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Record Votes: One record vote was taken today. (Total—11) Page S344

Adjournment: Senate convened at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 7:39 p.m., until 10 a.m. on Thursday, January 16, 2014. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today's Record on page S380.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

SITUATION IN IRAQ AND SYRIA

Committee on Armed Services: Committee received a closed briefing on the situation in Iraq and Syria from Derek H. Chollet, Assistant Secretary for International Security Affairs, and Vice Admiral Frank C. Pandolfe, USN, Director for Strategic Plans and Policy, Joint Staff, both of the Department of Defense; Gerald M. Feierstein, Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary of State for Near Eastern Affairs; and Alan R. Pino, National Intelligence Officer for Near East, and David Peck, Deputy National Intelligence Officer for Transnational Threats, both of the Office of the Director of National Intelligence.

REGULATING FINANCIAL HOLDING COMPANIES AND PHYSICAL COMMODITIES

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: Subcommittee on Financial Institutions and Consumer Protection concluded a hearing to examine regulating financial holding companies and physical commodities, after receiving testimony from Norman C. Bay, Director, Office of Enforcement, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission; Vincent McGonagle, Director, Division of Market Oversight, Commodity Futures Trading Commission; and Michael S. Gibson, Director, Division of Banking Supervision and Regulation, Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System.

FUTURE OF UNMANNED AVIATION

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the future of unmanned aviation in the United States economy, focusing on safety and privacy considerations, after receiving testimony from Senator Feinstein; Michael P. Huerta, Administrator, Federal Aviation Administration; Mary Cummings, Duke University Humans and Autonomy Laboratory, Durham, North Carolina; Henio Arcangeli, Yamaha Motor Corporation, U.S.A., Cypress, California; and Christopher R. Calabrese, American Civil Liberties Union, Washington, D.C.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Finance: Committee ordered favorably reported the nominations of Sarah Bloom Raskin, of Maryland, to be Deputy Secretary of the Treasury, and Rhonda K. Schmittlein, of Missouri, to be a Member of the United States International Trade Commission.

NOMINATIONS

Committee on Finance: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nomination of R. Gil Kerlikowske, of the District of Columbia, to be Commissioner of Customs, Department of Homeland Security, who was introduced by Senators Murray and Cantwell, and L. Paige Marvel, of Maryland, and Tamara Wenda Ashford, of Virginia, both to be a Judge of the United States Tax Court, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

IMPLICATIONS OF THE CRISIS IN UKRAINE

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee concluded a hearing to examine implications of the crisis in Ukraine, after receiving testimony from Victoria Nuland, Assistant Secretary for European and Eurasian Affairs, and Thomas O. Melia, Deputy Assistant Secretary for Democracy, Human Rights and Labor, both of the Department of State; and Zbigniew K. Brzezinski, Center for Strategic and International Studies, Washington, D.C.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee ordered favorably reported the following business items:

S. 1901, to authorize the President to extend the term of the nuclear energy agreement with the Republic of Korea until March 19, 2016; and

The nominations of Cynthia H. Akuetteh, of the District of Columbia, to be Ambassador to the Gabonese Republic, and to serve concurrently and without additional compensation as Ambassador to the Democratic Republic of Sao Tome and Principe, Catherine Ann Novelli, of Virginia, to be Under Secretary for Economic Growth, Energy, and the Environment, Tina S. Kaidanow, of the District of Columbia, to be Coordinator for Counterterrorism, with the rank and status of Ambassador at Large, Michael A. Hammer, of the District of Columbia, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Chile, Kevin Whitaker, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Colombia, Daniel W. Yohannes, of Colorado, to be Representative of the United States of America to the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development, with the rank of Ambassador, Sarah Sewall, of Massachusetts, to be Under Secretary for Civilian Security, Democracy, and Human Rights, Helen Meagher La Lime, of the District of Columbia, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Angola,

