

Nelson (FL) Amendment No. 762, to repeal the requirement for the reduction of certain Survivor Benefit Plan annuities by the amount of dependency and indemnity compensation and to modify the effective date for paid-up coverage under the Survivor Benefit Plan. **Page S8898**

Durbin Amendment No. 1428, to authorize the Secretary of the Air Force to enter into agreements with St. Clair County, Illinois, for the purpose of constructing joint administrative and operations structures at Scott Air Force Base, Illinois. **Page S8898**

Durbin Amendment No. 1571, to ensure that a Federal employee who takes leave without pay in order to perform service as a member of the uniformed services or member of the National Guard shall continue to receive pay in an amount which, when taken together with the pay and allowances such individual is receiving for such service, will be no less than the basic pay such individual would then be receiving if no interruption in employment had occurred. **Page S8898**

Levin Amendment No. 1496, to prohibit the use of funds for normalizing relations with Libya pending resolution with Libya of certain claims relating to the bombing of the LaBelle Discotheque in Berlin, Germany. **Page S8898**

Levin Amendment No. 1497, to establish limitations on excess charges under time-and-materials contracts and labor-hour contracts of the Department of Defense. **Page S8898**

Levin (for Harkin/Dorgan) Amendment No. 1425, relating to the American Forces Network. **Page S8898**

During consideration of this measure today, Senate also took the following action:

By 50 yeas to 48 nays (Vote No. 205), three-fifths of those Senators duly chosen and sworn, not having voted in the affirmative, Senate rejected the motion to close further debate on the bill. **Pages S8907–08**

Protection of Lawful Commerce in Arms Act: Senate resumed consideration of the motion to proceed to consideration of S. 397, to prohibit civil liability actions from being brought or continued against manufacturers, distributors, dealers, or importers of firearms or ammunition for damages, injunctive or other relief resulting from the misuse of their products by others. **Pages S8908–32**

During consideration of this measure today, Senate also took the following action:

By 66 yeas to 32 nays (Vote No. 206), three-fifths of those Senators duly chosen and sworn, having voted in the affirmative, Senate agreed to the motion to close further debate on the motion to proceed to consideration of the bill. **Pages S8908–09**

A unanimous-consent-time agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the motion to

proceed to consideration of the bill at 9:30 a.m. on Wednesday, July 27, 2005; provided further, that the time from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. be equally divided for debate, followed by a vote on the motion to proceed. **Page S9057**

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Record Votes: Five record votes were taken today. (Total—206) **Pages S8905, S8906, S8907–08, S8909**

Adjournment: Senate convened at 9:45 a.m., and adjourned at 7:09 p.m. until 9:30 a.m., on Wednesday, July 27, 2005. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on pages S9057–58.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

SPECIES CONSERVATION

Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry: Subcommittee on Forestry, Conservation, and Rural Revitalization concluded a hearing to examine how farm bill programs can better support species conservation, focusing on the Wetlands Reserve Program, the eastern bog turtle and ivory billed woodpecker, pallid sturgeon, salmon, and the sage grouse, after receiving testimony from Bruce I. Knight, Chief, Natural Resources Conservation Service, Department of Agriculture; J. Kent Foster, Idaho Association of Soil Districts, Boise; James L. Cummins, Mississippi Fish and Wildlife Foundation, Stoneville; Steve Manning, Leon River Restoration Project, Gatesville, Texas; and Timothy D. Searchinger, Environmental Defense, Washington, D.C.

NOMINATIONS

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of Christopher Cox, of California, who was introduced by Senators Stevens, Feinstein, and Boxer, Roel C. Campos, of Texas, and Annette L.

