

motion to invoke cloture on the motion to proceed to consideration of the bill. **Page S7704**

Messages from the House: **Page S7627**

Executive Communications: **Pages S7627–28**

Executive Reports of Committees: **Pages S7628–29**

Additional Cosponsors: **Pages S7630–31**

Statements on Introduced Bills/Resolutions: **Pages S7631–40**

Additional Statements: **Pages S7625–26**

Amendments Submitted: **Pages S7640–S7704**

Authorities for Committees to Meet: **Page S7704**

Privileges of the Floor: **Page S7704**

Record Votes: One record vote was taken today. (Total—190) **Page S7595**

Adjournment: Senate convened at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 7:08 p.m., until 10 a.m. on Wednesday, July 30, 2008. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S7704.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Committee on Armed Services: Committee met in closed session to consider pending intelligence matters, receiving testimony from Robert M. Gates, Secretary, and Admiral Michael G. Mullen, USN, Chairman, Joint Chiefs of Staff, both of the Department of Defense.

Committee recessed subject to the call.

REGULATORY AND OVERSIGHT STRUCTURE OF INSURANCE INDUSTRY

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the state of the insurance industry, focusing on the current regulatory and oversight structure, after receiving testimony from Steven M. Goldman, New Jersey Department of Banking and Insurance, Trenton, on behalf of the National Association of Insurance Commissioners; Travis B. Plunkett, Consumer Federation of America, Alessandro Iuppa, Zurich North America, on behalf of the American Insurance Association, and Franklin W. Nutter, Reinsurance Association of America, all of Washington, D.C.; John Pearson, Baltimore Life Insurance Company, Owings Mills, Maryland, on behalf of the American Council of Life Insurers; George A. Steadman, Rutherford Inc., Roanoke, Virginia, on behalf of the Council of Insurance Agents and Brokers; Tom Minkler, Clark-Mortenson Agency, Keene, New Hampshire, on be-

half of the Independent Insurance Agents and Brokers of America, Inc.; and Richard M. Bouhan, National Association of Professional Surplus Lines Offices, Ltd., Kansas City, Missouri.

NOMINATION

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nomination of John P. Hewko, of Michigan, to be an Assistant Secretary of Transportation, after the nominee testified and answered questions in his own behalf.

EPA

Committee on Environment and Public Works: Subcommittee on Clean Air and Nuclear Safety concluded a hearing to examine the Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) Clean Air Interstate Rule (CAIR), focusing on a recent court decision and its implications, after receiving testimony from Brian McLean, Director, Office of Atmospheric Programs, Office of Air and Radiation, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency; Jared Snyder, New York State Department of Environmental Conservation, Albany; Christopher Korleski, Ohio Environmental Protection Agency, Columbus; Eric B. Svenson, Jr., Public Service Enterprise Group, and John D. Walke, Natural Resources Defense Council, both of Washington, D.C.; and William H. Spence, PPL Corporation, Allentown, Pennsylvania.

U.S. TRADE POLICY

Committee on Finance: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the future of United States trade policy, focusing on perspectives from former United States Trade Representatives, after receiving testimony from former United States Senator William E. Brock, Brock Offices, Annapolis, Maryland; and Mickey Kantor, Mayer Brown, Carla A. Hills, Hills and Company, and Charlene Barshefsky, Wilmer Hale, all of Washington, D.C.

BUSINESS MEETING

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

S. 3263, to authorize appropriations for fiscal years 2009 through 2013 to promote an enhanced strategic partnership with Pakistan and its people;

S. 3052, to provide for the transfer of naval vessels to certain foreign recipients;

S. Res. 618, recognizing the tenth anniversary of the bombings of the United States embassies in Nairobi, Kenya and Dar es Salaam, Tanzania, and memorializing the citizens of the United States, Kenya, and Tanzania whose lives were claimed as a result of the al Qaeda led terrorist attacks;

CCW Protocol on Explosive Remnants of War (the “CCW Protocol V”) (Treaty Doc. 109–10(C)), with one understanding and one declaration;

