

to be a Commissioner of the Consumer Product Safety Commission for a term of seven years from October 27, 2019 (Reappointment), ripen following disposition of the Wolcott nominations. **Page S6261**

Nominations Confirmed: Senate confirmed the following nominations:

John E. Whitley, of Virginia, to be an Assistant Secretary of the Army.

Charles P. Verdon, of California, to be Deputy Administrator for Defense Programs, National Nuclear Security Administration. **Page S6261**

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Record Votes: Two record votes were taken today. (Total—212) **Page S6208**

Adjournment: Senate convened at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 6:42 p.m., until 3 p.m. on Thursday, September 20, 2018. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S6261.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

INTERAGENCY COORDINATION IN THE PROTECTION OF CRITICAL INFRASTRUCTURE

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Cybersecurity concluded a closed hearing to examine interagency coordination in the protection of critical infrastructure, after receiving testimony from Kenneth P. Rapuano, Assistant Secretary of Defense for Homeland Defense and Global Security; Bruce J. Walker, Assistant Secretary of Energy for the Office of Electricity, and Acting Assistant Secretary for the Office of Cybersecurity, Energy Security, and Emergency Response; and Jeanette Manfra, Assistant Secretary of Homeland Security for the Office of Cybersecurity and Communications.

FINTECH

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: Committee concluded a hearing to examine Fintech, focusing on digitization, data, and technology, including S. 2854, to establish requirements for use of a driver's license or personal identification card by certain financial institutions for opening an account or obtaining a financial product or service, after receiving testimony from Steven Boms, Allon Advocacy, LLC, on behalf of the Consumer Financial Data Rights Group, and Brian Knight, George Mason University Mercatus Center, both of Washington, D.C.; Stuart Rubinstein, Fidelity Wealth Technologies, Boston, Massachusetts; and Saule T. Omarova, Cornell University, Ithaca, New York.

CONFLICTS OVER OCEAN RESOURCES

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Subcommittee on Oceans, Atmosphere, Fisheries, and Coast Guard concluded a hearing to examine conflicts over ocean resources, after receiving testimony from Vice Admiral Daniel B. Abel, Deputy Commandant for Operations, Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security; Bama Athreya, Senior Democracy Specialist, Bureau for Democracy, Conflict, and Humanitarian Assistance, United States Agency for International Development; Paul Doremus, Deputy Assistant Administrator for Operations, National Marine Fisheries Service, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, Department of Commerce; and David Balton, Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars, Silver Spring, Maryland.

BUSINESS MEETING

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

S. 1857, to establish a compliance deadline of May 15, 2023, for Step 2 emissions standards for new residential wood heaters, new residential hydronic heaters, and forced-air furnaces;

S. 2461, to allow for judicial review of certain final rules relating to national emission standards for hazardous air pollutants for brick and structural clay products or for clay ceramics manufacturing before requiring compliance with the rules by existing sources;

S. 2827, to amend the Morris K. Udall and Stewart L. Udall Foundation Act, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 1934, to prevent catastrophic failure or shutdown of remote diesel power engines due to emission control devices, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 593, to amend the Pittman-Robertson Wildlife Restoration Act to facilitate the establishment of additional or expanded public target ranges in certain States;

S. 1537, to amend the Neotropical Migratory Bird Conservation Act to reauthorize the Act;

The nomination of Harold B. Parker, of New Hampshire, to be Federal Cochairperson of the Northern Border Regional Commission; and

General Services Administration resolutions.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Finance: Committee ordered favorably reported the nominations of Michael Faulkender, of Maryland, to be an Assistant Secretary of the Treasury, and Elizabeth Darling, of Texas, to be Commissioner on Children, Youth, and Families, Department of Health and Human Services.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee ordered favorably reported the nominations of Lynda Blanchard, of Alabama, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Slovenia, Earl Robert Miller, of Michigan, to be Ambassador to the People's Republic of Bangladesh, Daniel N. Rosenblum, of Maryland, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Uzbekistan, Kip Tom, of Indiana, for the rank of Ambassador during his tenure of service as U.S. Representative to the United Nations Agencies for Food and Agriculture, Karen L. Williams, of Missouri, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Suriname, Donald Y. Yamamoto, of Washington, to be Ambassador to the Federal Republic of Somalia, and Kevin K. Sullivan, of Ohio, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Nicaragua, all of the Department of State, and Mark Rosen, of Connecticut, to be United States Executive Director of the International Monetary Fund.

U.S.-RUSSIA ARMS CONTROL EFFORTS

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the status of United States-Russia arms control efforts, after receiving testimony from Andrea Thompson, Under Secretary of State for Arms Control and International Security; and David J. Trachtenberg, Deputy Under Secretary of Defense for Policy.

FLORES SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the implications of the reinterpretation of the Flores settlement agreement for border security and illegal immigration incentives, including progress and challenges in the management of immigration courts and alternatives to detention programs, after receiving testimony from Matthew T. Albence, Executive Associate Director, Enforcement and Removal Operations, Immigration and Customs Enforcement, and Robert E. Perez, Acting Deputy Commissioner, Customs and Border Protection, both of the Department of Homeland Security; Joseph B. Edlow, Acting Deputy Assistant Attorney General, Office of Legal Policy, Department of Justice; and Rebecca Gambler, Director, Homeland Security and Justice, Government Accountability Office.

REDUCING HEALTH CARE COSTS

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: Committee concluded a hearing to examine reducing health care costs, focusing on how transparency can lower spending and empower patients, after receiving testimony from Leah F. Binder, The Leapfrog Group, Washington, D.C.; Bill Kampine, Healthcare Bluebook, Nashville, Tennessee; Nancy A. Giunto, Washington Health Alliance, Seattle, Washington; and Ty Tippetts, St. George Surgical Center, St. George, Utah.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: Committee ordered favorably reported the nominations of Tamara Bonzanto, of New Jersey, to be an Assistant Secretary (Office of Accountability and Whistleblower Protection), and James Paul Gfrerer, of Virginia, to be an Assistant Secretary (Information and Technology), both of the Department of Veterans Affairs.

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.