

Howard J. Krongard, of New Jersey, to be Inspector General, Department of State.

Douglas Menarchik, of Texas, to be an Assistant Administrator of the United States Agency for International Development.

Catherine Todd Bailey, of Kentucky, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Latvia.

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**Record Votes:** Three record votes were taken today. (Total—168) **Pages S8945, S8950, S8951**

**Adjournment:** Senate convened at 10:30 a.m., and adjourned at 7:47 p.m., until 9:30 a.m., on Thursday, September 9, 2004. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S8972.)

## Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

### APPROPRIATIONS: 302(b) ALLOCATIONS

*Committee on Appropriations:* Committee approved the fiscal year 2005 302(b) subcommittee allocations of budget outlays and new budget authority allocated to the committee.

### APPROPRIATIONS: AGRICULTURE

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Agriculture, Rural Development, and Related Agencies approved for full Committee consideration an original bill making appropriations for Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies programs for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2005.

### NASA'S SPACE SHUTTLE PROGRAM

*Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine the status of NASA's space shuttle program and the safe return of the Space Shuttle to flight, focusing on completion of the International Space Station, focus Sta-

tion research on supporting exploration goals, and fulfill the commitment to international partners, after receiving testimony from Sean O'Keefe, Administrator, National Aeronautics and Space Administration; Lieutenant General Thomas P. Stafford, USAF (Ret.), Return to Flight Task Group, Houston, Texas; and Joe Cuzzupoli, Kistler Aerospace Corporation, Kirkland, Washington.

### 9/11 COMMISSION RECOMMENDATIONS

*Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation:* Committee held a hearing to examine the implementation of the 9/11 Commission recommendations to provide spectrum for public safety users, focusing on private sector readiness, public safety communications, and completing the transition to digital television, receiving testimony from Representative Curt Weldon; Michael K. Powell, Chairman, Federal Communications Commission; Robert LeGrande, Deputy Chief Technology Officer, Government of the District of Columbia; Stephen T. Devine, Missouri State Highway Patrol, Jefferson City; Gary Grube, Motorola, Schaumburg, Illinois; David L. Donovan, Association for Maximum Service Television, Washington, D.C.; and Lowell W. Paxson, Paxson Communications Corporation, West Palm Beach, Florida.

### INTELLIGENCE COMMUNITY REFORMS

*Committee on Governmental Affairs:* Committee held a hearing to examine proposals to build an agile intelligence community to fight terrorism and emerging threats, focusing on reforms recommended by the 9/11 Commission, providing Federal Bureau of Investigation and Central Intelligence Agency analysts with transparency into intelligence sources, the operational chain of command, protecting civil liberties, and the USA Patriot Act, receiving testimony from Robert S. Mueller III, Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation, Department of Justice; and John E. McLaughlin, Acting Director, Central Intelligence Agency.

### NOMINATIONS

*Committee on the Judiciary:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of Susan Bieke Neilson, of Michigan, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Sixth Circuit, who was introduced by Representative McCotter, Micaela Alvarez, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of Texas, who was introduced by Senators Hutchison and Cornyn, Keith Starrett, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of Mississippi, who was introduced by Senators Cochran and Lott, and Raymond L. Finch, to be Judge for the District Court of the Virgin Islands, who was introduced by Virgin Islands Delegate Christensen,

after each nominee testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

## House of Representatives

### *Chamber Action*

**Measures Introduced:** 12 public bills, H.R. 5024–5035; 2 private bills, H.R. 5036–5037; and 5 resolutions, H. Res. 756–760, were introduced.

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**Additional Cosponsors:** **Pages H6899–H6900**

**Reports Filed:** Reports were filed as follows:

H.R. 4768, to amend title 38, United States Code, to authorize the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to enter into certain major medical facility leases, to authorize that Secretary to transfer real property subject to certain limitations, amended (H. Rept. 108–663);

H.R. 2960, to amend the Reclamation Wastewater and Groundwater Study and Facilities Act to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to participate in the Brownsville Public Utility Board water recycling and desalinization project (H. Rept. 108–664);

H.R. 4027, to authorize the Secretary of Commerce to make available to the University of Miami property under the administrative jurisdiction of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration on Virginia Key, Florida, for use by the University for a Marine Life Science Center, amended (H. Rept. 108–665);

H.R. 4617, to amend the Small Tracts Act to facilitate the exchange of small tracts of land, amended (H. Rept. 108–666, Pt. 1);

S. 1003, to clarify the intent of Congress with respect to the continued use of established commercial outfitter hunting camps on the Salmon River (H. Rept. 108–667);

H.R. 4606, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior, acting through the Bureau of Reclamation and in coordination with other Federal, State, and local government agencies, to participate in the funding and implementation of a balanced, long-term groundwater remediation program in California, amended (H. Rept. 108–668);

H.R. 4508, to amend the National Parks and Recreation Act of 1978 to require the Secretary to permit continued use and occupancy of certain privately owned cabins in the Mineral King Valley in the Sequoia National Park (H. Rept. 108–669);

H.R. 4586, to provide that making limited portions of audio or video content of motion pictures

imperceptible by or for the owner or other lawful possessor of an authorized copy of that motion picture for private home viewing, and the use of technology therefor, is not an infringement of copyright or of any right under the Trademark Act of 1946, amended (H. Rept. 108–670);

H.R. 5025, making appropriations for the Departments of Transportation and Treasury, and independent agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2005 (H. Rept. 108–671); and

H.R. 4341, to reform the postal laws of the United States referred sequentially to the House Committee on the Judiciary for a period ending not later than Sept. 28, 2004 for consideration of such provisions of the bill as fall within the jurisdiction of that committee pursuant to clause 1(k), rule X. (H. Rept. 108–672, Pt. 1).

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**Speaker:** Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he appointed Representative Terry to act as Speaker pro tempore for today.

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**Committee Election:** The House agreed to H. Res. 756, electing Representative Stenholm to the Committee on Armed Services.

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**Department of Labor, HHS, and Education Appropriations Act for FY 2005:** The House began consideration of H.R. 5006, making appropriations for the Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2005. Further consideration will resume tomorrow, September 9.

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Agreed to:

Hooley amendment that increases funding for the Veterans Employment and Training Program;

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LoBiondo amendment that amends section 221 of Title II regarding hospital inpatient rehabilitation;

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Maloney amendment that provides funding for the Women's Educational Equity Act of 2001;

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Sanders amendment that increases funding for the Low-Income Home Energy Assistance program (by a recorded vote of 305 ayes to 114 noes, Roll No. 427);

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