

**Record Votes:** Seven record votes were taken today. (Total—281) Page S11957–58, S11977, S11985, S11988–89, S11989, S11998

**Adjournment:** Senate convened at 9:30 a.m., and adjourned at 7:20 p.m., until 10 a.m., on Friday, October 28, 2005. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S12037.)

## Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

### FOREST AND RANGELAND RESEARCH PROGRAM

*Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry:* Subcommittee on Forestry, Conservation, and Rural Revitalization concluded an oversight hearing to examine the Forest and Rangeland Research Program of the USDA Forest Service, after receiving testimony from Ann Bartuska, Deputy Chief, Research and Development, Forest Service, Department of Agriculture; Steven Daley-Laursen, University of Idaho College of Natural Resources, Moscow; David Canavera, MeadWestvaco Corporation, Summerville, South Carolina, on behalf of the American Forest and Paper Association; Bob Schowalter, State Forester of South Carolina, Columbia, on behalf of the National Association of States Foresters; Robert A. Daniels, Mississippi State University, Mississippi State, Mississippi, on behalf of the Society of American Foresters; and Scott Simon, The Nature Conservancy, Little Rock, Arkansas.

### BUSINESS MEETING

*Committee on Armed Services:* Committee ordered favorably reported the following business items:

S. 1803, to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2006 for intelligence and intelligence-related activities of the United States Government, the Intelligence Community Management Account, and the Central Intelligence Agency Retirement and Disability System, with amendments; and

The nominations of Michael W. Wynne, of Florida, to be Secretary of the Air Force, Donald C. Winter, of Virginia, to be Secretary of the Navy, John G. Grimes, of Virginia, to be Assistant Secretary of Defense for Networks and Information Integration, William Anderson, of Connecticut, to be Assistant Secretary of the Air Force for Installations and Environment, John J. Young, Jr., of Virginia, to be Director of Defense Research and Engineering, Delores M. Etter, of Maryland, to be Assistant Secretary of the Navy for Research, Development, and Acquisition, A. J. Eggenberger, of Montana, to be a Member of the Defense Nuclear Facilities Safety

Board, General Burwell B. Bell, III, U.S. Army, for reappointment as a general and assignment as Commander, United Nations Command, Combined Forces Command, and U.S. Forces Korea; and Lieutenant General Lance L. Smith, U.S. Air Force, for appointment as general and assignment as Commander, U.S. Joint Forces Command, and Supreme Allied Commander for Transformation, and 785 nominations in the Army, Navy, Air Force, and Marine Corps.

### HURRICANE RESPONSE

*Committee on Energy and Natural Resources:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine Administration's response to hurricane recovery efforts related to energy and to discuss energy policy, after receiving testimony from Gale A. Norton, Secretary of the Interior; and Samuel W. Bodman, Secretary of Energy.

### WORLD TRADE ORGANIZATION

*Committee on Finance:* Subcommittee on International Trade held a hearing to examine the status and direction of the Doha Round of World Trade Organization negotiations, receiving testimony from Peter Allgeier, Deputy U.S. Trade Representative; Jim Jarrett, Intel Corporation, Santa Monica, California, on behalf of the National Association of Manufacturers; Craig Lang, Iowa Farm Bureau, West Des Moines, on behalf of the American Farm Bureau Federation; Jeffrey R. Shafer, Citigroup, New York, New York, on behalf of the Coalition of Service Industries; and Edward Gresser, Progressive Policy Institute, Washington, D.C.

Hearing recessed subject to the call.

### BUSINESS MEETING

*Committee on Indian Affairs:* Committee ordered favorably reported the following bills:

S. 1057, to amend the Indian Health Care Improvement Act to revise and extend that Act, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 1003, to amend the Act of December 22, 1974;

S. 1892, to amend Public Law 107–153 to modify a certain date; and

S. 1219, to authorize certain tribes in the State of Montana to enter into a lease or other temporary conveyance of water rights to meet the water needs of the Dry Prairie Rural Water Association, Inc.

