

with one hour for debate, and at 5:30 p.m. a vote on adoption of the conference report. **Page S12718**

Signing Authority—Agreement: A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that during this adjournment of the Senate, the Majority Leader and Senator Allen, be authorized to sign duly enrolled bills or joint resolutions. **Page S12680**

Removal of Injunction of Secrecy: The injunction of secrecy was removed from the following treaty:

Protocol Amending the Convention with Sweden on Taxes on Income (Treaty Doc. No. 109–8).

The treaty was transmitted to the Senate today, considered as having been read for the first time, and referred, with accompanying papers, to the Committee on Foreign Relations and ordered to be printed. **Page S12703**

Nominations Confirmed: Senate confirmed the following nominations:

Donald C. Winter, of Virginia, to be Secretary of the Navy.

Anne W. Patterson, of Virginia, to be an Assistant Secretary of State (International Narcotics and Law Enforcement Affairs).

Sue Ellen Wooldridge, of Virginia, to be an Assistant Attorney General.

George J. Opfer, of Virginia, to be Inspector General, Department of Veterans Affairs.

Susan C. Schwab, of Maryland, to be a Deputy United States Trade Representative, with the rank of Ambassador. (Prior to this action, Committee on Finance was discharged from further consideration).

James M. Andrew, of Georgia, to be Administrator, Rural Utilities Service, Department of Agriculture. (Prior to this action, Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition and Forestry was discharged from further consideration).

Charles R. Christopherson, Jr., of Texas, to be Chief Financial Officer, Department of Agriculture. (Prior to this action, Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition and Forestry was discharged from further consideration). **Page S12719**

Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

Robert C. Cresanti, of Texas, to be Under Secretary of Commerce for Technology.

David M. Spooner, of Virginia, to be an Assistant Secretary of Commerce.

Uttam Dhillon, of California, to be Director of the Office of Counternarcotics Enforcement, Department of Homeland Security.

Samuel A. Alito, Jr., of New Jersey, to be an Associate Justice of the Supreme Court of the United States.

Leo Maury Gordon, of New Jersey, to be a Judge of the United States Court of International Trade.

Stephen C. King, of New York, to be a Member of the Foreign Claims Settlement Commission of the United States for the term expiring September 30, 2008.

Duane Acklie, of Nebraska, to be an Alternate Representative of the United States of America to the Sixtieth Session of the General Assembly of the United Nations.

Goli Ameri, of Oregon, to be a Representative of the United States of America to the Sixtieth Session of the General Assembly of the United Nations.

Robert C. O'Brien, of California, to be an Alternate Representative of the United States of America to the Sixtieth Session of the General Assembly of the United Nations.

Donald M. Payne, of New Jersey, to be a Representative of the United States of America to the Sixtieth Session of the General Assembly of the United Nations.

Edward Randall Royce, of California, to be a Representative of the United States of America to the Sixtieth Session of the General Assembly of the United Nations.

3 Army nominations in the rank of general.

Routine lists in the Air Force, Army.

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Record Votes: Five record votes were taken today. (Total—320) **Pages S12644, S12665–68**

Adjournment: Senate convened at 9:30 a.m., and adjourned at 7:56 p.m., until 2 p.m., on Monday, November 14, 2005. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today's Record on page S12718.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

NOMINATIONS

Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of Charles R. Christopherson, Jr., of Texas, to

be Chief Financial Officer, who was introduced by Senator Crapo, and James M. Andrew, of Georgia, to be Administrator, Rural Utilities Service, both of the Department of Agriculture, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

NEW BASEL CAPITAL ACCORDS

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the development of New Basel Capital Accords, focusing on plans of the U.S. banking agencies to update and enhance the regulatory capital program through implementation of the International Convergence of Capital Measurement and Capital Standards, and revisions to the existing domestic risk-based capital framework for banks, after receiving testimony from John C. Dugan, Comptroller of the Currency, and John M. Reich, Director, Office of Thrift Supervision, both of the Department of the Treasury; Susan Schmidt Bies, Member, Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System; Donald E. Powell, Chairman, Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation; Katherine G. Wyatt, New York State Banking Department, Albany; L. William Seidman, CNBC, and Daniel K. Tarullo, Georgetown University Law Center, both of Washington, D.C.; William M. Isaac, The Secura Group, New York, New York; and George G. Kaufman, Loyola University, Chicago, Illinois, on behalf of U.S. Shadow Financial Regulatory Committee.

WRIGHT AMENDMENT

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Subcommittee on Aviation concluded a hearing to examine the impact of the Wright amendment, which restricts travel into and out of Dallas Love Field for commercial flights with more than 56 seats, after receiving testimony from Senators Inhofe and Bond; Representatives Eddie Bernice Johnson, Granger, and Hensarling; Gerard Arpey, American Airlines, Herbert D. Kelleher, Southwest Airlines, Kevin E. Cox, Dallas/Fort Worth International Airport, Sam Coats, North Dallas Chamber of Commerce, and Lori Palmer, Love Field Citizens Action Committee, all of Dallas, Texas; Brian M. Campbell, Campbell-Hill Aviation Group, Inc., Alexandria, Virginia; and William S. Swelbar, Eclat Consulting, Inc., Reston, Virginia.

WEATHER MODIFICATION RESEARCH AUTHORIZATION

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Subcommittee on Science and Space and the Subcommittee on Disaster Prevention and Prediction concluded a joint hearing to examine S. 517, to establish a Weather Modification Operations and Research Board, after receiving testimony from Joseph

H. Golden, University of Colorado Cooperative Institute for Research in the Environmental Sciences, Bolder; Michael Garstang, University of Virginia, Charlottesville, on behalf of the National Research Council; and Thomas P. DeFelice, Sykesville, Maryland.

