

until 11:30 a.m. be equally divided between the Chairman and Ranking Member of the Committee on Finance, and that at 11:30 a.m. the Senate vote on passage of the bill; provided further, that when the Senate receives the companion measure from the House, the Senate proceed to its consideration, the bill be read a third time and passed with no intervening action or debate; and that once the Senate has passed the House companion measure, passage of S. 2677 be vitiated, and the bill then be returned to the calendar. **Page S8467**

Department of Agriculture Appropriations Act—Agreement: A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that the Committee on Appropriations be discharged from further consideration of H.R. 4766, making appropriations for Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2005, and that the papers be returned to the House of Representatives. **Page S8492**

Nomination: Senate continued consideration of the nomination of William Gerry Myers III, of Idaho, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Ninth Circuit. **Pages S8438–60**

During consideration of this nomination today, the Senate also took the following action:

By 53 yeas to 44 nays (Vote No. 158), three-fifths of those Senators duly chosen and sworn, not having voted in the affirmative, the Senate rejected the motion to close further debate on the nomination. **Page S8460**

Nomination: Senate began consideration of the nomination of Henry W. Saad, of Michigan, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Sixth Circuit, after agreeing to the motion to proceed to executive session. **Page S8468**

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, a vote on cloture will occur on Thursday, July 22, 2004. **Page S8493**

Appointments:

Congressional Award Board: The Chair, on behalf of the Majority Leader, pursuant to Public Law 96–114, as amended, appointed the following individuals to the Congressional Award Board: Kathy Didawick of Virginia and Michael Carozza of Maryland. **Page S8491**

Nominations Discharged: The following nominations were discharged from further committee consideration and placed on the Executive Calendar:

Juan Carlos Zarate, of California, to be an Assistant Secretary of the Treasury, which was sent to the

Senate on March 11, 2004, from the Senate Committee on Finance.

Stuart Levey, of Maryland, to be Under Secretary of the Treasury for Enforcement, which was sent to the Senate on April 8, 2004, from the Senate Committee on Finance. **Page S8493**

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Record Votes: One record vote was taken today. (Total—158) **Page S8460**

Adjournment: Senate convened at 10 a.m., and adjourned at 7:41 p.m., until 9:30 a.m., on Wednesday, July 21, 2004. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today's Record on page S8493.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

IRAQ SURVEY GROUP

Committee on Armed Services: Committee met in closed session to receive a briefing regarding the activities of the Iraq Survey Group (ISG) in Iraq from Major General Keith W. Dayton, USA, former Commander of the ISG.

COMMITTEE MEETING

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: Committee ordered favorably reported the nominations of Juan Carlos Zarate, of California, to be an Assistant Secretary of the Treasury, Stuart Levey, of Maryland, to be Under Secretary of the Treasury for Enforcement, and Carin M. Barth, of Texas, to be Chief Financial Officer, Department of Housing and Urban Development.

MONETARY POLICY REPORT

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: Committee concluded an oversight hearing to examine the Semi-Annual Monetary Policy Report of the

Federal Reserve, after receiving testimony from Alan Greenspan, Chairman, Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System.

AMERICANS OUTDOORS ACT

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Committee concluded a hearing to examine S. 2590, to provide a conservation royalty from Outer Continental Shelf revenues to establish the Coastal Impact Assistance Program, to provide assistance to States under the Land and Water Conservation Fund Act of 1965, to ensure adequate funding for conserving and restoring wildlife, to assist local governments in improving local park and recreation systems, after receiving testimony from P. Lynn Scarlett, Assistant Secretary of the Interior for Policy, Management, and Budget; Scott A. Angelle, Louisiana Department of Natural Resources, Baton Rouge; Charles Jordan, Conservation Fund, Portland, Oregon; and John Baughman, International Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies, Henry L. Diamond, Americans for Our Heritage and Recreation, Nancie G. Marzulla, Defenders of Property Rights, and Daniel M. Clifton, Americans for Tax Reform, all of Washington, D.C.

BUSINESS MEETING

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

S. 2677, to implement the United States-Morocco Free Trade Agreement;

H.R. 982, to clarify the tax treatment of bonds and other obligations issued by the Government of American Samoa; and

The nominations of Patrick P. O'Carroll, Jr., of Maryland, to be Inspector General, Social Security Administration, and Paul Jones, of Colorado, and Charles L. Kolbe, of Iowa, both to be Members of the Internal Revenue Service Oversight Board, and Timothy S. Bitsberger, of Massachusetts, to be an Assistant Secretary, all of the Department of the Treasury.

MIDDLE EAST ROAD MAP TO PEACE

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee concluded a hearing to examine detours and disengagements regarding the Israeli-Palestinian peace process, focusing on world-wide terrorist recruitment efforts, the economic impact of the infitada, Israel's plan for unilateral withdrawal from the Gaza Strip, after receiving testimony from David M. Satterfield, Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary of State for Near Eastern Affairs; and Dennis Ross, Washington Institute for Near East Policy, Abdel Monem Said Aly, Brookings Institution, and Aaron David Miller, Seeds of Peace, all of Washington, D.C.