Nazareth, of the District of Columbia, who was introduced by Senator Schumer, each to be a Member of the Securities and Exchange Commission, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

NOMINATIONS

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of John C. Dugan, of Maryland, to be Comptroller of the Currency, John M. Reich, of Virginia, to be Director of the Office of Thrift Supervision, and Martin J. Gruenberg, of Maryland, to be a Member and Vice Chairperson of the Board of Directors of the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

ELECTRONICS WASTE

Committee on Environment and Public Works: Subcommittee on Superfund and Waste Management concluded an oversight hearing to examine the potential health and environmental impact of electronics waste, after receiving testimony from Senators Talent and Wyden; Representative Mike Thompson; Thomas P. Dunne, Deputy Assistant Administrator, Office of Solid Waste and Emergency Response, Environmental Protection Agency; John B. Stephenson, Director, Natural Resources and Environment, Government Accountability Office; Garth T. Hickle, Minnesota Pollution Control Agency, St. Paul; Richard Goss, Electronic Industries Alliance, Arlington, Virginia; Scott Slesinger, Environmental Technology Council, Washington, D.C.; Michael Vitelli, Best Buy Company, Inc., Richfield, Minnesota, on behalf of the Consumer Electronics Retailers Coalition; and Sheila Davis, Silicon Valley Toxics Coalition, San Jose, California.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Finance: Committee ordered favorably reported an original bill entitled "National Employee Savings and Trust Equity Guarantee Act".

GLOBAL ENERGY TRENDS

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee concluded a hearing to examine implications for the United States regarding energy trends in China and India, focusing on China and India's expanding role in the global energy market and energy dialogues taking place with these two countries, after receiving testimony from E. Anthony Wayne, Interim Under Secretary of State for Economic, Business and Agricultural Affairs, and David K. Garman, Under Secretary of Energy for Science and Environment; Mikkal Herberg, The National Bureau of Asian Research, Seattle, Washington; Randall G. Shriver, Armitage

International, Arlington, Virginia; and Sumit Ganguly, Indiana University India Studies Program, Bloomington.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee ordered favorably reported the following business items:

S. 1129, to provide authorizations of appropriations for certain development banks, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

Inter-American Convention Against Terrorism (Treaty Doc. 107-18), with one understanding;

Protocol of Amendment to International Convention on Simplification and Harmonization of Customs Procedures (Treaty Doc. 108-6), with reservations to 24 recommended practices contained in specific annexes;

Convention on Cybercrime (Treaty Doc. 108-11), with six reservations and five declarations;

U.N. Convention Against Transnational Organized Crime (Treaty Doc. 108-16), with three reservations and one declaration relating to the convention, three reservations, one understanding, and one declaration relating to the supplementary protocol on trafficking in persons, and two reservations and one understanding relating to the supplementary protocol on migrant smuggling; and

The nominations of Henrietta Holsman Fore, of Nevada, to be an Under Secretary of State for Management, Henry Crumpton, of Virginia, to be Coordinator for Counterterrorism, with the rank and status of Ambassador at Large, Gillian Arlette Milovanovic, of Pennsylvania, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Macedonia, James Cain, of North Carolina, to be Ambassador to Denmark, Alan W. Eastham, Jr., of Arkansas, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Malawi, Katherine Hubay Peterson, of California, to be Ambassador to Republic of Botswana, Michael Retzer, of Mississippi, to be Ambassador to the United Republic of Tanzania, Karen P. Hughes, of Texas, to be Under Secretary of State for Public Diplomacy, with the rank of Ambassador, Josette Sheeran Shiner, of Virginia, to be an Under Secretary of State for Economic, Business, and Agricultural Affairs, Kristen Silverberg, of Texas, to be an Assistant Secretary of State for International Organization Affairs, and Jendayi Elizabeth Frazer, of Virginia, to be an Assistant Secretary of State for African Affairs.

