

Sean T. Connaughton, of Virginia, to be a Federal Maritime Commissioner for the term expiring June 30, 2012.

Jerry Gayle Bridges, of Virginia, to be Inspector General, Department of Education.

Pamela A. Redfield, of Nebraska, to be a Member of the National Museum and Library Services Board for a term expiring December 6, 2013.

Loretta A. Preska, of New York, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Second Circuit.

J. Mac Davis, of Wisconsin, to be United States District Judge for the Western District of Wisconsin.

1 Army nomination in the rank of general.

12 Coast Guard nominations in the rank of admiral.

Routine lists in the Air Force, Army, Foreign Service. **Pages S8218–19**

**Nominations Withdrawn:** Senate received notification of withdrawal of the following nominations:

Joaquin F. Blaya, of Florida, to be a Member of the Broadcasting Board of Governors for a term expiring August 13, 2008, which was sent to the Senate on October 18, 2007.

Dennis M. Mulhaupt, of California, to be a Member of the Broadcasting Board of Governors for a term expiring August 13, 2008, which was sent to the Senate on October 18, 2007. **Page S8219**

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**Adjournment:** Senate convened at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 7:15 p.m., until 9:30 a.m. on Wednesday, September 10, 2008. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S8218.)

## Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

### GEORGIA

*Committee on Armed Services:* Committee met in open and closed hearings to examine the current situation in Georgia and implications for United States policy, after receiving testimony from Daniel Fried, Assist-

ant Secretary of State for the Bureau of European and Eurasian Affairs; and Eric S. Edelman, Under Secretary for Policy, Lieutenant General John M. Paxton, Jr., USMC, Director for Operations, J–3, and Brigadier General Michael T. Flynn, Director for Intelligence, J–2, USA, both of the Joint Staff, all of the Department of Defense.

### PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION AND GAS PRICES

*Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine strengthening the ability of public transportation systems to reduce the dependence of the United States on foreign oil, after receiving testimony from William M. Millar, American Public Transportation Association, and Robert Puentes, Brookings Institution Metropolitan Infrastructure Initiative, both of Washington, D.C.; Andrew H. Darrell, Environmental Defense Fund, New York, New York; Dorothy W. Dugger, San Francisco Bay Area Rapid Transit District, Oakland, California; Keith Parker, Charlotte Area Transit System, Charlotte, North Carolina; and David W. Kilmer, Red Rose Transit Authority, Lancaster, Pennsylvania.

### ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ADMINISTRATION

*Committee on Environment and Public Works:* Subcommittee on Transportation and Infrastructure concluded an oversight hearing to examine the Economic Development Administration, Department of Commerce, after receiving testimony from Benjamin Erulkar, Deputy Assistant Secretary for Economic Development, and Todd J. Zinser, Inspector General, both of the Department of Commerce; David W. Edgerley, Maryland Department of Business and Economic Development, Baltimore; Mayor Larry Thoma, Elgin, Oklahoma; and Leanne Mazer, Tri-County Council for Western Maryland, Cumberland, on behalf of the National Association of Development Organizations.

### HEALTH CARE REFORM

*Committee on Finance:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine improving health care quality, focusing on an integral step toward reforming the health care system, after receiving testimony from Peter V. Lee, Pacific Business Group on Health, San Francisco, California; Samuel R. Nussbaum, WellPoint, Inc., Indianapolis, Indiana; Greg Schoen, Fairview Northland Medical Center, Princeton, Minnesota; Kevin Weiss, American Board of Medical Specialties, Evanston, Illinois; and William Roper, National Quality Forum, Chapel Hill, North Carolina.

## NOMINATION

*Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nomination of Ruth Y. Goldway, of California, to be a Commissioner of the Postal Regulatory Commission, after the nominee testified, who was introduced by Senator Clinton, and answered questions in her own behalf.

## NOMINATIONS

*Committee on the Judiciary:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of Clark Waddoups, to be United States District Judge for the District of Utah, who was introduced by Senators Hatch and Bennett, Michael M. Anello, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of California, Mary Stenson Scriven, to be United States District Judge for the Middle District of Florida, Gregory G. Garre, of Maryland, to be Solicitor General of the United States, and Christine

M. Arguello, to be United States District Judge for the District of Colorado, and Philip A. Brimmer, to be United States District Judge for the District of Colorado, who were both introduced by Senators Alard and Salazar, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

## 2008 GENERAL ELECTIONS

*Committee on the Judiciary:* Committee concluded an oversight hearing to examine the Department of Justice, focusing on protecting the right to vote and preparations for the 2008 general election, after receiving testimony from Grace Chung Becker, Acting Assistant Attorney General, Civil Rights Division, and Barry Sabin, Deputy Assistant Attorney General, Criminal Division, both of the Department of Justice; Bryan P. O'Leary, Crowell and Moring, LLP, Washington, D.C.; Gilda R. Daniels, University of Baltimore School of Law, Baltimore, Maryland; and Keshia Anderson, Chesterfield, Virginia.

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## House of Representatives

### Chamber Action

**Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced:** 12 public bills, H.R. 6842–6853; and 4 resolutions, H. Con. Res. 409; and H. Res. 1420–1422 were introduced. **Page H7955**

**Additional Cosponsors:** **Pages H7955–56**

**Reports Filed:** Reports were filed today as follows:

Supplemental report on H.R. 6322, to amend the District of Columbia School Reform Act of 1995 to permit the District of Columbia government to exercise authority over the Public Charter School Board in the same manner as the District government may exercise authority over other entities of the District government (H. Rept. 110–782, Pt. 2);

H.R. 6608, to provide for the replacement of lost income for employees of the House of Representatives who are members of a reserve component of the armed forces who are on active duty for a period of more than 30 days (H. Rept. 110–832, Pt. 1);

H.R. 6630, to prohibit the Secretary of Transportation from granting authority to a motor carrier domiciled in Mexico to operate beyond United States municipalities and commercial zones on the United States-Mexico border unless expressly authorized by Congress (H. Rept. 110–833);

H. Res. 1419, providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 3667) to amend the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act to designate a segment of the Missisquoi and

Trout Rivers in the State of Vermont for study for potential addition to the National Wild and Scenic Rivers System (H. Rept. 110–834);

H.R. 6308, to ensure uniform and accurate credit rating of municipal bonds and provide for a review of the municipal bond insurance industry, with an amendment (H. Rept. 110–835); and

H.R. 4081, to prevent tobacco smuggling and to ensure the collection of all tobacco taxes, with an amendment (H. Rept. 110–836). **Pages H7954–55**

**Speaker:** Read a letter from the Speaker wherein she appointed Representative Serrano to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. **Page H7857**

**Recess:** The House recessed at 11:13 a.m. and reconvened at 12 p.m. **Page H7861**

**Chaplain:** The prayer was offered by the guest Chaplain, the Most Reverend James A. Tamayo, Bishop of the Diocese of Laredo, Texas. **Page H7861**

**Suspensions:** The House agreed to suspend the rules and pass the following measures:

*Recognizing that we are facing a global food crisis:* H. Con. Res. 344, amended, to recognize that we are facing a global food crisis, by a 2/3 yeas-and-nay vote of 404 yeas to 1 nay with 4 voting “present”, Roll No. 570; **Pages H7866–69, H7893–94**