

Bissoon Nomination—Agreement: A unanimous-consent-time agreement was reached providing that at 5:15 p.m., on Monday, October 17, 2011, Senate begin consideration of the nomination of Cathy Bissoon, of Pennsylvania, to be United States District Judge for the Western District of Pennsylvania; that there be 15 minutes for debate equally divided, in the usual form; and that upon the use or yielding back of time, Senate vote without intervening action or debate on confirmation of the nomination.

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Nominations Confirmed: Senate confirmed the following nominations:

By 48 yeas to 44 nays (Vote No. EX. 164), Alison J. Nathan, of New York, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of New York.

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By 83 yeas to 8 nays (Vote No. EX. 165), Susan Owens Hickey, of Arkansas, to be United States District Judge for the Western District of Arkansas.

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Katherine B. Forrest, of New York, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of New York.

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Sung Y. Kim, of California, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Korea.

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Record Votes: Two record votes were taken today. (Total—165) Pages S6493–94

Adjournment: Senate convened at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 6:24 p.m., until 2 p.m. on Monday, October 17, 2011. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today's Record on page S6563.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

IRAN

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: Committee concluded a hearing to examine address-

ing potential threats from Iran, focusing on Administration perspectives on implementing new economic sanctions one year later, including S. 1048, to expand sanctions imposed with respect to the Islamic Republic of Iran, North Korea, and Syria, after receiving testimony from Wendy Sherman, Under Secretary of State for Political Affairs; David S. Cohen, Under Secretary of the Treasury for Terrorism and Financial Intelligence; and David W. Mills, Assistant Secretary of Commerce for Export Enforcement.

INNOVATIVE PRACTICES TO CREATE JOBS AND REDUCE POLLUTION

Committee on Environment and Public Works: Subcommittee on Green Jobs and the New Economy concluded a hearing to examine innovative practices to create jobs and reduce pollution, after receiving testimony from Phil Schoen, Geothermal Exchange Organization (GEO–Enterprises), Catoosa, Oklahoma; Kyle W. Kempf, National Small Business Association (NSBA), and Anne E. Smith, NERA Economic Consulting, both of Washington, D.C.; Edward White, Jr., National Grid, Waltham, Massachusetts; and Steve Rowlan, Nucor Corporation, Charlotte, North Carolina.

CARCIERI CRISIS

Committee on Indian Affairs: Committee concluded an oversight hearing to examine the Carcieri crisis, focusing on the ripple effect on jobs, economic development and public safety in native communities, after receiving testimony from Representative Cole; Larry Echo Hawk, Assistant Secretary for Indian Affairs, Donald Laverdure, Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary for Indian Affairs, and Jodi Gillette, Deputy Assistant Secretary for Indian Affairs, all of the Department of the Interior; Richard A. Guest, Native American Rights Fund, Washington, D.C.; Colette Routel, William Mitchell College of Law, St. Paul, Minnesota; William Lomax, Native American Finance Officers Association, Phoenix, Arizona; and Carl J. Artman, Arizona State University College of Law, Tempe.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on the Judiciary: Committee ordered favorably reported the following business items:

S. 1301, to authorize appropriations for fiscal years 2012 to 2015 for the Trafficking Victims Protection Act of 2000, to enhance measures to combat trafficking in person, with amendments;

H.R. 368, to amend title 28, United States Code, to clarify and improve certain provisions relating to the removal of litigation against Federal officers or agencies to Federal courts;

S. 1636, to amend title 28, United States Code, to clarify the jurisdiction of the Federal courts;

H.R. 394, to amend title 28, United States Code, to clarify the jurisdiction of the Federal courts, with an amendment;

S. 1637, to clarify appeal time limits in civil actions to which United States officers or employees are parties;

H.R. 2633, to amend title 28, United States Code, to clarify the time limits for appeals in civil cases to which United States officers or employees are parties;

S. 1014, to provide for additional Federal district judgeships, with an amendment; and

The nominations of Adalberto Jose Jordan, of Florida, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Eleventh Circuit; John M. Gerrard, to be United States District Judge for the District of Nebraska; Mary Elizabeth Phillips, to be United States District Judge for the Western District of Missouri; Thomas Owen Rice, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Washington; David Nuffer, to be United States District Judge for the District of Utah; and Steven R. Frank, to be United States Marshal for the Western District of Pennsylvania; Martin J. Pane, to be United States Marshal for the Middle District of Pennsylvania; and David Blake

Webb, to be United States Marshal for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania, all of the Department of Justice.

ARBITRATION

Committee on the Judiciary: Committee concluded a hearing to examine arbitration, including S. 987, to amend title 9 of the United States Code with respect to arbitration, and S. 1652, to amend title 9 of the United States Code to prohibit mandatory arbitration clauses in contracts for mobile service, after receiving testimony from Lori Swanson, Minnesota Attorney General, St. Paul; Deborah L. Pierce, Einstein at Elkins Park Hospital, Elkins Park, Pennsylvania; F. Paul Bland, Chavez and Gertler, and Victor E. Schwartz, Shook, Hardy, and Bacon, LLP, on behalf of the U.S. Chamber of Commerce and the U.S. Chamber Institute for Legal Reform, both of Washington, D.C.; and Christopher R. Drahozal, University of Kansas School of Law, Lawrence.

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: 26 public bills, H.R. 3176–3201, and 2 resolutions, H. Res. 434–437, were introduced. **Pages H6919–20**

Additional Cosponsors: **Pages H6921–22**

Reports Filed: There were no reports filed today.

Speaker: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he appointed Representative Palazzo to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. **Page H6857**

Recess: The House recessed at 10:44 a.m. and reconvened at 11:30 a.m. **Page H6865**

Chaplain: The prayer was offered by the guest chaplain, Reverend Jesse Reyes, San Jose Catholic Church, Saipan, Northern Mariana Islands. **Page H6865**

Protect Life Act: The House passed H.R. 358, to amend the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act to modify special rules relating to coverage of

abortion services under such Act, by a recorded vote of 251 ayes to 172 noes, Roll No. 789.

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Rejected the Capps motion to recommit the bill to the Committee on Energy and Commerce with instructions to report the same to the House forthwith with an amendment, by a yea-and-nay vote of 173 yeas to 249 nays, Roll No. 788. **Pages H6901–03**

Pursuant to the rule, the amendment in the nature of a substitute recommended by the Committee on Energy and Commerce now printed in the bill shall be considered as adopted. **Page H6886**

H. Res. 430, the rule providing for consideration of the bill, was agreed to by a yea-and-nay vote of 248 yeas to 173 nays, Roll No. 786, after the previous question was ordered without objection. **Pages H6869–81**

A point of order was raised against the consideration of H. Res. 430 and it was agreed to proceed with consideration of the resolution by voice vote. **Pages H6869–71**

EPA Regulatory Relief Act of 2011: The House passed H.R. 2250, to provide additional time for the