on H.R. 3093 are discharged and the bill is laid on the table. **Page H15368**

H. Res. 860, the rule providing for consideration of the conference report, was agreed to by voice vote, after agreeing to order the previous question by a yea-and-nay vote of 226 yeas to 191 nays, Roll No. 1146. **Pages H15323–27, H15339–40**

Directing the Clerk of the House of Representatives to correct the enrollment of H.R. 1585: The House agreed by unanimous consent to H. Con. Res. 269, to direct the Clerk of the House of Representatives to correct the enrollment of H.R. 1585. **Page H15353**

Committee Resignation: Read a letter from Representative Hastings of Florida, wherein he resigned from the House Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence, effective today. **Page H15341**

Terrorism Risk Insurance Program Reauthorization: The House passed H.R. 4299, to extend the Terrorism Insurance Program of the Department of