GENERAL SERVICES ADMINISTRATION

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: Subcommittee on Federal Financial Management, Government Information, and International Security concluded a hearing to examine the General Services Administration (GSA), focusing on GSA's

historic use of two proven negotiation tools to improve the pricing of schedules contracts-pre-award audits and postaward audits of pre-award information, after receiving testimony from David E. Cooper, Director, Acquisition and Sourcing Management, Government Accountability Office; Emily W. Murphy, Chief Acquisition Officer, and Kathleen S. Tighe, Counsel to the Inspector General, both of the General Services Administration; David H. Safavian, Administrator, Federal Procurement Policy, Office of Management and Budget; John B. Ames, Director, Contract Review and Evaluation Division, Office of Inspector General, Department of Veterans Affairs; and Thomas Graham, Network Exchange, Carlsbad, California.

INDIAN TRUST REFORM ACT

Committee on Indian Affairs: Committee concluded a hearing to examine legislation to resolve the lawsuit of Cobell v. Norton, focusing on S. 1439, to provide for Indian trust asset management reform and resolution of historical accounting claims, after receiving testimony from Jim Cason, Associate Deputy Secretary, and Ross Swimmer, Special Trustee for American Indians, both of the Department of the Interior; Tex Hall, National Congress of American Indians, Washington, D.C.; Jim Gray, Inter-Tribal Monitoring Association, Albuquerque, New Mexico; Ernest L. Stensgar, Affiliated Tribes of Northwest Indians, Portland, Oregon; James T. Martin, United South and Eastern Tribes, Inc., Nashville, Tennessee; and Elouise C. Cobell, Blackfeet Reservation Development Fund, Browning, Montana.

IMMIGRATION REFORM

Committee on the Judiciary: Committee held a hearing to examine comprehensive immigration reform proposals, receiving testimony from Senators Kennedy, McCain, Kyl, and Cornyn; Hal Daub, American Health Care Association, and National Center For Assisted Living, Washington, D.C., on behalf of the Essential Worker Immigration Coalition; Tamar Jacoby, Manhattan Institute, New York, New York; and Gary Endelman, Houston, Texas.

Hearing recessed subject to the call.

PATENTS REFORM

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Intellectual Property held a hearing to examine harmonization and other matters concerning patents, focusing on the first-inventor-to-file issue, and pre-issuance submissions of art, receiving testimony from Gerald J. Mossinghoff, Oblon, Spivak, McClelland, Maier, and Neustadt, Alexandria, Virginia, former Assistant Secretary of Commerce and Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks; Q. Todd Dickinson, General Electric Company, Fairfield, Connecticut, former Under Secretary of Commerce for Intellectual Property and Director of the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office; Christine J. Siwik, Rakoczy Molino Mazzochi LLP, Chicago, Illinois, on behalf of Barr Laboratories, Inc.; Marshall C. Phelps, Jr., Microsoft Corporation, Redmond, Washington; Charles E. Phelps, University of Rochester, Rochester, New York, on behalf of sundry groups; David Beier, Amgen, Washington, D.C.

Hearing recessed subject to the call.

NOMINATION

Committee on the Judiciary: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nomination of Timothy Elliott Flanigan, of Virginia, to be Deputy Attorney General, Department of Justice, after the nominee, who was introduced by Senators Warner and Allen, testified and answered questions in his own behalf.

BUSINESS MEETING

Select Committee on Intelligence: Committee ordered favorably reported the nominations of Janice B. Gardner, of Virginia, to be Assistant Secretary for Intelligence and Analysis, Department of the Treasury, Benjamin A. Powell, of Florida, to be General Counsel of the Office of the Director of National Intelligence, and John S. Redd, of Georgia, to be Director of the National Counterterrorism Center, Office of the Director of National Intelligence.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 23 public bills, H.R. 3426–3448; and 6 resolutions, H. Con. Res. 218; and H. Res. 383–384, 388–390 were introduced. **Pages H6649–50**

Additional Cosponsors:

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Reports Filed: Reports were filed today as follows:

H. Res. 385, providing for consideration of H.R. 5, to improve patient access to health care services and provide improved medical care by reducing the