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Record Votes: Two record votes were taken today.
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Adjournment: Senate convened at 9:30 a.m., and adjourned at 8:36 p.m., until 9:30 a.m., on Thursday, September 22, 2005. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S10326.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

WTO AGRICULTURE NEGOTIATIONS

Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the status of the World Trade Organization negotiations on agriculture, focusing on the Doha Round Development Agenda, and the links between agricultural policy and trade policy, after receiving testimony from Mike Johanns, Secretary of Agriculture; Robert Portman, United States Trade Representative; Audrae Erickson, Corn Refiners Association, on behalf of AgTrade, Leonard W. Condon, Altria Corporate Services, Inc., on behalf of the Grocery Manufacturers Association, and Mark Viso, World Vision United States, all of Washington, D.C.; and Allen Helms, National Cotton Council, Clarkedale, Arkansas.

ENERGY PRICING

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Committee concluded hearings to examine the rise of domestic energy prices, focusing on what actions can be taken to profitably lower U.S. oil consumption, after receiving testimony from John Seesel, Associate General Counsel for Energy, Federal Trade Commis-

sion; Jim Wells, Director, Energy, Resources, and Science Issues, Government Accountability Office; Guy Caruso, Administrator, Energy Information Administration, Department of Energy; Robin West, PFC Energy Team, Odd-Even Bustnes, Rocky Mountain Institute, Robert Slaughter, National Petrochemical and Refiners Association, and Tyson Slocum, Public Citizen, all of Washington, D.C.; and Ronald W. Kosh, American Automobile Association-Mid Atlantic, Wilmington, Delaware.

ENDANGERED SPECIES ACT

Committee on Environment and Public Works: Subcommittee on Fisheries, Wildlife, and Water concluded a hearing to examine the Endangered Species Act and the role of States, Tribes and local governments, focusing on areas where the law may be strengthened or new programs created to encourage species recovery at all levels of government, after receiving testimony from Colorado State Representative Cory Gardner, Denver; Billy Frank, Jr., Northwest Indian Fisheries Commission, Olympia, Washington; Michael A. Pasteris, Forest Preserve District of Will County, Joliet, Illinois, on behalf of the National Association of Counties; John Baughman, International Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies, Washington, D.C.; Bill Burnham, The Peregrine Fund, Boise, Idaho; Robert P. Davison, Wildlife Management Institute, Corvallis, Oregon; and Dwayne Shaw, Downeast Salmon Federation/Downeast Rivers Land Trust, Columbia Falls, Maine.

NOMINATIONS

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of Thomas A. Shannon, Jr., of Virginia, to be an Assistant Secretary of State for Western Hemisphere Affairs, Charles A. Ford, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Honduras, Mark Langdale, of Texas, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Costa Rica, and Brenda LaGrange Johnson, of New York, to be Ambassador to Jamaica, who was introduced by Senators McCain and Collins, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

TRANSIT SYSTEM SAFETY

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the lessons that have been learned to secure United States transit systems relating to the London terrorist attacks, focusing on the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority (WMATA) operating the Washington areas subway system, increasing public awareness and security, and training the transit workforce and first-responders, after receiving testimony from Edmund S. Hawley, Assistant Secretary

of Homeland Security, Transportation Security Administration; Polly L. Hanson, Chief, Metro Transit Police Department, Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority; Michael Brown, London Underground, London, England; and Rafi Ron, New Age Security Solutions, McLean, Virginia.

REGULATION OF CLASS III GAMING

Committee on Indian Affairs: Committee held an oversight hearing to examine Indian gaming, focusing on a decision issued by the Washington, D.C. District Court relative to the National Indian Gaming Commission's Minimum Internal Control Standards regulations as applied to Class III gaming, and tribal government efforts to regulate gaming, receiving testimony from Philip N. Hogen, Chairman, National Indian Gaming Commission; Mark Van Norman, National Indian Gaming Association, Washington, D.C.; and Kevin K. Washburn, University of Minnesota Law School, Minneapolis.

Hearing recessed subject to the call.

INTELLIGENCE INFORMATION SHARING

Committee on the Judiciary: Committee held a hearing to examine the operations of Able Danger, a small

highly-classified United States Army intelligence unit that searched for al Qaeda terrorists, and the status of intelligence information sharing between the Federal Bureau of Investigation and the Department of Defense, receiving testimony from Representative Curt Weldon; William R. Dugan, Jr., Acting Assistant to the Secretary of Defense for Intelligence Oversight; Gary M. Bald, Executive Assistant Director, National Security Branch, Federal Bureau of Investigation, Department of Justice; Mark S. Zaid, Krieger and Zaid, PLLC, Washington, D.C.; and Erik Kleinsmith, Lockheed Martin, Newington, Virginia, former Major, USA, Chief of Intelligence, Land Information Warfare Activity.

Hearing recessed subject to the call.

INTELLIGENCE

Select Committee on Intelligence: Committee met in closed session to receive a briefing on certain intelligence matters from officials of the intelligence community.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 15 public bills, H.R. 3841–3855; 1 private bill, H.R. 3856; and 5 resolutions, H.J. Res. 66–67; and H. Res. 454, 456–457 were introduced. **Pages H8247–48**

Additional Cosponsors: **Pages H8248–49**

Reports Filed: Reports were filed today as follows:

H. Res. 418, to request the President to transmit to the House of Representatives not later than 14 days after the date of the adoption of this resolution documents in the possession of the President relating to the disclosure of the identity and employment of Ms. Valerie Plame, adversely (Rept. 109–228); and H. Res. 455, to provide for consideration of the bill (H.R. 2123) to reauthorize the Head Start Act to improve the school readiness of disadvantaged children (Rept. 109–229). **Page H8247**

Speaker: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he appointed Representative Miller of Michigan to act as speaker pro tempore for today. **Page H8165**

Chaplain: The prayer was offered today by Monsignor Kenneth Velo, Office of Catholic Collaboration, Depaul University, Chicago, Illinois.

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

Providing for acceptance of a statue of Po'Pay, presented by the State of New Mexico, for placement in National Statuary Hall: H. Con. Res. 242, to provide for acceptance of a statue of Po'Pay, presented by the State of New Mexico, for placement in National Statuary Hall; **Pages H8169–71**

United States Parole Commission Extension and Sentencing Commission Authority Act of 2005: S. 1368, to extend the existence of the Parole Commission—clearing the measure for the President;

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Immigration Relief for Hurricane Katrina Victims Act of 2005: H.R. 3827, to preserve certain immigration benefits for victims of Hurricane Katrina; **Pages H8172–76**

Karl Malden Station Post Office Designation Act: H.R. 3667, to designate the facility of the