

By unanimous vote of 96 yeas (Vote No. Ex. 97), Marcia G. Cooke, of Florida, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of Florida.

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(Prior to the vote on confirmation of the nomination (listed above), Senate vitiated the vote on the motion to invoke cloture thereon.) Page S5574

Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

Alan Greenspan, of New York, to be Chairman of the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System for a term of four years. (Reappointment)

Captain Samuel P. DeBow, Jr., NOAA for appointment to the grade of Rear Admiral (O–8), while serving in a position of importance and responsibility as Director, NOAA Corps and Director, Office of Marine and Aviation Operations, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, under the provisions of Title 33, United States Code, Section 3028(d)(1).

Captain Richard R. Behn, NOAA for appointment to the grade of Rear Admiral (O–7), while serving in a position of importance and responsibility as Director, Marine and Aviation Operations Centers, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, under the provisions of Title 33, United States Code, Section 3028(d)(1).

Routine lists in the Foreign Service, and National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration.

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Record Votes: Three record votes were taken today. (Total—98) Pages S5569, S5575, S5593

Adjournment: Senate convened at 9:45 a.m., and adjourned at 6:44 p.m., until 9:30 a.m., on Wednesday, May 19, 2004. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today's Record on page S5727.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

APPROPRIATIONS: HIV/AIDS FUNDING

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Foreign Operations concluded a hearing to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2005 for foreign assistance, focusing on HIV/AIDS, after receiving testimony from Randall L. Tobias, Global HIV/AIDS Coordinator, Department of State; and Bono, DATA, Washington, D.C.

TERRORISM RISK INSURANCE PROGRAM

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: Committee concluded an oversight hearing to examine the Terrorism Risk Insurance Program, which established a temporary Federal program of shared public and private compensation for insured commercial property and casualty losses resulting from acts of terrorism covered by the Terrorism Risk Insurance Act, after receiving testimony from Brian C. Roseboro, Under Secretary of the Treasury for Domestic Finance; Richard J. Hillman, Director, Financial Markets and Community Investment, General Accounting Office; Donna Lee Williams, Delaware Department of Insurance, Dover, on behalf of the National Association of Insurance Commissioners; J. Robert Hunter, Consumer Federation of America, Washington, D.C.; John J. Degan, Chubb Corporation, Warren, New Jersey, on behalf of sundry organizations; Christopher Nassetta, Host Marriott Corporation, Bethesda, Maryland, on behalf of the Coalition to Insure Against Terrorism; and Jacques E. Dubois, Swiss Re America Holding Corporation, Armonk, New York.

FAA OVERSIGHT

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Committee concluded an oversight hearing to examine the Federal Aviation Administration, focusing on airline flight operations, congestion caused by regional jets, low-cost carrier expansion, and new airport security screening procedures, the aviation trust fund, and establishing a new air traffic organization, after receiving testimony from Kenneth M. Mead, Inspector General, and Marion Blakey, Administrator, Federal Aviation Administration, both of the Department of Transportation; and JayEtta Z. Hecker, Director, Physical Infrastructure Issues, General Accounting Office.

DOE CONTRACTING

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Committee concluded a hearing to examine implications of a 1999 change in reporting of small business contracts by the Department of Energy (DOE), focusing on

the potential benefits and risks of the change, and the efforts of the Office of Small Disadvantaged Utilization to reach out to small businesses and encourage them to do business with DOE, after receiving testimony from Kyle E. McSlarrow, Deputy Secretary of Energy; Robin M. Nazzaro, Director, Natural Resources and Environment, General Accounting Office; Ann Sullivan, Women Impacting Public Policy, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma; Joan B. Woodard, Sandia National Laboratories, Albuquerque, New Mexico; Robert Thompson, Energy Communities Alliance, Richland, Washington.

IRAQ'S TRANSITION

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee held a hearing to examine the way ahead in Iraq, focusing on the transition to sovereignty and democracy and securing a stable, peaceful, and economically vital region, receiving testimony from Paul Wolfowitz, Deputy Secretary of Defense, and Lieutenant General Walter L. Sharp, Director, Strategic Plans and Policy, Joint Chiefs of Staff, both of the Department of Defense; and Richard L. Armitage, Deputy Secretary of State.

Hearings continue tomorrow.

NOMINATIONS

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of William R. Brownfield, of Texas, to be Ambassador to Venezuela, and John D. Rood, of Florida, to be Ambassador to the Bahamas, after each nominee testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

ANIMAL RIGHTS TERRORISM

Committee on the Judiciary: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the threat of animal rights extremism and eco-terrorism, focusing on law enforcement needs to pursue and prosecute those who commit violent acts against institutions that conduct animal research, after receiving testimony from McGregor W. Scott, U.S. Attorney, Eastern District of California; John E. Lewis, Deputy Assistant Director, Counterterrorism Division, Federal Bureau of Investigation, Department of Justice; William Green, Chiron Corporation, Emeryville, California; Jonathan Blum, Yum! Brands Inc., Louisville, Kentucky and Stuart M. Zola, Emory University Yerkes National Primate Research Laboratory, Atlanta, Georgia, on behalf of the National Association for Biomedical Research.

SOCIAL SECURITY REFORM

Special Committee on Aging: Committee concluded a hearing to examine social security reform issues, and comparing the U.S. social security system with other nations', focusing on pension systems in Japan, Germany, the United Kingdom, and Chile, demographic factors, taxes, scheduled benefits, and investment returns, after receiving testimony from James B. Lockhart III, Deputy Commissioner, Social Security Administration; Yoshinori Ohno, Member, Japan's House of Representatives, Tokyo; Vincent J. Truglia, Moody's Investors Service, New York, New York; Axel Boersch-Supan, University of Mannheim Research Institute for the Economics of Aging, Mannheim, Germany; David O. Harris, Watson Wyatt Worldwide, London, England; and L. Jacobo Rodriguez, CATO Institute, Washington, D.C.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Measures Introduced: 11 public bills, H.R. 4378–4388; and 4 resolutions, H. Con. Res. 429–430, and H. Res. 646–647 were introduced.

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Additional Cosponsors:

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Reports Filed: Reports were filed today as follows:

Conference report on S. Con. Res. 95, setting forth the congressional budget for the United States Government for fiscal year 2005 and including the appropriate budgetary levels for fiscal years 2006 through 2009 (H. Rept. 108–498);

H. Res. 648, providing for consideration of H.R. 4200, to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2005 for military activities of the Department of Defense, to prescribe military personnel strengths for fiscal year 2005 (H. Rept. 108–499); and

H. Res. 649, providing for consideration of the conference report to accompany S. Con. Res. 95, original concurrent resolution setting forth the congressional budget for the United States Government for fiscal year 2005 and including the appropriate budgetary levels for fiscal years 2006 through 2009 (H. Rept. 108–500).

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