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Adjournment: Senate convened at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 6:51 p.m., until 9:30 a.m. on Wednesday, September 17, 2008. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S8890.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

BROADBAND DATA IMPROVEMENT ACT

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Committee concluded a hearing to examine reasons that broadband Internet access matters, including S. 1492, to improve the quality of Federal and State data regarding the availability and quality of broadband services and to promote the deployment of affordable broadband services to all parts of the Nation, after receiving testimony from Margaret Conroy, Missouri State Librarian, Jefferson City, on behalf of the American Library Association; Rey Ramsey, One Economy Corporation, Larry Cohen, Communications Workers of America, Jonathan Linkous, American Telemedicine Association, and Mara Mayor, AARP, all of Washington, D.C.; and Gene Peltola, Yukon-Kuskokwim Health Corporation, Bethel, Alaska.

ELECTRIC POWER

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the current state of vehicles powered by the electric grid and the prospects for wider deployment in the near future, after receiving testimony from Brian P. Wynne, Electric Drive Transportation Association, and Robert Wimmer, Toyota Motor North America, both of Washington, D.C.; Ed Kjaer, Southern California Edison Company, Rosemead; Joseph T. Dalum, DUECO, Waukesha, Wisconsin; and Thad Balkman, Phoenix Motorcars, Ontario, California.

ENERGY MARKETS

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Subcommittee on Energy concluded a hearing to examine recent analyses of the role of speculative investment in energy markets, after receiving testimony from Jeffrey Harris, Chief Economist, Commodity Futures Trading Commission; Michael W. Masters, Masters Capital Management, LLC, Saint Croix, U.S.

Virgin Islands; Robert F. McCullough, Jr., McCullough Research, Portland, Oregon; and Lawrence Eagles, JPMorgan Chase and Company, on behalf of the Securities Industry and Financial Markets Association (SIFMA), James Newsome, CME Group, and Fadel Gheit, Oppenheimer and Company, Inc., all of New York, New York.

CHILDREN'S HEALTH PROTECTION

Committee on Environment and Public Works: Committee concluded an oversight hearing to examine the children's health protection efforts of the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), after receiving testimony from George Gray, Assistant Administrator for Research and Development, Environmental Protection Agency; John B. Stephenson, Director, Natural Resources and Environment, Government Accountability Office; Leonardo Trasande, Mount Sinai School of Medicine Children's Environmental Health Center, New York, New York; Susan West Marmagas, Commonweal, Bolinas, California; and Robert L. Brent, A.I. duPont Hospital for Children, Wilmington, Delaware.

DELIVERY SYSTEM REFORM

Committee on Finance: Committee concluded a hearing to examine aligning incentives, focusing on the case for health care delivery system reform, after receiving testimony from Mark E. Miller, Executive Director, Medicare Payment Advisory Commission; Glenn D. Steele, Jr., Geisinger Health System, Danville, Pennsylvania; Robert A. Berenson, Urban Institute, Washington, D.C.; and Eric G. Campbell, Massachusetts General Hospital, Boston.

RULE OF LAW

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on the Constitution concluded a hearing to examine restoring the rule of law, after receiving testimony from former Representative Mickey Edwards, Constitution Project, Charles J. Cooper, Cooper and Kirk, PLLC, Elisa Massimino, Human Rights First, Patrick F. Philbin, Kirkland and Ellis LLP, John D. Podesta, Center for American Progress Action Fund, and Suzanne E. Spaulding, Bingham Consulting Group, all of Washington, D.C.; Harold Hongju Koh, Yale Law School, New Haven, Connecticut; Frederick A.O. Schwarz, Jr., New York University School of Law Brennan Center for Justice, New York, New York; Robert Turner, University of Virginia School of Law Center for National Security Law, Charlottesville; Walter Dellinger, former Solicitor General of the United States, Department of Justice, Duke University School of Law, Chapel Hill, North Carolina; and Kyndra Rotunda, Chapman University School of Law, Orange, California.