

Adjournment: Senate convened at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 6:16 p.m., until 11:45 a.m. on Friday, November 8, 2013. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today's Record on page S7932.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

IMPACT OF SEQUESTRATION ON NATIONAL DEFENSE

Committee on Armed Services: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the impact of sequestration on the national defense, after receiving testimony from General Raymond T. Odierno, Chief of Staff United States Army, Admiral Jonathan Greenert, United States Navy, Chief of Naval Operations, General James F. Amos, Commandant of the Marine Corps, and General Mark A. Welsh III, Chief of Staff, United States Air Force, all of the Department of Defense.

HOUSING FINANCE REFORM

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: Committee concluded a hearing to examine housing finance reform, focusing on essential elements to provide affordable options for housing, including S. 1217, to provide secondary mortgage market reform, after receiving testimony Hilary O. Shelton, National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP) Washington Bureau, St. Louis, Missouri; Rick Judson, National Association of Home Builders, Charlotte, North Carolina; Sheila Crowley, National Low Income Housing Coalition, and Douglas Holtz-Eakin, American Action Forum, both of Arlington, Virginia; and Ethan Handelman, National Housing Conference, Silver Spring, Maryland.

PATENT ASSERTION ENTITIES

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Subcommittee on Consumer Protection, Product Safety, and Insurance concluded a hearing to examine patent assertion entities, focusing on demand letters and consumer protection, after receiving testimony from Nebraska Attorney General Jon Bruning, Lincoln; Jon Potter, Application Developers Alliance, Washington, D.C.; Mark Chandler, Cisco Systems, San Jose, California; Julie P. Samuels, Electronic Frontier Foundation, San Francisco, California; Lary Sinewitz, BrandsMart USA, Hollywood, Florida, on behalf of

The National Retail Federation; and Adam Mossoff, George Mason University School of Law Center for the Protection of Intellectual Property, Arlington, Virginia.

COLUMBIA RIVER TREATY DRAFT REGIONAL RECOMMENDATION

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Committee concluded an oversight hearing to examine the Draft Regional Recommendation regarding the Columbia River Treaty, after receiving testimony from Brigadier General John Kem, Commander, United States Army Corps of Engineers, Northwestern Division, Department of Defense, and Member, United States Entity for the Columbia River Treaty, and Stephen Oliver, Vice President, Generation Asset Management, Bonneville Power Administration, Department of Energy, and Coordinator, United States Entity for the Columbia River Treaty; Joel Moffett, Columbia River Inter-Tribal Fish Commission, Kristin Meira, Pacific Northwest Waterways Association, and Gregory Haller, Pacific Rivers Council, all of Portland, Oregon; Thomas Karier, Northwest Power and Conservation Council, Spokane, Washington; George Caan, Washington Public Utilities Districts Association, Olympia; and Norm Semanko, Idaho Water Users Association, Boise.

NOMINATIONS

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of Heather Anne Higginbottom, of the District of Columbia, to be Deputy Secretary for Management and Resources, Sarah Sewall, of Massachusetts, to be Under Secretary for Civilian Security, Democracy, and Human Rights, and Richard Stengel, of New York, to be Under Secretary for Public Diplomacy, all of the Department of State, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

AUTO SAFETY AND MENTAL HEALTH

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Oversight, Federal Rights and Agency Action concluded a hearing to examine rules delayed on auto safety and mental health, after receiving testimony from former Representative Patrick J. Kennedy; Thomas O. McGarity, University of Texas School of Law, Austin; Clarence M. Ditlow, Center for Auto Safety, Washington, D.C.; Cary Coglianese, University of Pennsylvania Penn Program on Regulation, Philadelphia; and Cathy Morelli, Southington, Connecticut.