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Record Votes: Three record votes were taken today. (Total—30)	Pages S2215, S2216, S2228
Adjournment: Senate convened at 9:45 a.m., and adjourned at 7:18 p.m., until 9:30 a.m., on Wednesday, March 9, 2005. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S2296.)	

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

COMMODITY FUTURES TRADING COMMISSION

Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the reauthorization of the Commodity Futures Trading Commission, after receiving testimony from Sharon Brown-Hruska, Acting Chairman, Commodity Futures Trading Commission; Charles P. Carey, Chicago Board of Trade, Terrence A. Duffy, Chicago Mercantile Exchange, and Satish Nandapurkar, Eurex US, all of Chicago, Illinois; James Newsome, New York Mercantile Exchange, Inc., and Frederick W. Schoenhut, New York Board of Trade, both of New York, New York; and John M. Damgard, Futures Industry Association, Washington, D.C.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Appropriations: On February 17, 2005, Committee adopted its rules of procedure for the 109th Congress.

APPROPRIATIONS: NAVY

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Military Construction concluded a hearing to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2006 for defense wide and navy budget overview, after receiving testimony from Tina W. Jonas, Under Secretary (Comptroller), and Philip W. Grone, Deputy Under

Secretary (Installations and Environment), both of the Department of Defense; B.J. Penn, Assistant Secretary (Installations and Environment), and Rear Admiral Wayne G. Shears, Jr., Deputy Director, Ashore Readiness Division, both of the United States Navy; and Brigadier General Willie J. Williams, Assistant Deputy Commandant, Installations and Logistics (Facilities), United States Marine Corps.

DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION REQUEST

Committee on Armed Services: Committee concluded an open and closed hearing to examine military strategy and operational requirements in review of the Defense Authorization Request for fiscal year 2006, after receiving testimony from Admiral William J. Fallon, USN, Commander, United States Pacific Command; and General Leon J. LaPorte, USA, Commander, United Nations Command and Republic of Korea/United States Combined Forces Command Commander, United States Forces Korea.

OPERATIONS IN IRAQ

Committee on Armed Services: Committee met in closed session to receive a briefing to discuss current operations in Iraq from General George W. Casey, Jr., USA, Commanding General, Multi-National Force—Iraq; and Peter W. Rodman, Assistant of Defense for International Security Affairs.

LAND BILLS

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Subcommittee on Public Lands and Forests concluded a hearing to examine S. 179, to provide for the exchange of land within the Sierra National Forest, California, S. 213, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to convey certain Federal land to Rio Arriba County, New Mexico, S. 267, to reauthorize the Secure Rural Schools and Community Self-Determination Act of 2000, S. 305, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to recruit volunteers to assist with or facilitate the activities of various agencies and offices of the Department of the Interior, S. 476, to authorize the Boy Scouts of America to exchange certain land in the State of Utah acquired under the Recreation and Public Purposes Act, and S. 485, to reauthorize and amend the National Geologic Mapping Act of 1992, after receiving testimony from Senator Hatch; Mark Rey, Under Secretary of Agriculture for Natural Resources and the Environment; Christopher Kearney, Deputy Assistant Secretary of the Interior for Policy Management and Budget; Robert Douglas, Tehama County Schools, Red Bluff, California, on behalf of the National Forest Counties and Schools Coalition; and Michael A. Francis, Wilderness Society, Washington, D.C.

POWER GENERATION RESOURCES

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Committee concluded a hearing to examine ways to encourage the diversification of power generation resources, focusing on renewable portfolio standards (RPS) efforts among states and the cost and benefits of a federal RPS program, and new approaches to promoting a variety of clean power resources, such as wind, solar, clean coal technology and nuclear power, after receiving testimony from David K. Garman, Assistant Secretary of Energy for Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy; Richard E. Morgan, Commissioner, District of Columbia Public Service Commission, on behalf of the National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners; Ryan H. Wisner, Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory, Berkeley, California; Wayne Brunetti, Xcel Energy, Minneapolis, Minnesota; Sonny Popowsky, Pennsylvania Office of Consumer Advocate, Harrisburg, on behalf of National Association of State Utility Consumer Advocates; Donald N. Furman, PacifiCorp, Portland, Oregon; Kerry W. Bowers, Southern Company, Birmingham, Alabama; Alan Noguee, Union of Concerned Scientists, Cambridge, Massachusetts; and Brian O'Shaughnessy, Revere Copper Products, Rome, New York, on behalf of National Association of Manufacturers.

PHYSICIAN-OWNED SPECIALTY HOSPITALS

Committee on Finance: Committee held a hearing to examine physician-owned specialty hospitals, focusing on the effects that specialty hospitals have on community hospitals, receiving testimony from Thomas A. Gustafson, Deputy Director, Center for Medicare Management, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, Department of Health and Human Services; Glenn M. Hackbarth, Chairman, Medicare Payment Advisory Commission; Alan H. Pierrot, PSC Health, Inc., Fresno, California, on behalf of American Surgical Hospital Association; Larry Veitz, Lookout Memorial Hospital, Spearfish, South Dakota; and J. Andy Sullivan, Oklahoma University Medical Center, Oklahoma City.

Hearing recessed subject to the call of the Chair.

BLACK SEA AREA

Committee on Foreign Relations: Subcommittee on European Affairs concluded a hearing to examine the current state of democracy in the Black Sea region

and the prospects for further democratic evolution in the area, after receiving testimony from John F. Tefft, Deputy Assistant Secretary of State for European and Eurasian Affairs; and Bruce P. Jackson, Project on Transitional Democracies, Vladimir Socor, Jamestown Foundation, and Zeyno Baran, The Nixon Center, all of Washington, D.C.

NOMINATION

Committee on the Judiciary: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nomination of Thomas B. Griffith, of Utah, to be United States Circuit Judge for the District of Columbia Circuit, after the nominee, who was introduced by Senators Hatch and Bennett, testified and answered questions in his own behalf.

TERRORISM AND EMP THREAT

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Terrorism, Technology, and Homeland Security concluded a hearing to examine terrorism and the electromagnetic pulse (EMP) threat to homeland security, after receiving testimony from Peter M. Fonsah, Acting Deputy Manager, National Communications Systems, Department of Homeland Security; and Lowell Wood, Acting Chairman, and Peter V. Pry, both of the Congressional Commission to Assess the Threat to the U.S. from Electromagnetic Pulse Attack.

527 REFORM ACT

Committee on Rules and Administration: Committee concluded a hearing to examine S. 271, to amend the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971 to clarify when organizations described in section 527 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 must register as political committees, after receiving testimony from Senators Feingold and McCain; Scott E. Thomas, Chairman, and David M. Mason, Commissioner, both of the Federal Election Commission; Frances R. Hill, University of Miami School of Law, Coral Gables, Florida; and Robert F. Bauer, Perkins Coie LLP, and Michael J. Malbin, Campaign Finance Institute, both of Washington, D.C.

INTELLIGENCE

Select Committee on Intelligence: Committee held closed hearings on intelligence matters, receiving testimony from officials of the intelligence community.

Committee recessed subject to call.