Larry Edward Andre, Jr., of Virginia, to be Ambassador to the Islamic Republic of Mauritania, Eric T. Schultz, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Zambia, Carlos Roberto Moreno, of California, to be Ambassador to Belize, Adam M. Scheinman, of Virginia, to be Special Representative of the President for Nuclear Nonproliferation, Timothy M. Broas, of Maryland, to be Ambassador to the Kingdom of the Netherlands, Donald Lu, of California, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Albania, Robert A. Sherman, of Massachusetts, to be Ambassador to the Portuguese Republic, Karen Clark Stanton, of Michigan, to be Ambassador to the Democratic Republic of Timor-Leste, Amy Jane Hyatt, of California, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Palau, Tomasz P. Malinowski, of the District of Columbia, to be Assistant Secretary for Democracy, Human Rights, and Labor, Crystal Nix-Hines, of California, for the rank of Ambassador during her tenure of service as the United States Permanent Representative to the United Nations Educational, Scientific, and Cultural Organization, John Hoover, of Massachusetts, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Sierra Leone, Thomas Frederick Daughton, of Arizona, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Namibia, Dwight L. Bush, Sr., of the District of Columbia, to be Ambassador to the Kingdom of Morocco, Matthew T. Harrington, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to the Kingdom of Lesotho, Charles Hammerman Rivkin, of the District of Columbia, to be Assistant Secretary for Economic and Business Affairs, Mark Bradley Childress, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to the United Republic of Tanzania, Pamela K. Hamamoto, of Hawaii, to be Representative of the United States of America to the Office of the United Nations and Other International Organizations in Geneva, with the rank of Ambassador, Michael Stephen Hoza, of Washington, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Cameroon, Brian A. Nichols, of Rhode Island, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Peru, Eunice S. Reddick, of the District of Columbia, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Niger, Bruce Heyman, of Illinois, to be Ambassador to Canada, Richard Stengel, of New York, to be Under Secretary for Public Diplomacy, and Anthony Luzzatto Gardner, of New York, to be Representative of the United States of America to the European Union, with the rank and status of

Ambassador, all of the Department of State, Catherine Ann Novelli, of Virginia, to be United States Alternate Governor of the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development, United States Alternate Governor of the Inter-American Development Bank, and to be United States Alternate Governor of the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development, Carolyn Hessler Radelet, of Virginia, to be Director of the Peace Corps, Michael G. Carroll, of New York, to be Inspector General, United States Agency for International Development, Mark E. Lopes, of Arizona, to be United States Executive Director of the Inter-American Development, Janet L. Yellen, of California, to be United States Alternate Governor of the International Monetary Fund, and Dana J. Hyde, of Maryland, to be Chief Executive Officer, Millennium Challenge Corporation.

SPECIAL NEEDS OF AMERICA'S HOLOCAUST SURVIVORS

Special Committee on Aging: Committee concluded a hearing to examine aging in comfort, focusing on assessing the special needs of America's Holocaust survivors, after receiving testimony from Sandor E. Samuels, Bet Tzedek Legal Services, Los Angeles, California; Elihu Kover, Selfhelp Community Services, New York, New York; Lee I. Sherman, Association of Jewish Family and Children's Agencies, Baltimore, Maryland; Jack Rubin and David Rubin, both of Boynton Beach, Florida; and Anat Bar-Cohen, Bethesda, Maryland.

COUNTERNARCOTICS EFFORTS IN AFGHANISTAN

United States Senate Caucus on International Narcotics Control: Caucus concluded a hearing to examine strategies to counter the drug trade as United States troop drawdown continues, focusing on the future of United States counternarcotics efforts in Afghanistan, after receiving testimony from William R. Brownfield, Assistant Secretary of State for International Narcotics and Law Enforcement Affairs; James L. Capra, Chief of Operations, Drug Enforcement Administration, Department of Justice; Erin Logan, Principal Director for Counternarcotics and Global Threats, Office of the Secretary of Defense; and John F. Sopko, Special Inspector General for Afghanistan Reconstruction.