

time until 6:00 p.m. be equally divided and controlled between the Majority and Republican Leaders, or their designees; provided further, that at 6:00 p.m., Senate vote on the motion to invoke cloture on the motion to proceed to consideration of the bill, and that all time during any adjournment, recess or morning business count against cloture.

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Adjournment: Senate convened at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 7:24 p.m., until 5 p.m. on Wednesday, April 23, 2008. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today's Record on page S3271.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

CREDIT RATING AGENCIES

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: Committee concluded a hearing to examine United States credit markets, focusing on the role of the credit rating agencies, after receiving testimony from former Representative Christopher Cox, Chairman, United States Securities and Exchange Commission; and John C. Coffee, Jr., Columbia University Law School, Arturo Cifuentes, R.W. Pressprich and Company, Stephen W. Joynt, Fitch Ratings, Inc., Claire Robinson, Moody's Investors Service, and Vickie A. Tillman, Standard and Poor's, all of New York, New York.

FUTURE OF THE INTERNET

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the future of the internet, after receiving testimony from Kevin J. Martin, Chairman, Federal Communications Commission; Michele Combs, Christian Coalition of

America, Robert W. Hahn, American Enterprise Institute Center for Regulatory and Market Studies, and Kyle McSarrow, National Cable and Telecommunications Association, all of Washington, D.C.; Patric M. Verrone, Writers Guild of America, West, Los Angeles, California; Justine Bateman, FM78.tv, Studio City, California; and Lawrence Lessig, Stanford Law School, Stanford, California.

FUTURE OF TRANSPORTATION

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the National Surface Transportation Policy and Revenue Study Commission, focusing its report on the future of the surface transportation system in the United States, after receiving testimony from Frank J. Busalacchi, Wisconsin Department of Transportation, Madison; Jack Schenendorf, Covington and Burling, Washington, D.C.; and Steve Heminger, Metropolitan Transportation Commission, Oakland, California, Matthew K. Rose, BNSF Railway Company, Fort Worth, Texas, and Patrick E. Quinn, U.S. Xpress Enterprises, Inc., Chattanooga, Tennessee, all on behalf of the National Surface Transportation Policy and Revenue Study Commission.

LAND BILLS

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Subcommittee on Public Lands and Forests concluded a hearing to examine S. 934 and H.R. 1374, bills to amend the Florida National Forest Land Management Act of 2003 to authorize the conveyance of an additional tract of National Forest System land under that Act, S. 2833, to provide for the management of certain public land in Owyhee County, Idaho, and S. 2834, to establish wilderness areas, promote conservation, and improve public land in Washington County, Utah, after receiving testimony from Senators Bennett and Crapo; Julie Jacobson, Deputy Assistant Secretary of the Interior for Land and Minerals Management; Joel Holtrop, Deputy Chief, National Forest System, Forest Service, Department of Agriculture; James J. Eardley, Washington County, Saint George, Utah; William H. Meadows, Washington, D.C., and Craig Gehrke, Boise, Idaho, both of the Wilderness Society; and Chad C. Gibson, Owyhee Cattlemen's Association, Wilder, Idaho.

INTERNATIONAL DEFORESTATION AND CLIMATE CHANGE

Committee on Foreign Relations: Subcommittee on International Development and Foreign Assistance, Economic Affairs and International Environmental

Protection concluded a hearing to examine international deforestation and climate change, after receiving testimony from Stuart E. Eizenstat, Covington and Burling, LLP, David Hayes, former Deputy Secretary, Department of the Interior, and Dirk Forrister, Natsource LLC, all of Washington, D.C.; and Kevin Gurney, Purdue University Climate Change Research Center (PCCRC), West Lafayette, Indiana.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee ordered favorably reported the following:

H.R. 3320, to provide assistance for the Museum of the History of Polish Jews in Warsaw, Poland, with an amendment;

S. Con. Res. 74, honoring the Prime Minister of Ireland, Bertie Ahern, for his service to the people of Ireland and to the world and welcoming the Prime Minister to the United States;

S. Res. 494, expressing the sense of the Senate on the need for Iraq's neighbors and other international partners to fulfill their pledges to provide reconstruction assistance to Iraq, with an amendment;

S. Res. 523, expressing the strong support of the Senate for the declaration of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization at the Bucharest Summit that Ukraine and Georgia will become members of the alliance;

The Protocol of Amendments to the Convention on International Hydrographic Organization done at Monaco on April 14, 2005 (Treaty Doc. 110-09); and

The nominations of Mark Kimmitt, of Virginia, to be an Assistant Secretary of State (Political-Military Affairs), Barbara McConnell Barrett, of Arizona, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Finland, Frank Charles Urbancic, Jr., of Indiana, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Cyprus, Kurt Douglas Volker, of Pennsylvania, to be United States Permanent Representative on the Council of the North Atlantic

Treaty Organization, with the rank and status of Ambassador, Nancy E. McEldowney, of Florida, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Bulgaria, Scot A. Marciel, of California, for the rank of Ambassador during his tenure of service as Deputy Assistant Secretary of State for East Asian and Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) Affairs, Patricia M. Haslach, of Oregon, for the rank of Ambassador during her tenure of service as United States Senior Coordinator for the Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC) Forum, William Edward Todd, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to Brunei Darussalam, D. Kathleen Stephens, of Montana, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Korea, Joxel Garcia, of Connecticut, to be Medical Director in the Regular Corps of the Public Health Service, subject to the qualifications therefor as provided by law and regulations, and to be an Assistant Secretary of Health and Human Services, Robert J. Callahan, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Nicaragua, Peter E. Cianchette, of Maine, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Costa Rica, Heather M. Hodges, of Ohio, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Ecuador, Hugo Llorens, of Florida, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Honduras, Stephen George McFarland, of Texas, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Guatemala, Samuel W. Speck, of Ohio, to be a Commissioner on the part of the United States on the International Joint Commission, United States and Canada, Barbara J. Stephenson, of Florida, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Panama, and Yousif Boutrous Ghafari, of Michigan, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Slovenia, and a promotion list in the Foreign Service.

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: 19 public bills, H.R. 5856-5874; and 8 resolutions, H. Res. 1124, 1127-1133 were introduced.

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Additional Cosponsors:

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Reports Filed: Reports were filed today as follows:

H.R. 900, to provide for a federally sanctioned self-determination process for the people of Puerto Rico, with an amendment (H. Rept. 110-597);

H.R. 5151, to designate as wilderness additional National Forest System lands in the Monongahela National Forest in the State of West Virginia, with an amendment (H. Rept. 110-598, Pt. 1);

H.R. 5712, to require disclosure by Federal contractors of certain violations relating to the award or