The Amendment to Article 1 of the Convention on Prohibitions or Restrictions on the Use of Certain Conventional Weapons Which May be Deemed to be Excessively Injurious or to Have Indiscriminate Effects (the “CCW Amendment”) (Treaty Doc. 109–10(B)), with one declaration;

The Hague Convention for the Protection of Cultural Property in the Event of Armed Conflict (the Convention) concluded on May 14, 1954, and entered into force on August 7, 1956 with accompanying report from the Department of State (Treaty Doc. 106–01(A)), with four understandings and one declaration;

The Protocol on Prohibitions or Restrictions on the Use of Incendiary Weapons (Protocol III or the Incendiary Weapons Protocol) and the Protocol on Blinding Laser Weapons (Protocol IV) to the 1980 Convention on Prohibitions or Restrictions on the Use of Certain Conventional Weapons Which May Be Deemed To Be Excessively Injurious or To Have Indiscriminate Effects (Treaty Doc. 105–01(B)), with one reservation, one understanding, and one declaration;

Protocol on Blinding Laser Weapons (Protocol IV) Additional to the Convention on Prohibitions or Restrictions on the Use of Certain Conventional Weapons Which May Be Deemed To Be Excessively Injurious or To Have Indiscriminate Effects (Treaty Doc. 105–1(C)) with one understanding and one declaration;

International Convention for the Suppression of Acts of Nuclear Terrorism (the “Convention”), adopted by the United Nations General Assembly on April 13, 2005, and signed on behalf of the United States of America on September 14, 2005 (Treaty Doc. 110–04), with one reservation, four understandings, and one declaration;

Amendment to the Convention on the Physical Protection of Nuclear Material (the “Amendment”). A conference of States Parties to the Convention on the Physical Protection of Nuclear Material, adopted on October 28, 1979, adopted the Amendment on July 8, 2005, at the International Atomic Energy Agency in Vienna (Treaty Doc. 110–06), with one reservation, three understandings, and one declaration;

Protocol of 2005 to the Convention for the Suppression of Unlawful Acts against the Safety of Maritime Navigation (the “2005 SUA Protocol”) (Treaty Doc. 110–08), with one reservation, five understandings, and one declaration;

The Protocol of 2005 to the Protocol for the Suppression of Unlawful Acts against the Safety of Fixed

Platforms Located on the Continental Shelf (the “2005 Fixed Platforms Protocol”) (together, “the Protocols”), adopted by the International Maritime Organization Diplomatic Conference in London on October 14, 2005, and signed by the United States of America on February 17, 2006 (Treaty Doc. 110–08), with one reservation, four understandings, and one declaration;

Agreement on Extradition between the United States of America and the European Union (EU), signed on June 25, 2003 at Washington, together with twenty-two bilateral instruments which subsequently were signed between the United States and each European Union Member State in order to implement the Agreement with the EU. The Agreement includes an explanatory note which is an integral part of the Agreement (Treaty Doc. 109–14), with one condition and one declaration made with respect to each treaty;

Extradition Treaty between the United States of America and the Government of the Republic of Latvia, signed on December 7, 2005, at Riga (Treaty Doc. 109–15), with one declaration;

Extradition Treaty between the United States of America and the Government of the Republic of Estonia, signed on February 8, 2006, at Tallinn (Treaty Doc. 109–16), with one declaration;

Extradition Treaty between the United States of America and the Government of Malta, signed on May 18, 2006, at Valletta, that includes an exchange of letters that is an integral part of the treaty (Treaty Doc. 109–17), with one declaration;

Extradition Treaty between the United States of America and Romania (the “Extradition Treaty” or the “Treaty”) (Treaty Doc. 110–11), with one declaration;

The Protocol to the Treaty between the United States of America and Romania on Mutual Legal Assistance in Criminal Matters (the “Protocol”), both signed at Bucharest on September 10, 2007 (Treaty Doc. 110–11), with one declaration;

Extradition Treaty between the Government of the United States of America and the Government of the Republic of Bulgaria (the “Extradition Treaty” or the “Treaty”) (Treaty Doc. 110–12), with one declaration;

