

Comprehensive Peace In Sudan Act: Committee on Foreign Relations was discharged from further consideration of S. 2781, to express the sense of Congress regarding the conflict in Darfur, Sudan, to provide assistance for the crisis in Darfur and for comprehensive peace in Sudan, and the bill was then passed, after agreeing to the following amendment proposed thereto: **Pages S9655–56**

McConnell (for Lugar/Biden) Amendment No. 3679, in the nature of a substitute. **Pages S9647–48**

Working Families Tax Relief Act—Conference Report: By 92 yeas to 3 nays (Vote No. 188), Senate agreed to the conference report to accompany H.R. 1308, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide tax relief for working families, clearing the measure for the President.

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National Intelligence Reform Act—Agreement: A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that on Monday, September 27, 2004, at a time to be determined by the Majority Leader, in consultation with the Democratic Leader, Senate begin consideration of S. 2845, to reform the intelligence community and the intelligence and intelligence-related activities of the United States Government; that all amendments be related to the subject matter of the bill or related to the 9/11 Commission recommendations. **Page S9656**

Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

Buddie J. Penn, of Virginia, to be an Assistant Secretary of the Navy.

Ryan C. Crocker, of Washington, to be Ambassador to the Islamic Republic of Pakistan.

Marcie B. Ries, of the District of Columbia, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Albania.

Dan Arvizu, of Colorado, to be a Member of the National Science Board, National Science Foundation for a term expiring May 10, 2010.

Steven C. Beering, of Indiana, to be a Member of the National Science Board, National Science Foundation for a term expiring May 10, 2010. (Re-appointment)

Gerald Wayne Clough, of Georgia, to be a Member of the National Science Board, National Science Foundation for a term expiring May 10, 2010.

Kelvin Kay Droegemeier, of Oklahoma, to be a Member of the National Science Board, National Science Foundation for a term expiring May 10, 2010.

Louis J. Lanzerotti, of New Jersey, to be a Member of the National Science Board, National Science Foundation for a term expiring May 10, 2010.

Alan I. Leshner, of Maryland, to be a Member of the National Science Board, National Science Foundation for a term expiring May 10, 2010.

Jon C. Strauss, of California, to be a Member of the National Science Board, National Science Foundation for a term expiring May 10, 2010.

Kathryn D. Sullivan, of Ohio, to be a Member of the National Science Board, National Science Foundation for a term expiring May 10, 2010.

31 Air Force nominations in the rank of general.

39 Army nominations in the rank of general.

Routine lists in the Army, Coast Guard, Navy.

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Record Votes: One record vote was taken today. (Total—188) **Page S9580**

Adjournment: Senate convened at 11 a.m., and adjourned at 9:56 p.m., until 10 a.m., on Friday, September 24, 2004. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S9594.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

NATIONAL LABOR RELATIONS BOARD

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, Education and Related Agencies concluded a hearing to examine National Labor Relations Board issues, including whether graduate student assistants are considered employees under the National Labor Relations Act, and the purpose and need for the Board's recognition bar doctrine, after receiving testimony from Robert J. Battista, Chairman, Arthur F. Rosenfeld, General Counsel, and Wilma B. Liebman, Member, all of the National Labor Relations Board; John B. Langel, Ballard Spahr Andrews and Ingersoll, and Christina

Collins, on behalf of Graduate Employees Together-University of Pennsylvania, both of the University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia; Nancy Schiffer, AFL-CIO, Washington, D.C.; and William L. Messenger, National Right to Work Legal Defense Foundation, Springfield, Virginia.

GLOBAL POSTURE REVIEW

Committee on Armed Services: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the Global Posture Review of United States military forces stationed overseas, after receiving testimony from Donald H. Rumsfeld, Secretary of Defense; General Richard B. Myers, USAF, Chairman, Joint Chiefs of Staff; General James L. Jones, Jr., USMC, Commander, U.S. European Command and Supreme Allied Commander, Europe; Admiral Thomas B. Fargo, USN, Commander, U.S. Pacific Command; and General Leon J. LaPorte, USA, Commander, United Nations Command, Republic of Korea/U.S. Combined Forces Command, Commander, U.S. Forces Korea.

PRESCRIPTION DRUG ABUSE

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: Committee concluded a hearing to examine drug abuse prevention issues, focusing on the role of prescription drug monitoring programs, and federal privacy standards for PMPs, after receiving testimony from Representative Whitfield; James W. Holsinger,

Jr., Kentucky Secretary for Health and Family Services, Frankfort; Sherry Green, National Alliance for Model State Drug Laws, Alexandria, Virginia; Kenneth G. Varley, Alabama Society of Interventional Pain Physicians, Birmingham, on behalf of the American Society of Interventional Pain Physicians; Joy L. Pritts, Georgetown University Health Policy Institute, Washington, D.C.

BUSINESS MEETING

Select Committee on Intelligence: Committee met in closed session to consider pending intelligence matters.

Committee recessed subject to the call.

MEDICARE DISCOUNT DRUG CARDS

Special Committee on Aging: Committee met to discuss the new Medicare-approved prescription drug cards and transitional assistance programs for seniors, with Mark McClellan, Administrator, and Sharman Stephens, Director, Planning and Policy Analysis Group, Office of Research, Development and Information, both of the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, Department of Health and Human Services; and James Firman, National Council on the Aging, Mary R. Grealy, Healthcare Leadership Council, Robert B. Helms, American Enterprise Institute, and Julie James, Health Policy Alternatives, Inc., all of Washington, D.C.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Measures Introduced: 17 public bills, H.R. 5130–5146; and; 10 resolutions, H.J. Res. 106; H. Con. Res. 497–499, and H. Res. 795–800 were introduced. **Pages H7574–75**

Additional Cosponsors: **Page H7575**

Reports Filed: Reports were filed today as follows:

H.R. 4341, to reform the postal laws of the United States, amended (H. Rept. 108–672, Pt. 2);

Conference report on H.R. 1308, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to end certain abusive tax practices, to provide tax relief and simplification (H. Rept. 108–696);

H. Res. 745, of inquiry requesting the President of the United States to provide certain information to the House of Representatives respecting the National Energy Policy Development Group, adversely (H. Rept. 108–697);

H.R. 4661, to amend title 18, United States Code, to discourage spyware, amended (H. Rept. 108–698); and

H. Res. 794, waiving points of order against the conference report to accompany the bill (H.R. 1308) to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to accelerate the increase in the refundability of the child tax credit (H. Rept. 108–699). **Pages H7573–74**

Speaker: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he appointed Representative Kirk to act as Speaker Pro Tempore for today. **Page H7445**

Chaplain: The prayer was offered today by Rev. Betsy Singleton, Pastor, Quapaw Quarter United Methodist Church in Little Rock, Arkansas. **Page H7445**

Recess: The House recessed at 9:05 a.m. for the purpose of receiving His Excellency Ayad Allawi, Interim Prime Minister of the Republic of Iraq and reconvened at 11:15 a.m.; and agreed that the proceedings had during the Joint Meeting be printed in the Record. **Pages H7445, H7448**