

Record Votes: Two record votes were taken today. (Total—13) **Pages S1853–54**

Adjournment: Senate convened at 9:45 a.m., and adjourned at 7:03 p.m., until 9:15 a.m., on Wednesday, March 2, 2005. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on Page S1882.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION

Committee on Armed Services: Committee concluded a hearing to examine military strategy and operational requirements from combatant commanders in review of the Defense Authorization Request for fiscal year 2006, after receiving testimony from General James L. Jones, Jr., USMC, Commander, United States European Command, Supreme Allied Commander, Europe; General John P. Abizaid, USA, Commander, U.S. Central Command; and General Bryan D. Brown, USA, Commander, U.S. Special Operations Command.

NOMINATION

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nomination of Ronald Rosenfeld, of Oklahoma, to be a Director of the Federal Housing Finance Board, after the nominee, who was introduced by former Oklahoma Governor Frank Keating, testified and answered questions in his own behalf.

BUDGET: DEFENSE

Committee on the Budget: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the President's proposed budget for fiscal year 2006 for defense, after receiving testimony from Paul Wolfowitz, Deputy Secretary, General Peter Pace, Vice Chairman, Joint Chiefs of Staff, and Tina Jonas, Under Secretary (Comptroller), all of the Department of Defense.

BUDGET: DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the President's proposed budget request for fiscal year 2006 for the Department of the Interior, after receiving testimony from Gale A. Norton, Secretary, and Lynn Scarlett, Assistant Secretary for Policy, Management, and Budget, both of the Department of the Interior.

DEFINED BENEFIT PENSION PLAN PROPOSAL

Committee on Finance: Committee held a hearing to examine the financial status of Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation and the Administration's Defined

Benefit Plan Funding Proposal, receiving testimony from Mark J. Warshawsky, Assistant Secretary of the Treasury for Economic Policy; Ann L. Combs, Assistant Secretary of Labor for the Employee Benefits Security Administration; Bradley D. Belt, Executive Director, Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation; Larry Zimpleman, Principal Financial Group, Des Moines, Iowa, on behalf of the Business Roundtable; Alan Reuther, United Auto Workers, Washington, D.C.; and Randall S. Kroszner, The University of Chicago Graduate School of Business, Chicago, Illinois.

Hearings recessed subject to the call of the Chair.

FDA's DRUG APPROVAL PROCESS

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: Committee held a hearing to examine Food and Drug Administration's (FDA) drug approval process, focusing on FDA's drug approval process after a sponsor demonstrates that their benefits outweigh their risks for a specific population and use, and that the drug meets standards for safety and efficacy, receiving testimony from Sandra L. Kweder, Deputy Director, Office of New Drugs, Food and Drug Administration, Department of Health and Human Services; Nancy Davenport-Ennis, National Patient Advocate Foundation, Scott Gottlieb, American Enterprise Institute, and William B. Schultz, Zuckerman Spaeder, LLP, all of Washington, D.C.; Thomas R. Fleming, University of Washington Department of Biostatistics, Seattle; David Fassler, University of Vermont College of Medicine, Burlington, on behalf of American Academy of Child and Adolescent Psychiatry and the American Psychiatric Association; and Abbey S. Meyers, National Organization for Rare Disorders, Danbury, Connecticut.

Hearings recessed until Thursday, March 3.

NATIVE HAWAIIAN GOVERNMENT REORGANIZATION ACT

Committee on Indian Affairs: Committee concluded a hearing to examine S. 147, to express the policy of the United States regarding the United States relationship with Native Hawaiians and to provide a process for the recognition by the United States of the Native Hawaiian governing entity, after receiving testimony from Representative Case and Delegate Faleomavaega; Hawaii Governor Linda Lingle, Hawaii State Attorney General Mark Ben-Haunani Apoliona, Office of Hawaiian Affairs, Micah Kane, State Department of Hawaiian Home Lands, and Jade Danner, Council for Native Hawaiian Advancement, all of Honolulu; Tex Hall, National Congress of American Indians, Washington, D.C.; and Julie Kitka, Alaska Federation of Natives, Anchorage, Alaska.

