

which will be considered as original text for the purpose of further amendment, and taking action on the following amendment proposed thereto:

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Pending:

Bennett/Kohl Amendment No. 1726, to amend the Rural Electrification Act of 1936.

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A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for consideration of the bill at 3 p.m. on Monday, September 19, 2005.

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Messages From the President: Senate received the following message from the President of the United States:

Transmitting, pursuant to law, the recommendations of the Defense Base Closure and Realignment Commission; which was referred to the Committee on Armed Services. (PM–22)

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Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

Michael R. Arietti, of Connecticut, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Rwanda.

Karan K. Bhatia, of Maryland, to be Deputy United States Trade Representative, with the Rank of Ambassador.

Edwin G. Foulke, Jr., of South Carolina, to be an Assistant Secretary of Labor.

Richard Stickler, of West Virginia, to be Assistant Secretary of Labor for Mine Safety and Health.

2 Air Force nominations in the rank of general.

Routine lists in the Air Force, Army, Coast Guard, Navy.

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Record Votes: Five record votes were taken today. (Total—235) **Pages S10064–65, S10071, S10073, S10079**

Adjournment: Senate convened at 9:30 a.m., and adjourned at 8:39 p.m., until 2 p.m., on Monday, September 19, 2005. (For Senate's program, see the

remarks of the Majority Leader in today's Record on page S10155.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

CAPITOL VISITOR CENTER

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Legislative Branch concluded a hearing to examine the progress of Capitol Visitor Center construction, focusing on the Architect of the Capitol's progress in managing the project's schedule since the Subcommittee's last hearing on the project, estimate of a general time frame for completing the construction, and the costs and funding, including the potential impact of scheduling issues on cost, after receiving testimony from Alan Hartman, Architect of the Capitol; Bernard L. Ungar, Director, and Terrell Dorn, Assistant Director, both of Physical Infrastructure Issues, Government Accountability Office.

NOMINATIONS:

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of Keith E. Gottfried, of California, to be General Counsel, Kim Kendrick, of the District of Columbia, who was introduced by Senator Santorum, Keith A. Nelson, of Texas, and Darlene F. Williams, of Texas, each to be an Assistant Secretary, all of the Department of Housing and Urban Development, and Israel Hernandez, of Texas, to be Assistant Secretary and Director General of the United States and Foreign Commercial Service, Darryl W. Jackson, of the District of Columbia, to be an Assistant Secretary, Franklin L. Lavin, of Ohio, to be Under Secretary for International Trade, who was introduced by Senator DeWine, and David H. McCormick, of Pennsylvania, to be Under Secretary for Export Administration, who was introduced by Senator Santorum, all of the Department of Commerce, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

U.S.-INDONESIA RELATIONS

Committee on Foreign Relations: Subcommittee on East Asian and Pacific Affairs concluded a hearing to examine U.S.-Indonesia relations, focusing on a bilateral relationship with Indonesia, after receiving testimony from Eric G. John, Deputy Assistant Secretary of State for Bureau of East Asian and Pacific Affairs; James R. Kunder, Assistant Administrator, Bureau for Asia and the Near East, U.S. Agency for International Development; Hadi Soesastro, Centre for Strategic and International Studies, Jakarta, Indonesia; Randolph Martin, Mercy Corps, Washington, D.C.; and Paul M. Cleveland, Arlington, Virginia.

NOMINATIONS:

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of Stewart A. Baker, of Virginia, who was introduced by Senator McCain and former Senator Robb, and Julie L. Myers, of Kansas, who was introduced by Senator Roberts, each to be an Assistant Secretary of Homeland Security, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

NOMINATION

Committee on the Judiciary: Committee concluded hearings on the nomination of John G. Roberts, Jr., of Maryland, to be Chief Justice of the United States Supreme Court, after the nominee further answered questions in his own behalf. Also, testimony was received from Representative John Lewis; Jennifer Cabranes Braceras and Peter Kirsanow, each a Commissioner, U.S. Commission on Civil Rights; Dick Thornburgh, former Attorney General of the United States; Carol M. Browner, former Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency; John Engler, former Michigan Governor, Lansing; Bruce Botelho, former Alaska Attorney General, Juneau; Judge Nathaniel Jones, U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals to the Sixth Circuit (Retired); Judge Denise Lindberg, Third District of the Utah State Court, Salt Lake City; Stephen L. Tober, Portsmouth, New Hampshire, Tom Hayward, Chicago, Illinois, and Pamela A. Bresnahan, Washington, D.C., all on behalf of the American Bar Association; Reginald M. Turner, Jr., National Bar Association, Detroit, Michigan; Wade Henderson, Leadership Conference on Civil Rights, Maureen E. Mahoney, Latham & Watkins, Catherine E. Stetson, Hogan & Hartson, Marcia Greenberger, National Women's Law Center, Peter B. Edelman,

Georgetown University Law Center, and Diana Furchtgott-Roth, Hudson Institute, all of Washington, D.C.; Kathryn Webb Bradley, Duke Law School, Durham, North Carolina; Charles Fried, Harvard Law School, Cambridge, Massachusetts; Patricia L. Bellia, Notre Dame Law School, South Bend, Indiana; Judith Resnik, Yale Law School, New Haven, Connecticut; Christopher S. Yoo, Vanderbilt University Law School, Nashville, Tennessee; David Strauss, University of Chicago Law School, and Susan Thistlethwaite, Chicago Theological Seminary, both of Chicago, Illinois; Robert Reich, Brandeis University, Waltham, Massachusetts; Anne Marie Tallman, Mexican American Legal Defense and Education Fund, Los Angeles, California; Rabbi Dale Polakoff, Rabbinical Council of America, Great Neck, New York; Karen Pearl, Planned Parenthood Federation of America, New York, New York; Henrietta Wright, Dallas, Texas, on behalf of the Dallas Children's Advocacy Center; Roderick Jackson, Ensley High School, Birmingham, Alabama; and Beverly Jones, Lafayette, Tennessee.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Veterans Affairs: Committee ordered favorably reported the following bills:

S. 1182, to amend title 38, United States Code, to improve health care for veterans, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute, (as approved by the Committee, the substitute amendment incorporated related provisions of S. 1182, as introduced, and provisions of S. 1177, S. 1189, and S. 1190); and

S. 716, to amend title 38, United States Code, to enhance services provided by vet centers, to clarify and improve the provision of bereavement counseling by the Department of Veterans Affairs.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 35 public bills, H.R. 3784–3818; 5 private bills, H.R. 3819–3823; and 8 resolutions, H. Con. Res. 244–245; and H. Res. 444–449 were introduced.

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Additional Cosponsors:

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Reports Filed: There were no reports filed today.

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

Katrina Emergency Tax Relief Act of 2005: H.R. 3768, amended, to provide emergency tax relief for persons affected by Hurricane Katrina.

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A resolution to establish the Select Bipartisan Committee to Investigate the Preparation for and Response to Hurricane Katrina: The House passed H. Res. 437, to establish the Select Bipartisan Committee to Investigate the Preparation for and Response to Hurricane Katrina.

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