The Agreement on Certain Aspects of Mutual Legal Assistance in Criminal Matters between the Government of the United States of America and the Government of the Republic of Bulgaria (the “MLA Agreement”), both signed at Sofia on September 19, 2007 (Treaty Doc. 110–12), with one declaration;

Convention Between the Government of the United States of America and the Government of the Republic of Bulgaria for the Avoidance of Double Taxation and the Prevention of Fiscal Evasion With

Respect to Taxes on Income, with accompanying Protocol, signed at Washington on February 23, 2007 (the "Proposed Treaty"), as well as the Protocol Amending the Convention Between the Government of the United States of America and the Government of the Republic of Bulgaria for the Avoidance of Double Taxation and the Prevention of Fiscal Evasion With Respect to Taxes on Income, signed at Sofia on February 26, 2008 (Treaty Doc. 110-18), with a declaration;

Mutual Legal Assistance between the United States of America and the European Union (EU), signed on June 25, 2003, at Washington, together with 25 bilateral instruments that subsequently were signed between the United States and each European Union Member State in order to implement the Agreement with the EU, and an explanatory note that is an integral part of the Agreement (Treaty Doc. 109-13), with one declaration made with respect to each treaty;

Treaty Between the Government of the United States of America and the Government of the Kingdom of Sweden on Mutual Legal Assistance in Criminal Matters, signed at Stockholm on December 17, 2001 (Treaty Doc. 107-12), with one declaration;

Treaty between the United States of America and Malaysia on Mutual Legal Assistance in Criminal Matters, signed on July 28, 2006, at Kuala Lumpur (Treaty Doc. 109-22), with one declaration;

1992 Partial Revision of the Radio Regulations (Geneva, 1979), with appendices, signed by the United States at Malaga-Torremolinos on March 3, 1992 (the "1992 Partial Revision"), together with declarations and reservations of the United States as contained in the Final Acts of the World Administrative Radio Conference for Dealing with Frequency Allocations in Certain Parts of the Spectrum (WARC-92) (Treaty Doc. 107-17), with four declarations and reservations;

1995 Revision of the Radio Regulations, with appendices, signed by the United States at Geneva on November 17, 1995 (the "1995 Revision"), together with declarations and reservations of the United States as contained in the Final Acts of the World Radiocommunication Conference (WRC-95) (Treaty Doc. 108-28), with five declarations and reservations;

International Convention on the Control of Harmful Anti-Fouling Systems on Ships, 2001 (the "Convention") (Treaty Doc. 110-13), with two declarations;

1996 Protocol to the Convention on the Prevention of Marine Pollution by Dumping of Wastes and Other Matter (the "London Convention"), done in London on November 7, 1996. The Protocol was

signed by the United States on March 31, 1998, and entered into force on March 24, 2006 (Treaty Doc. 110-05), with two declarations and one understanding;

Protocol Concerning Pollution from Land-Based Sources and Activities (the "Protocol") to the Convention for the Protection and Development of the Marine Environment of the Wider Caribbean Region, with Annexes, done at Oranjestad, Aruba, on October 6, 1999, and signed by the United States on that same date (Treaty Doc. 110-01), with two declarations;

Protocol Amending the Convention Between the United States of America and Canada with Respect to Taxes on Income and on Capital done at Washington on September 26, 1980, as Amended by the Protocols done on June 14, 1983, March 28, 1984, March 17, 1995, and July 29, 1997, signed on September 21, 2007, at Chelsea (the "proposed Protocol") (Treaty Doc. 110-15), with one declaration and one condition,

Convention Between the Government of the United States of America and the Government of Iceland for the Avoidance of Double Taxation and the Prevention of Fiscal Evasion with Respect to Taxes on Income, and accompanying Protocol, signed on October 23, 2007, at Washington, D.C. (Treaty Doc. 110-17), with one declaration; and