FEDERAL WORKFORCE

Committee on Governmental Affairs: Subcommittee on Oversight of Government Management, the Federal Workforce and the District of Columbia concluded a hearing to examine governmentwide workforce flexibilities available to federal agencies, focusing on those enacted in the Homeland Security Act, specifically their implementation, use by agencies, and training and education related to using the new flexibilities, after receiving testimony from Clay Johnson III, Deputy Director for Management, Office of Management and Budget; Dan G. Blair, Deputy Director, Office of Personnel Management; J. Christopher Mihm, Managing Director, Strategic Issues, Government Accountability Office; Ed Sontag, Assistant Secretary of Health and Human Services for Administration and Management; Joanne W. Simms, Deputy Assistant Attorney General for Human Resources and Administration, and Chief Human Capital Officer, Department of Justice; and Vicki A. Novak, Assistant Administrator for Human Resources, and Chief Human Capital Officer, National Aeronautics and Space Administration.

SUBSTANCE ABUSE PROGRAMS

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: Subcommittee on Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services concluded a hearing to examine performance and outcome measurement in substance abuse and mental health programs, focusing on the mission of the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration to build resilience and facilitate recovery, after receiving testimony from Charles G. Curie, Administrator, Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration, Department of Health and Human Services; A. Thomas McLellan, Treatment Research Institute, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania; Howard H. Goldman, University of Maryland School of Medicine, Baltimore; Gary Q. Tester, Ohio Department of Alcohol and Drug Addiction Services, Columbus; and Marsha Medalie, Riverside Community Care, Dedham, Massachusetts.

NEZ PERCE-SNAKE RIVER WATER RIGHTS ACT

Committee on Indian Affairs: Committee concluded a hearing to examine S. 2605, to direct the Secretary of the Interior and the heads of other Federal agencies to carry out an agreement resolving major issues relating to the adjudication of water rights in the Snake River Basin, Idaho, after receiving testimony from Senator Craig; Michael D. Olsen, Counselor to the Assistant Secretary of the Interior for Indian Affairs; Anthony D. Johnson, Nez Perce Tribal Executive Committee, Lapwai, Idaho; Michael Bogert, Office of Idaho Governor Kempthorne, Boise; Roger D.

Ling, Ling, Robinson, and Walker, Rupert, Idaho, on behalf of the Federal Claims Coalition Upper Snake River Water Users; and James S. Riley, Intermountain Forest Association, Coeur d'Alene, Idaho.

BUSINESS MEETING

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

S.J. Res. 4, proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States authorizing Congress to prohibit the physical desecration of the flag of the United States;

S. Res. 401, designating the week of November 7 through November 13, 2004, as "National Veterans Awareness Week" to emphasize the need to develop educational programs regarding the contributions of veterans to the country;

S. Con. Res. 109, commending the United States Institute of Peace on the occasion of its 20th anniversary and recognizing the Institute for its contribution to international conflict resolution;

S. Res. 404, designating August 9, 2004, as "Smokey Bear's 60th Anniversary";

S. Res. 407, designating October 15, 2004, as "National Mammography Day"; and

The nominations of David W. McKeague, of Michigan, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Sixth Circuit, Richard A. Griffin, of Michigan, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Sixth Circuit, Virginia Maria Hernandez Covington, to be United States District Judge for the Middle District of Florida, Michael H. Schneider, Sr., of Texas, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Texas, and Robert Clark Corrente, of Rhode Island, to be United States Attorney for the District of Rhode Island.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: Committee ordered favorably reported the following business items:

S. 1153, to amend title 38, United States Code, to permit medicare-eligible veterans to receive an out-patient medication benefit, to provide that certain veterans who receive such benefit are not otherwise eligible for medical care and services from the Department of Veterans Affairs;

S. 2483, to increase, effective as of December 1, 2004, the rates of compensation for veterans with service-connected disabilities and the rates of dependency and indemnity compensation for the survivors of certain disabled veterans;

S. 2484, to amend title 38, United States Code, to simplify and improve pay provisions for physicians and dentists, to authorize alternate work schedules and executive pay for nurses, with amendments;

S. 2485, to amend title 38, United States Code, to improve and enhance the authorities of the Secretary of Veterans Affairs relating to the management and disposal of real property and facilities, with amendments; and

S. 2486, to amend title 38, United States Code, to improve and enhance education, housing, employment, medical, and other benefits for veterans and to improve and extend certain authorities relating to the administration or benefits for veterans, with amendments.

INTELLIGENCE REFORM

Select Committee on Intelligence: Committee concluded a hearing to examine reform and reorganization of the intelligence community of the United States, focusing on the report of the 9/11 Commission, and prospective legislation to create a Director of National Intelligence, after receiving testimony from Senator Feinstein; and Lieutenant General William E. Odom, USA (Ret.), Hudson Institute, John J. Hamre, Center for Strategic and International Studies, and James R. Woolsey, Booz Allen Hamilton, all of Washington, D.C.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Measures Introduced: 15 public bills, H.R. 4863–4877; 1 private bill, H.R. 4878; and 7 resolutions, H. Con. Res. 475, and H. Res. 728–733, were introduced. **Pages H6126–27**

Additional Cosponsors: **Page H6128**

Reports Filed: Reports were filed today as follows:

Conference report on H.R. 2443, to authorize appropriations for the Coast Guard for fiscal year 2004, to amend various laws administered by the Coast Guard (H. Rept. 108–617);

H. Res. 730, waiving points of order against the conference report to accompany H.R. 2443, to authorize appropriations for the Coast Guard for fiscal year 2004, to amend various laws administered by the Coast Guard (H. Rept. 108–618);