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Record Votes: Four record votes were taken today. (Total—315) **Pages S12577, S12578, S12585, S12586**

Adjournment: Senate convened at 9:30 a.m., and adjourned at 7:33 p.m., until 9:30 a.m., on Thursday, November 10, 2005. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S12629.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

AGRICULTURAL TRANSPORTATION AND ENERGY

Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry: Committee concluded hearings to examine the impact of higher energy prices and the disruption of the transportation system due to the recent hurricanes on United States agriculture, focusing on the winter energy outlook and energy's role in the agricultural sector, and the status of the Mississippi River Transportation System, after receiving testimony from Keith Collins, Chief Economist, Department of Agriculture; Gerald W. Barnes, Chief, Operations, Directorate of Civil Works, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers; Howard Gruenspecht, Deputy Administrator, Energy Information Administration, Department of Energy; Daniel T. Kelley, Normal, Illinois, on behalf of the National Council of Farmer Cooperatives and the Agriculture Energy Alliance; Richard Calhoun, Cargill Incorporated, Minneapolis, Minnesota, on behalf of the National Grain and Feed Association and the North American Export Grain Association; R. Neal Elliott, American Council for an Energy-Efficient Economy, Washington, D.C.; and Ryan Niebur, Rocky Mountain Farmers Union, Burlington, Colorado, on behalf of the National Farmers Union.

DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE ACCOUNTABILITY

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Readiness and Management Support concluded hearings to examine the Department of Defense business transformation and financial management accountability, after receiving testimony from Kenneth J. Krieg, Under Secretary of Defense for Acquisition, Technology and Logistics; Tina W. Jonas, Under Secretary of Defense (Comptroller); and Randolph C. Hite, Director of Industrial Technology, Architecture and System Issues, Government Accountability Office.

ENERGY PRICING AND PROFITS

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation/Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Committees concluded joint hearings to examine energy pricing and profits, focusing on record prices of oil, gasoline, and natural gas and factors affecting those prices, issues relating to global demand, resource development strategies and windfall profits taxes, and the effectiveness of Federal and State consumer protection laws to prevent occurrences of price gouging during supply disruptions, after receiving testimony from Deborah Platt Majoras, Chairman, Federal Trade Commission; New Jersey Attorney General Peter C. Harvey, Trenton; South Carolina Attorney General Henry McMaster, Columbia; Arizona Attorney General Terry Goddard, Phoenix; Lee R. Raymond, Exxon Mobil Corporation, Irving, Texas; David O'Reilly, Chevron Corporation, San Ramon, California; James J. Mulva, ConocoPhillips, and John Hofmeister, Shell Oil Company, both of Houston, Texas; and Ross J. Pillari, BP America, Warrenville, Illinois.

COASTAL LOUISIANA HURRICANE PROTECTION PROJECT

Committee on Environment and Public Works: Committee concluded a hearing to examine issues regarding a comprehensive and integrated approach to meet the water resources needs of coastal Louisiana in the wake of Hurricanes Katrina and Rita, including storm and flood damage reduction, ecosystem restoration and navigation, after receiving testimony from George S. Dunlop, Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary of the Army for Civil Works; Major General Don T. Riley, Director of Civil Works, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers; Anu Mittal, Director, Natural Resources and Environment, Government Accountability Office; Windell A. Curole, South Lafourche Levee District, Galliano, Louisiana; and Peter H. Brink, National Trust for Historic Preservation, Steve Ellis, Taxpayers for Common Sense,

and Scott Faber, on behalf of the Environmental Defense and the National Wildlife Federation, all of Washington, D.C.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Finance: Committee met and approved recommendations relative to proposed legislation implementing the United States Bahrain Free Trade Agreement.

AVIAN INFLUENZA

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee concluded hearings to examine the need for a response strategy to address the threat of avian influenza, focusing on measures to stop the spread of the virus in Asia and preventing a global pandemic, after receiving testimony from Andrew S. Natsios, Administrator, U.S. Agency for International Development; Paula J. Dobriansky, Under Secretary of State for Democracy and Global Affairs; Julie L. Gerberding, Director, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, and Anthony S. Fauci, Director, National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases, National Institutes of Health, both of the Department of Health and Human Services; Laurie Garrett, Council on Foreign Relations, New York, New York; and James Newcomb, Bio Economic Research Associates, Cambridge, Massachusetts.

NOMINATIONS

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee concluded hearings to examine the nominations of Ronald L. Schlicher, of Tennessee, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Cyprus, Ross Wilson, of Maryland, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Turkey, Carol van Voorst, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Iceland, and Marilyn Ware, of Pennsylvania, to be Ambassador to Finland, who was introduced by Senator Specter, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

COAST GUARD RESPONSE TO HURRICANE KATRINA

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the Coast Guard's response to Hurricane Katrina, focusing on the Continuity of Operations Plan (COOP), preparations for catastrophic events, and communicating through satellite telephones, text messaging, and commercial e-mail accounts during disasters, after receiving testimony from Rear Admiral Robert F. Duncan, Commander, Eighth Coast Guard District, Captain Frank M. Paskewich, Commander,

Coast Guard Sector New Orleans, and Captain Bruce C. Jones, Commanding Officer, Coast Guard Air Station New Orleans, all of the U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security.

FEDERAL SECURITY CLEARANCE PROCESS

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: Subcommittee on Oversight of Government Management, the Federal Workforce, and the District of Columbia concluded hearings to examine the Federal security clearance process, focusing on Office of Personnel Management's plan to address the backlog of security clearance investigations, after receiving testimony from Linda M. Springer, Director, Office of Personnel Management; Clay Johnson III, Deputy Director for Management, Office of Management and Budget; and Derek B. Stewart, Director of Military and Civilian Personnel Issues, Government Accountability Office.

CAMERAS IN THE COURTROOM

Committee on the Judiciary: Committee concluded hearings to examine the use of cameras in the courtroom, focusing on a pilot program providing for electronic media coverage of civil proceedings in certain Federal trial and appellate courts, including the U.S. Supreme Court, and related measures S. 829 and S. 1768, after receiving testimony from Senators Grassley and Schumer; Judge Diarmuid F. O'Scannlain, United States Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit, Portland, Oregon; Judge Jan E. DuBois, United States District Court for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia; Barbara E. Bergman, National Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers, Seth D. Berlin, Levine Sullivan Koch & Schulz, Brian P. Lamb, C-SPAN Networks, and Barbara Cochran, Radio-Television News Directors Association, all of Washington, D.C.; Peter Irons, University of California at San Diego; and Henry S. Schleiff, Court TV Networks, New York, New York.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on the Constitution, Civil Rights, and Property Rights approved for full committee consideration S.J. Res. 1, proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States relating to marriage.

INTELLIGENCE

Select Committee on Intelligence: Committee met in closed session to consider pending intelligence matters.