

Eisen Nomination—Cloture: Senate began consideration of the nomination of Norman L. Eisen, of the District of Columbia, to be Ambassador to the Czech Republic. **Page S8454**

A motion was entered to close further debate on the nomination, and, in accordance with the provisions of Rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, and pursuant to the unanimous-consent agreement of Thursday, December 8, 2011, a vote on cloture will occur at 5:30 p.m. on Monday, December 12, 2011. **Page S8454**

Aponte Nomination—Cloture: Senate began consideration of the nomination of Mari Carmen Aponte, of the District of Columbia, to be Ambassador to the Republic of El Salvador. **Page S8454**

A motion was entered to close further debate on the nomination, and, in accordance with the provisions of Rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, and pursuant to the unanimous-consent agreement of Thursday, December 8, 2011, a vote on cloture will occur upon disposition of the nomination of Norman L. Eisen, of the District of Columbia, to be Ambassador to the Czech Republic. **Page S8454**

Eisen and Aponte Nominations—Agreement: A unanimous-consent-time agreement was reached providing that Senate resume consideration of the nominations of Norman L. Eisen, of the District of Columbia, to be Ambassador to the Czech Republic, and Mari Carmen Aponte, of the District of Columbia, to be Ambassador to the Republic of El Salvador at 4:30 p.m., on Monday, December 12, 2011, that there be one hour for debate equally divided in the usual form; that upon the use or yielding back of time, Senate vote, without intervening action or debate, on the motion to invoke cloture on the nomination of Norman L. Eisen, of the District of Columbia, to be Ambassador to the Czech Republic; and that if cloture is invoked, Senate immediately vote on confirmation of the nomination; and that following disposition of the nomination of Norman L. Eisen, of the District of Columbia, to be Ambassador to the Czech Republic, Senate vote on the motion to invoke cloture on the nomination of Mari Carmen Aponte, of the District of Columbia, to be Ambassador to the Republic of El Salvador. **Page S8454**

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Record Votes: Three record votes were taken today. (Total—225) **Pages S8429, S8444–45**

Adjournment: Senate convened at 9:31 a.m. and adjourned at 6:25 p.m., until 2 p.m. on Monday, December 12, 2011. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today's Record on page S8467.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Committee ordered favorably reported the nominations of Jon D. Leibowitz, of Maryland, and Maureen K. Ohlhausen, of Virginia, both to be a Federal Trade Commissioner, Rebecca M. Blank, of Maryland, to be Deputy Secretary of Commerce, Ajit Varadaraj Pai, of Kansas, and Jessica Rosenworcel, of Connecticut, both to be a Member of the Federal Communications Commission.

ICANN'S EXPANSION OF TOP LEVEL DOMAINS

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the Internet Corporation for Assigned Names and Numbers (ICANN)'s expansion of top level domains, after receiving testimony from Fiona M. Alexander, Associate Administrator, Office of International Affairs, National Telecommunications and Information Administration, Department of Commerce; Kurt Pritz, Internet Corporation for Assigned Names and Numbers (ICANN), Marina del Rey, California; Daniel L. Jaffe, Association of National Advertisers (ANA), Washington, D.C.; Angela F. Williams, YMCA of the USA, Chicago, Illinois; and Esther Dyson, New York, New York.

NOMINATION

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nomination of Arunava Majumdar, of California, to be Under Secretary of Energy, after the nominee testified and answered questions in his own behalf.

DOMESTIC AND GLOBAL WATER SUPPLY ISSUES

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Subcommittee on Water and Power concluded a hearing to examine opportunities and challenges to address domestic and global water supply issues, after receiving testimony from Anne Castle, Assistant Secretary of the Interior for Water and Science; L. Jerry Hansen, Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary of the Army for Installations, Energy and Environment, Department of Defense; Aaron Salzberg, Special Coordinator on Water Resources, Bureau of Oceans and International Environmental and Scientific Affairs; Harry T. Stewart, New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services Water Division Director, Concord; Peter H. Gleick, Pacific Institute, Oakland, California; Thomas Stanley, GE Power and Water, Water and Process Technologies, Treveose, Pennsylvania; Anthony Willardson, Western States Water Council, Murray, Utah; and Melissa L. Meeker, South Florida Water Management District, West Palm Beach.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Environment and Public Works: Committee ordered favorably reported the following business items:

S. 432, to provide for environmental restoration activities and forest management activities in the Lake Tahoe Basin, with an amendment;

S. 1296, to revise the boundaries of John H. Chafee Coastal Barrier Resources System Sachuest Point Unit RI-04P, Easton Beach Unit RI-05P, Almy Pond Unit RI-06, and Hazards Beach Unit RI-07 in the State of Rhode Island;

S. 1266, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to establish a program to build on and help coordinate funding for the restoration and protection efforts of the 4-State Delaware River Basin region, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 1740, to amend the Chesapeake Bay Initiative Act of 1998 to provide for the reauthorization of the Chesapeake Bay Gateways and Watertrails Network; and

Proposed resolutions relating to the General Services Administration.

NOMINATIONS

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of Tara D. Sonenshine, of Maryland, to be Under Secretary for Public Diplomacy, Anne Claire Richard, of New York, to be Assistant Secretary for Population, Refugees, and Migration, and Robert E. Whitehead, of Florida, to be Ambassador to the Togolese Republic, all of the Department of State, and Earl W. Gast,

of California, to be an Assistant Administrator of the United States Agency for International Development, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

LONG-TERM UNEMPLOYED

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: Committee concluded a hearing to examine barriers facing the long-term unemployed, after receiving testimony from Christine Owens, National Employment Law Project, Washington, D.C.; Reverend Marvin A. Moss, Cascade United Methodist Church, Atlanta, Georgia; Donna Stebbins, Phoenix, Arizona; and John Meyer, Winner, South Dakota.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Indian Affairs: Committee ordered favorably reported the following business items:

S. 1763, to decrease the incidence of violent crimes against Indian women, to strengthen the capacity of Indian tribes to exercise the sovereign authority of Indian tribes to respond to violent crimes committed against Indian women, and to ensure that perpetrators of violent crimes committed against Indian women are held accountable for that criminal behavior, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute; and

S. 1065, to settle land claims within the Fort Hall Reservation.

STATE AND FEDERAL TAX POLICY

Committee on Indian Affairs: Committee concluded an oversight hearing to examine state and Federal tax policy, focusing on building new markets in Indian country, after receiving testimony from Kevin W. Leecy, Bois Forte Band of Chippewa, Nett Lake, Minnesota; Peter Ortego, Ute Mountain Ute Tribe, Towaoc, Colorado; and Steven J. Gunn, Washington University in St. Louis, St. Louis, Missouri.

BUSINESS MEETING

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

S. 1886, to prevent trafficking in counterfeit drugs;

S. 678, to increase the penalties for economic espionage, with an amendment; and

The nomination of Kathryn Keneally, of New York, to be an Assistant Attorney General, Department of Justice.

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.