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Record Votes: Two record votes were taken today. (Total—137)	Pages S6438, S6462–63
Adjournment: Senate convened at 9:44 a.m., and adjourned at 7:19 p.m. until 9:30 a.m., on Wednesday, June 15, 2005. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S6588.)	

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

AGRICULTURE AND FOOD BIOTECHNOLOGY

Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the benefits and future developments in agriculture and food biotechnology, focusing on crossbreeding, hybridization, and bioengineering, legal and regulatory background, and the interagency Agricultural Biotechnology Working Group, after receiving testimony from Chuck Lambert, Deputy Under Secretary of Agriculture for Marketing and Regulatory Programs; Clifford Gabriel, Director, Office of Science Coordination and Policy, Office of Prevention, Pesticides, and Toxic Substances, Environmental Protection Agency; Robert E. Brackett, Director, Center for Food Safety and Applied Nutrition, Food and Drug Administration, Department of Health and Human Services; Jim Greenwood, Biotechnology Industry Organization, Washington, D.C.; Ron Heck, American Soybean Association, Perry, Iowa; and Kenneth M. Quinn, World Food Prize Foundation, Des Moines, Iowa.

APPROPRIATIONS: DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Homeland Security approved for full Committee consideration H.R. 2360, making appropriations for the Department of Homeland Security for the fiscal year

ending September 30, 2006, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute.

APPROPRIATIONS: ENERGY AND WATER DEVELOPMENT

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Energy and Water, and Related Agencies approved for full Committee consideration H.R. 2419, making appropriations for energy and water development for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2006, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute.

CAPITOL VISITOR CENTER

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Legislative Branch resumed a hearing to examine the progress of the Capitol Visitor Center construction, receiving testimony from Alan Hantman, Architect of the Capitol; and Bernard Ungar, Director, and Terrell Dorn, Assistant Director, both of Physical Infrastructure, Government Accountability Office.

Hearing will continue on Thursday, July 14.

SOCIAL SECURITY REFORM

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: Subcommittee on Securities and Investment concluded a hearing to examine the role of financial markets in social security reform, focusing on the Federal Thrift Savings Plan, personal retirement savings accounts, and retirement plan administrative costs, after receiving testimony from Gary A. Amelio, Executive Director, Federal Retirement Thrift Investment Board; Francis Enderle, Barclays Global Investors, San Francisco, California; Francis X. Cavanaugh, Public Finance Consulting, Chevy Chase, Maryland; Michael Tanner, CATO Institute, and David C. John, The Heritage Foundation, both of Washington, D.C.; and Jason Furman, New York University Wagner Graduate School of Public Service, New York, New York.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Finance: Committee met and approved recommendations on proposed legislation implementing the United States-Central America-Dominican Republic Free Trade Agreement.

NORTH KOREA

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the status of the Six-Party Talks in Beijing, and matters related to the resolution of the North Korean nuclear crisis, after receiving testimony from Christopher R. Hill, Assistant Secretary for East Asian and Pacific Affairs, and Joseph R. DeTrani, Special Envoy, Six-Party Talks, both of the Department of State.

TARGETING ORGANIZED PIRACY

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: Subcommittee on Oversight of Government Management, the Federal Workforce, and the District of Columbia held a hearing to examine the Strategy Targeting Organized Piracy (STOP!) initiative, established to stop trade in pirated and counterfeit goods, focusing on activities undertaken by STOP! to date, its effectiveness in coordinating Federal government efforts to combat intellectual property theft at home and abroad, and the Federal government's ability to recruit, train and retain the workforce necessary to implement STOP!, including the Administration's long-term strategic plan for STOP! and ways the initiative assists small business protect its intellectual property rights, receiving testimony from Jon W. Dudas, Under Secretary of Commerce for Intellectual Property, and Director, United States Patent and Trademark Office; Victoria Espinel, Acting Assistant U.S. Trade Representative for Intellectual Property; Daniel Baldwin, Acting Assistant Commissioner, U.S. Customs and Border Protection, Department of Homeland Security; Laura H. Parsky, Deputy Assistant Attorney General, Criminal Division, Department of Justice; Loren Yager, Director, International Affairs and Trade, Government Accountability Office; Brad Huther, United States Chamber of Commerce, and Franklin J. Vargo, National Association of Manufacturers, both of Washington, D.C.; and Jeffrey O. Evans, The Will-Burt Company, Orrville, Ohio.

Hearing recessed subject to call.

FEDERAL BUDGETING

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: Subcommittee on Federal Financial Manage-

ment, Government Information, and International Security concluded a hearing to examine accountability and results in Federal budgeting, focusing on the specific metrics and tools used by the Office of Management and Budget to determine the effectiveness of Federal programs, the advantages and disadvantages of using these metrics, and how information provided by these metrics is being used to increase effectiveness and accountability in Federal budgeting, after receiving testimony from David M. Walker, Comptroller General of the United States, Government Accountability Office; Clay Johnson, III, Deputy Director for Management, Office of Management and Budget; Eileen Norcross, George Mason University Mercatus Center, Fairfax, Virginia; and Beryl A. Radin, University of Baltimore, Baltimore, Maryland.

PATENT LAW REFORM

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Intellectual Property concluded a hearing to examine injunctions and damages relating to patent law reform, focusing on prior user rights, the first-inventor-to-file system, and a life sciences perspective on patents, after receiving testimony from Carl E. Gulbrandsen, Wisconsin Alumni Research Foundation, Madison; Jonathan Band, on behalf of Visa U.S.A. and The Financial Services Roundtable, and Jeffrey P. Kushan, Sidley Austin Brown and Wood, LLP, both of Washington, D.C.; Mark A. Lemley, Stanford Law School, Stanford, California; Chuck Fish, Time Warner, Inc., New York, New York; and J. Jeffrey Hawley, Eastman Kodak Company, Rochester, New York, on behalf of the Intellectual Property Owners Association.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Measures Introduced: 28 public bills, H.R. 2874-2901; 1 private bill, H.R. 2901; and 6 resolutions, H.J. Res. 54; H. Con. Res. 177-178; and H.Res. 316-318 were introduced. **Pages H4485-86**

Additional Cosponsors: **Pages H4486-87**

Reports Filed: Reports were filed today as follows:

H.R. 420, to amend Rule 11 of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure to improve attorney accountability, amended (H. Rept. 109-123);

H.R. 800, to prohibit civil liability actions from being brought or continued against manufacturers,

distributors, dealers, or importers of firearms or ammunition for damages or injunctive or other relief resulting from the misuse of their products by others, amended (H. Rept. 109-124);

H.R. 38, to designate a portion of the White Salmon River as a component of the National Wild and Scenic Rivers System (H. Rept. 109-125);

H.R. 539, to designate certain National Forest System land in the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico as components of the National Wilderness Preservation System, amended (H. Rept. 109-126);