The nominations of Alan W. Eastham, Jr., of Arkansas, to be Ambassador to the Republic of the Congo, Tatiana C. Gfoeller-Volkoff, of the District of Columbia, to be Ambassador to the Kyrgyz Republic, Richard G. Olson, Jr., of New Mexico, to be Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to the United Arab Emirates, David D. Pearce, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to the People's Democratic Republic of Algeria, John A. Simon, of Maryland, to be Representative of the United States of America to the African Union, with the rank and status of Ambassador, Michele Jeanne Sison, of Maryland, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Lebanon, James Christopher Swan, of California, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Djibouti, W. Stuart Symington, of Missouri, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Rwanda, and Marie L. Yovanovitch, of Connecticut, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Armenia, all of the Department of State, and John O. Agwunobi, of Florida, Julius E. Coles, of Georgia, Morgan W. Davis, of California, and John W. Leslie, Jr., of Connecticut, all to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the African Development Foundation, Mimi Alemayehou, of the District of Columbia, to be United States Director of the African Development Bank, Patrick J. Durkin,

of Connecticut, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Overseas Private Investment Corporation, Peter Robert Kann, of New Jersey, and Michael Meehan, of Virginia, both to be a Member of the Broadcasting Board of Governors, Kenneth L. Peel, of Maryland, to be United States Director of the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development, and Miguel R. San Juan, of Texas, to be United States Executive Director of the Inter-American Development Bank.

PAYROLL TAX ABUSE

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: Permanent Subcommittee on Investigations concluded a hearing to examine the magnitude of outstanding payroll tax debt, focusing on the policies and procedures that are used to collect unpaid payroll taxes, after receiving testimony from Steven J. Sebastian, Director, Financial Management and Assurance, Government Accountability Office; and Linda Stiff, Deputy Commissioner for Services and Enforcement, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury.

OSHA

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: Subcommittee on Employment and Workplace Safety concluded a hearing to examine the Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA), focusing on protecting workers from dangerous dust at the workplace, after receiving testimony from Senator Chambliss; Edwin G. Foulke, Jr., Assistant Secretary of Labor for Occupational Safety and Health Administration; John S. Bresland, Chairman CEO, United

States Chemical Safety and Hazard Investigation Board; Amy Beasley Spencer, National Fire Protection Association, Quincy, Massachusetts; Richard W. Prugh, Chilworth Technology, Inc., Plainsboro, New Jersey; and Graham Harris Graham, Imperial Sugar Company, Sugarland, Texas.

MUSIC AND RADIO IN THE 21ST CENTURY

Committee on the Judiciary: Committee concluded a hearing to examine music and radio in the 21st century, focusing on assuring fair rates and rules across various platform—frameworks on which applications may be run, including S. 256, to harmonize rate setting standards for copyright licenses under section 112 and 114 of title 17, United States Code, S. 2500, to provide fair compensation to artists for use of their sound recordings, and S. 1353, to nullify the determinations of the Copyright Royalty Judges with respect to webcasting, to modify the basis for making such a determination, after receiving testimony from Senators Wyden and Corker; John L. Simson, SoundExchange, Washington, D.C.; Jeffrey S. Harleston, Geffen Records, Santa Monica, California, on behalf of the Recording Industry Association of America; Joe Kennedy, Pandora Media, Inc., Oakland, California; John Ondrasik, Los Angeles, California; and Matt Nathanson, San Francisco, California.

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: 26 public bills, H.R. 6625–6650; and 7 resolutions, H. Con. Res. 397; and H. Res. 1381–1383, 1385–1387, were introduced. **Pages H7306–07**

Additional Cosponsors: **Pages H7307–09**

Reports Filed: Reports were filed today as follows:

H.R. 6083, to authorize funding for the National Advocacy Center, with an amendment (H. Rept. 110–784);

H.R. 6221, to amend title 38, United States Code, to require the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to include in each contract the Secretary enters for the

acquisition of goods and services a provision that requires the contractee to comply with the contracting goals and preferences for small business concerns owned or controlled by veterans, with an amendment (H. Rept. 110–785);

H.R. 6445, to prohibit the Secretary of Veterans Affairs from collecting certain copayments from veterans who are catastrophically disabled, with amendments (H. Rept. 110–786);

Conference Report on H.R. 4040, to establish consumer product safety standards and other safety requirements for children's products and to reauthorize and modernize the Consumer Product Safety Commission (H. Rept. 110–787);