### BUSINESS MEETING

*Committee on the Judiciary:* Committee resumed markup of S. 1789, to prevent and mitigate identity theft, to ensure privacy, to provide notice of security breaches, and to enhance criminal penalties, law enforcement assistance, and other protections against security breaches, fraudulent access, and misuse of

personally identifiable information, but did not complete action thereon, and recessed subject to call.

#### VA'S UNEMPLOYABILITY BENEFIT

*Committee on Veterans Affairs:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine the rising number of disabled veterans deemed unemployable relating to the VA's individual unemployment benefit, focusing on individual unemployability, its history, the criteria used to determine eligibility, and the number of veterans receiving individual unemployment benefits, after receiving testimony from Daniel L. Cooper, Under Secretary for Benefits, and Judith Caden, Director,

Vocational Rehabilitation and Employment Service Director, both of the Department of Veterans Affairs; Cynthia Bascetta, Director, Education, Workforce, and Income Security Issues, Government Accountability Office; and Rick Surratt, Disabled American Veterans, Washington, D.C.

#### INTELLIGENCE

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

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## House of Representatives

### Chamber Action

**Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced:** 17 public bills, H.R. 4155–4171; and 9 resolutions, H. Con. Res. 280–285; and H. Res. 519, 521–522 were introduced. **Pages H9361–62**

**Additional Cosponsors:** **Pages H9362–63**

**Reports Filed:** Reports were filed today as follows:

H.R. 4061, to amend title 38, United States Code, to improve the management of information technology within the Department of Veterans Affairs by providing for the Chief Information Officer of that Department to have authority over resources, budget, and personnel related to the support function of information technology, (H. Rept. 109–256); and

H. Res. 520, waiving points of order against the conference report to accompany the bill (H.R. 2744) making appropriations for Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2006, (H. Rept. 109–257). **Pages H9360–61**

**Disapproving the recommendations of the Defense Base Closure and Realignment Commission:** The House disagreed to H.J. Res. 65, to disapprove the recommendations of the Defense Base Closure and Realignment Commission, by a recorded vote of 85 ayes to 324 noes with 1 voting "present", Roll No. 548. **Pages H9289–H9309**

**Suspensions:** The House agreed to suspend the rules and pass the following measures which were debated on Wednesday, October 26th:

**Hurricane Katrina Financial Services Relief Act of 2005:** H.R. 3945, amended, to facilitate recovery from the effects of Hurricane Katrina by providing

greater flexibility for, and temporary waivers of certain requirements and fees imposed on, depository institutions and Federal regulatory agencies, by a ye-and-nay vote of 411 yeas with none voting "nay", Roll No. 549; **Pages H9309–10**

Agreed to amend the title so as to read: "A Bill to facilitate recovery from the effects of Hurricane Katrina by providing greater flexibility for, and temporary waivers of certain requirements and fees imposed on, depository institutions, credit unions, and Federal regulatory agencies, and for other purposes"; and **Page H9310**

**Congratulating the State of Israel on the election of Ambassador Dan Gillerman as Vice-President of the 60th United Nations General Assembly:** H. Res. 368, to congratulate the State of Israel on the election of Ambassador Dan Gillerman as Vice-President of the 60th United Nations General Assembly, by a ye-and-nay vote of 407 yeas with none voting "nay", Roll No. 550. **Page H9310**

**Department of State, Foreign Operations, and Related Programs Appropriations Act, 2006—Motion to go to Conference:** The House disagreed to the Senate amendment and agreed to a conference on H.R. 3057, an act making appropriations for the Department of State, foreign operations, and related programs for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2006. **Pages H9310–12, H9329–30**

The House agreed to the Lowey motion to instruct conferees by a ye-and-nay vote of 259 yeas to 147 nays, Roll No. 554. **Page H9330**

Later, the Chair appointed conferees: Representatives Messrs. Kolbe, Knollenberg, Kirk, Crenshaw,