

Executive Reports of Committees: Senate received the following executive report from the Committee on Foreign Relations:

Report to accompany Convention Concerning Migratory Fish Stock in the Pacific Ocean (Treaty Doc. 109-1) (Ex. Rept. 109-8). **Page S12949**

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

Transmitting a draft of proposed legislation entitled "United States-Bahrain Free Trade Agreement Implementation Act"; which was referred to the Committee on Finance. (PM-32) **Pages S12946-47**

Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

Marc L. Kesselman, of Tennessee, to be General Counsel of the Department of Agriculture.

Richard T. Crowder, of Virginia, to be Chief Agricultural Negotiator, Office of the United States Trade Representative, with the rank of Ambassador.

Daniel Meron, of Maryland, to be General Counsel of the Department of Health and Human Services.

Claudia A. McMurray, of Virginia, to be Assistant Secretary of State for Oceans and International Environmental and Scientific Affairs.

Peter N. Kirsanow, of Ohio, to be a Member of the National Labor Relations Board for the term of five years expiring August 27, 2008. **Page S13065**

Messages From the House: **Page S12947**

Measures Referred: **Page S12947**

Measures Placed on Calendar: **Page S12947**

Measures Held at Desk: **Page S12947**

Executive Communications: **Pages S12947-48**

Executive Reports of Committees: **Pages S12948-49**

Additional Cosponsors: **Page S12950**

Statements on Introduced Bills/Resolutions: **Pages S12950-60**

Additional Statements: **Pages S12945-46**

Amendments Submitted: **Pages S12960-S13038**

Authorities for Committees to Meet: **Pages S13038-39**

Privileges of the Floor: **Page S13039**

Record Votes: Three record votes were taken today. (Total-329) **Pages S12906, S12921, S12923**

Adjournment: Senate convened at 9:30 a.m., and adjourned at 7:25 p.m., until 9:30 a.m., on Thursday, November 17, 2005. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S13065.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

CAPITOL VISITOR CENTER

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Legislative Branch resumed hearings to examine the progress of Capitol Visitor Center construction, focusing on the estimate of the cost-to-complete the project, efforts to keep the project on schedule, and the status of critical activities such as stone installation and the utility tunnel construction, receiving testimony from Alan M. Hantman, Architect, and Robert C. Hixon, Jr., Capitol Visitor Center Project Manager, both of the Office of the Architect of the Capitol; Bernard L. Ungar, Director, and Terrell Dorn, Assistant Director, both of Physical Infrastructure Issues, Government Accountability Office; and Marvin Shenkler, Gilbane Company, Washington, D.C.

Hearing recessed subject to the call.

NOMINATIONS

Committee on Armed Services: Committee ordered favorably reported 2,442 military Nominations: in the Army, Navy, and Air Force.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: Committee ordered favorably reported the following business items:

S. 467, to extend the applicability of the Terrorism Risk Insurance Act of 2002, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

An original bill to authorize the Secretary of Homeland Security to award grants to public transportation agencies to improve security; and

The nominations of Ben S. Bernanke, of New Jersey, to be a Member and to be Chairman of the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System.

MAGNUSON-STEVENSON FISHERY CONSERVATION AND MANAGEMENT ACT

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Reauthorization Act of 2005, after receiving testimony from James L. Connaughton, Chairman, Council on Environmental Quality; John H. Dunnigan, Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, Department of Commerce; Admiral James D. Watkins, U.S. Navy (Ret.), Chairman, U.S. Commission on Ocean Policy; and George LaPointe, State of Maine Department of Marine Resources, Augusta.

VEHICLE FRAUD

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Subcommittee on Consumer Affairs, Product Safety, and Insurance concluded a hearing to examine how to protect the consumer from flooded and salvage vehicle fraud, focusing on efforts to provide greater protection to the car buying public and to ensure that the used vehicle marketplace operates more efficiently and fairly, after receiving testimony from William L. Brauch, Iowa Attorney General's Office, Des Moines; Karen Chappell, Virginia Department of Motor Vehicles, on behalf of American Association of Motor Vehicle Administrators, and Donald L. Hall, Virginia Automobile Dealers Association, on behalf of the National Automobile Dealers Association, both of Richmond; Robert M. Bryant, National Insurance Crime Bureau, Fairfax, Virginia; Rosemary Shahan, Consumers for Auto Reliability and Safety, Sacramento, California; and Alan Fuglestad, Experian Automotive, Schaumburg, Illinois.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Committee ordered favorably reported the following business items:

S. 310, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to convey the Newlands Project Headquarters and Maintenance Yard Facility to the Truckee-Carson Irrigation District in the State of Nevada;

S. 435, to amend the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act to designate a segment of the Farmington River and Salmon Brook in the State of Connecticut for study for potential addition to the National Wild and Scenic Rivers System, with an amendment;

S. 648, to amend the Reclamation States Emergency Drought Relief Act of 1991 to extend the authority for drought assistance;

S. 1025, to amend the Act entitled "An Act to provide for the construction of the Cheney division, Wichita Federal reclamation project, Kansas, and for other purposes" to authorize the Equus Beds Division of the Wichita Project, with an amendment;

S. 1096, to amend the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act to designate portions of the Musconetcong River in the State of New Jersey as a component of the National Wild and Scenic Rivers System;

S. 1310, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to allow the Columbia Gas Transmission Corporation to increase the diameter of a natural gas pipeline located in the Delaware Water Gap National Recreation Area, with an amendment;

S. 1552, to amend Public Law 97-435 to extend the authorization for the Secretary of the Interior to release certain conditions contained in a patent concerning certain land conveyed by the United States

to Eastern Washington University until December 31, 2009;

S. 1578, to reauthorize the Upper Colorado and San Juan River Basin endangered fish recovery implementation programs;

S. 1760, to authorize early repayment of obligations to the Bureau of Reclamation within Rogue River Valley Irrigation District or within Medford Irrigation District;

S. 1860, to amend the Energy Policy Act of 2005 to improve energy production and reduce energy demand through improved use of reclaimed waters, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute; and

The nominations of Jeffrey D. Jarrett to be Assistant Secretary for Fossil Energy, and Edward F. Sproat III to be Director, Office of Civilian Radioactive Waste Management, both of the Department of Energy.