NOMINATIONS:

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of Jeffrey D. Jarrett, of Pennsylvania, to be Assistant Secretary for Fossil Energy, and Edward F. Sproat III, of Pennsylvania, to be Director of the Office of Civilian Radioactive Waste Management, both of the Department of Energy, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

AIR QUALITY STANDARDS

Committee on Environment and Public Works: Subcommittee on Clean Air, Climate Change, and Nuclear Safety concluded a hearing to examine the implementation of the existing particulate matter and ozone air quality standards, focusing on the competitiveness of the United States in the area of air quality standards, after receiving testimony from William Wehrum, Acting Assistant Administrator, Office of Air and Radiation, Environmental Protection Agency; Sam Olens, Atlanta Regional Commission, Marietta, Georgia, on behalf of the Atlanta Regional Commission; James D. Werner, Delaware Department of Natural Resources and Environmental Control, Dover; and Stephen Moret, Baton Rouge Area Chamber, Baton Rouge, Louisiana.

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Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on the Constitution, Civil Rights, and Property Rights concluded a hearing to examine the state interest in protecting children and families from pornography, after receiving testimony from Rodney A. Smolla, University of Richmond School of Law, Richmond, Virginia; Jill C. Manning, Brigham Young University, Provo, Utah, on behalf of the Heritage Foundation; Leslie Harris, Center for Democracy and Technology, Washington, D.C.; Richard R. Whidden, Jr., National Law Center for Children and Families, Fairfax, Virginia; and Pamela Paul, New York, New York.

REBUILDING VA GULF COAST FACILITIES

Committee on Veterans Affairs: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the rebuilding of Department of Veterans Affairs' facilities on the Gulf Coast, focusing on the impact on Veterans Affairs employees, and recovery efforts of the Veterans Benefits Administration and the National Cemetery Administration, after receiving testimony from R. James Nicholson,

Secretary, Jonathan B. Perlin, Under Secretary for Health, and Robert Lynch, Director, Veterans Inte-

grated Service Network 16, all of the Department of Veterans Affairs.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 19 public bills, H.R. 4291–4309; 1 private bill, H.R. 4310; and 9 resolutions, H. Con. Res. 295–296; and H. Res. 545–551 were introduced. **Pages H10156–57**

Additional Cosponsors: **Pages H10157–58**

Reports Filed: Reports were filed today as follows:

H.R. 4146, to facilitate recovery from the effects of Hurricane Rita and Hurricane Wilma by providing greater flexibility for, and temporary waivers of certain requirements and fees imposed on, depository institutions, credit unions, and Federal regulatory agencies (H. Rept. 109–282);

H. Con. Res. 267, expressing the sense of the Congress upholding the Makah Tribe treaty rights, with amendments (H. Rept. 109–283);

H.R. 323, to redesignate the Ellis Island Library on the third floor of the Ellis Island Immigration Museum, located on Ellis Island in New York Harbor, as the “Bob Hope Memorial Library” (H. Rept. 109–284);

H.R. 679, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to convey a parcel of real property to Beaver County, Utah (H. Rept. 109–285);

H.R. 1096, to establish the Thomas Edison National Historical Park in the State of New Jersey as the successor to the Edison National Historic Site, with an amendment (H. Rept. 109–286);

H.R. 1436, to remove certain use restrictions on property located in Navajo County, Arizona (H. Rept. 109–287);

H.R. 1564, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to convey certain buildings and lands of the Yakima Project, Washington, to the Yakima-Tieton Irrigation District (H. Rept. 109–288);

H.R. 1972, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to conduct a special resource study to determine the suitability and feasibility of including in the National Park System certain sites in Williamson County, Tennessee, relating to the Battle of Franklin, with an amendment (H. Rept. 109–289);

H.R. 3443, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to convey certain water distribution facilities to the Northern Colorado Water Conservancy District (H. Rept. 109–290); and

H. Res. 505, requesting the President of the United States and directing the Secretary of State to provide to the House of Representatives certain documents in their possession relating to the White House Iraq Group, adversely (H. Rept. 109–291).

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Recess: The House recessed at 10:32 a.m. and reconvened at 4:20 p.m. **Page H10151**

Journal: Agreed to the Speaker’s approval of the Journal by voice vote. **Page H10151**

Agreed by unanimous consent to vacate the request for yea and nay votes on H.R. 3665 and H.R. 1953, subsequently votes were taken by voice vote.

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Suspensions: The House agreed to suspend the rules and pass the following measures which were debated earlier in the Legislative week:

Veterans Housing and Employment Improvement Act of 2005: H.R. 3665, amended, to amend title 38, United States Code, to authorize the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to provide adaptive housing assistance to disabled veterans residing temporarily in housing owned by a family member and to make direct housing loans to Native American veterans; **Page H10151**

Agreed to amend the title so as to read: “A bill to provide adaptive housing assistance to disabled veterans residing temporarily in housing assistance to disabled veterans residing temporarily in housing owned by a family member, to make certain improvements in veterans employment assistance programs, and for other purposes.”; and **Page H10151**

San Francisco Old Mint Commemorative Coin Act: H.R. 1953, to require the Secretary of the Treasury to mint coins in commemoration of the Old Mint at San Francisco, otherwise known as the “Granite Lady”. **Page H10151**

Meeting Hour: Agreed that when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet at 6 p.m. on Monday, November 14th, and when the House adjourns on Monday, it adjourn to meet at 10:30 a.m. on Tuesday, November 15th, for Morning Hour Debate.

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