NOMINATION

Committee on the Judiciary: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nomination of William

Gerry Myers III, of Idaho, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Ninth Circuit, after the nominee, who was introduced by Senator Craig, testified and answered questions in his own behalf.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Measures Introduced: 40 public bills, H.R. 994–1033; 2 private bills, H.R. 1034–1035; and; 9 resolutions, H. Con. Res. 79–80, and H. Res. 124, 127–132 were introduced. **Pages H845–47**

Additional Cosponsors: **Pages H847–49**

Reports Filed: Reports were filed today as follows:

Filed on February 24, 2005: H.R. 841, to require States to hold special elections to fill vacancies in the House of Representatives not later than 45 days after the vacancy is announced by the Speaker of the House of Representatives in extraordinary circumstances, amended, referred sequentially to the House Committee on the Judiciary for a period ending not later than Feb. 24, 2005 (H. Rept. 109–8, Pt. 1);

Filed on February 25, 2005: H.R. 27, to enhance the workforce investment system of the Nation by strengthening one-stop career centers, providing for more effective governance arrangements, promoting access to a more comprehensive array of employment, training, and related services, establishing a targeted approach to serving youth, and improving performance accountability, amended (H. Rept. 109–9);

Supplemental report on H.R. 27, to enhance the workforce investment system of the Nation by strengthening one-stop career centers, providing for more effective governance arrangements, promoting access to a more comprehensive array of employment, training, and related services, establishing a targeted approach to serving youth, and improving performance accountability (H. Rept. 109–9, Pt. 2);

H. Res. 125, providing for consideration of H.R. 841, to require States to hold special elections to fill vacancies in the House of Representatives not later than 45 days after the vacancy is announced by the Speaker of the House of Representatives in extraordinary circumstances (H. Rept. 109–10); and

H. Res. 126, providing for consideration of H.R. 27, to enhance the workforce investment system of the Nation by strengthening one-step career centers, providing for more effective governance arrangements, promoting access to a more comprehensive array of employment, training, and related services,

establishing a targeted approach to serving youth, and improving performance accountability (H. Rept. 109–11). **Page H845**

Suspensions: The House agreed to suspend the rules and pass the following measures:

Providing for acceptance of a statue of Sarah Winnemucca, presented by the people of Nevada: H. Con. Res. 5, amended, providing for the acceptance of a statue of Sarah Winnemucca, presented by the people of Nevada, for placement in National Statuary Hall, by a 2/3 ye and nay vote of 418 yeas with none voting “nay”, Roll No. 40;

Pages H800–03, H810–11

Permitting the use of the Capitol for a ceremony as part of the commemoration of the days of remembrance of victims of the Holocaust: H. Con. Res. 63, permitting the use of the rotunda of the Capitol for a ceremony as part of the commemoration of the days of remembrance of victims of the Holocaust, by a 2/3 ye and nay vote of 416 yeas with none voting “nay”, Roll No. 41;

Pages H803–04, H811

Recognizing the benefits and importance of school-based music education: H. Con. Res. 45, amended, recognizing the benefits and importance of school-based music education; and **Pages H805–08**

Congratulating Jewish communities on their seven year completion of the 11th cycle of the daily study of the Talmud: H. Res. 124, congratulating Jewish communities on their seven year completion of the 11th cycle of the daily study of the Talmud.

Pages H808–10

Permitting the use of the Rotunda to award a Congressional gold medal to Jackie Robinson, posthumously: The House agreed to H. Con. Res. 79, permitting the use of the rotunda of the Capitol for a ceremony to award a Congressional gold medal to Jackie Robinson (posthumously), in recognition of his many contributions to the Nation. **Pages H804–05**

Recess: The House recessed at 3:07 p.m. and reconvened at 6:30 p.m. **Page H810**

Senate Messages: Messages received from the Senate today appear on pages H799, H816.