TRANSPORTATION FUELS

Committee on Environment and Public Works: Committee concluded an oversight hearing to examine transportation fuels of the future, after receiving testimony from Red Cavaney, American Petroleum Institute, and Richard F. Goodstein, Air Products and Chemicals, Inc., both of Washington, D.C.; Jeffrey McDougall, JMA Energy Company, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, on behalf of the Oklahoma Independent Petroleum Association; Bill Honnef, VeraSun Energy, Brookings, South Dakota; and John B. Holmes, Jr., Syntroleum Corporation, Tulsa, Oklahoma.

OIL CONSUMPTION

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the new currency of foreign policy, focusing on the high costs of crude, including the effects of U.S. oil consumption on American foreign policy and on economic and security interests, after receiving testimony from James R. Schlesinger, Lehman Brothers, Washington, D.C.; and R. James Woolsey, Booz Allen Hamilton, McLean, Virginia.

HURRICANE KATRINA RESPONSE

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: Committee concluded a hearing to examine how government can learn from the private sector's response to Hurricane Katrina, focusing on improving disaster readiness and response at all levels of government and within communities, after receiving testimony from David M. Ratcliffe, Southern Company, and Kevin T. Regan, Starwood Hotels and Resorts Worldwide, Inc., both of Atlanta, Georgia; Stanley S. Litow, IBM Corporation, Armonk, New York; and Jason F. Jackson, Wal-Mart Stores, Inc., Bentonville, Arkansas.

HABEAS REFORM

Committee on the Judiciary: Committee concluded a hearing to examine S. 1088, to establish streamlined procedures for collateral review of mixed petitions, amendments, and defaulted claims, after receiving testimony from Judge Howard D. McKibben, U.S. District Court for the District of Nevada, and Chairman of the Judicial Conference Committee on Federal-State Jurisdiction; Ronald Eisenberg, Philadelphia District Attorney's Office, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania; and Seth P. Waxman, Wilmer, Cutler, Pickering, Hale, and Dorr, Washington, D.C., former Solicitor General of the United States.

NEW FEDERAL JUDGESHIPS

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Administrative Oversight and the Courts concluded a hearing to examine issues relative to creating new Federal judgeships, focusing on recommendations of the Judicial Conference Committee on Judicial Resources, after receiving testimony from W. Royal Furgeson, Jr., District Judge for the Western District of Texas, and Chairman of the Judicial Conference Committee on Judicial Resources; William H. Steele, U.S. District Judge for the Southern District of Alabama; Robyn J. Spalter, Federal Bar Association, Miami, Florida; and Marc Galanter, University of Wisconsin, Madison.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 19 public bills, H.R. 4337–4335, 6 resolutions, H.J. Res. 72; H. Con. Res. 300–302 and H. Res. 556–557 were introduced. **Pages H10501–02**

Additional Cosponsors: **Pages H10502–03**

Reports Filed: Reports were filed today as follows:

H.R. 125, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to construct facilities to provide water for irrigation, municipal, domestic, military, and other uses from the Santa Margarita River, California, and for other purposes, with an amendment (H. Rept. 109–297, Pt. 1);

H.R. 3351, to make technical corrections to laws relating to Native Americans, with an amendment (H. Rept. 109–298, Pt. 1);

H.R. 3889, to further regulate and punish illicit conduct relating to methamphetamine, with amendments (H. Rept. 109–299, Pt. 1); and

H. Res. 558, providing for consideration of the joint resolution (H.J. Res. 72) making further continuing appropriations for the fiscal year 2006 (H. Rept. 109–301);

H. Res. 559, waiving points of order against the conference report to accompany the bill (H.R. 3010) making appropriations for the Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, and Related Agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2006, and for other purposes (H. Rept. 109–302);

H. Res. 560, providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 4241) to provide for reconciliation pursuant to section 201(a) of the concurrent resolution on the budget for fiscal year 2006 (H. Rept. 109–303); and

Conference report on H.R. 3010, making appropriations for the Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, and Related Agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2006, (H. Rept. 109–300). **Page H10501**

Speaker: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he appointed Representative Aderholt to act as Speaker Pro Tempore for today. **Page H10229**

Discharge Petition: Representative Edwards moved to discharge the Committee on Rules from the consideration of H. Res. 271, providing for the consideration of H.R. 808, to amend title 10, United States Code, to repeal the offset from surviving spouse annuities under the military Survivor Benefit Plan for amounts paid by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs as dependency and indemnity compensation (Discharge Petition No. 3).

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

Hurricane Regulatory Relief Act of 2005: H.R. 3975, amended, to ease the provision of services to individuals affected by Hurricanes Katrina and Rita; **Pages H10235–42**

To render nationals of Denmark eligible to enter the United States as nonimmigrant traders and investors: H.R. 3647, amended, to render nationals of Denmark eligible to enter the United States as nonimmigrant traders and investors; **Page H10243**

To amend title 17, United States Code, to make technical corrections relating to copyright royalty judges: H.R. 1036, amended, to amend title 17, United States Code, to make technical corrections relating to copyright royalty judges; **Pages H10243–46**

Agreed to amend the title so as to read “A bill to amend title 17, United States Code, to make