

Nations during his tenure of service as Representative of the United States of America on the Economic and Social Council of the United Nations.

David F. Kustoff, of Tennessee, to be United States Attorney for the Western District of Tennessee for the term of four years.

2 Air Force nominations in the rank of general.

2 Army nominations in the rank of general.

9 Coast Guard nominations in the rank of admiral.

12 Marine Corps nominations in the rank of general.

1 Navy nomination in the rank of admiral.

Routine lists in the Air Force, Army, Coast Guard, Foreign Service, Marine Corps, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration.

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Record Votes: Twenty-three record votes were taken today. (Total—75)

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Adjournment: Senate convened at 9 a.m., and adjourned pursuant to the provisions of H. Con. Res. 361, at 10:04 p.m., until 1 p.m., on Monday, March 27, 2006. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today's Record on page S2394.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

APPROPRIATIONS: FOREST SERVICE

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Interior and Related Agencies concluded a hearing to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2007

for the Forest Service, after receiving testimony from Dale Bosworth, Chief, United States Forest Service, and Mark Rey, Under Secretary for Natural Resources and Environment, both of the Department of Agriculture.

APPROPRIATIONS: DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Transportation, Treasury, the Judiciary, Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies concluded a hearing to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2007 for the Department of Transportation and Amtrak, after receiving testimony from Norman Y. Mineta, Secretary, Joseph H. Boardman, Administrator, Federal Railroad Administration, and Mark Dayton, Senior Economist, Office of the Inspector General, all of the Department of Transportation; and David Hughes, President and Chief Executive Officer, and David M. Laney, Chairman of the Board, both of Amtrak.

DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION

Committee on Armed Services: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the proposed defense authorization request for fiscal year 2007 and the future years defense program, focusing on military strategy and operational requirements, after receiving testimony from General John P. Abizaid, USA, Commander, United States Central Command; and General Bryan D. Brown, USA, Commander, United States Special Operations Command.

NOMINATIONS

Committee on Armed Services: Committee ordered favorably reported 2,239 nominations in the Army, Navy, Air Force, and Marine Corps.

VOLCANIC HAZARDS IMPACTS ON AVIATION

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Subcommittee on Disaster Prevention and Prediction concluded a hearing to examine the natural hazard threat that volcanoes pose to international aviation, after receiving testimony from James E. Quick, Program Coordinator, Volcano Hazards Program, U.S. Geological Survey, Department of the Interior; Terry McVenes, Air Line Pilots Association, International, Washington, D.C.; and John C. Eichelberger, University of Alaska, Fairbanks.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Committee ordered favorably reported the following business items:

S. 1215, to authorize the acquisition of interests in underdeveloped coastal areas in order to better ensure their protection from development, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute; and

The nominations of Roger Shane Karr, of the District of Columbia, to be an Assistant Secretary, Tyler D. Duvall, of Virginia, to be an Assistant Secretary, Nicole R. Nason, of Virginia, to be Administrator of the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, and Thomas J. Barrett, of Alaska, to be Administrator of the Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration, all of the Department of Transportation, Robert C. Cresanti, of Texas, to be Under Secretary of Commerce for Technology, Robert M. McDowell, of Virginia, to be a Member of the Federal Communications Commission, and sundry promotion lists in the Coast Guard and the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration.

GREAT LAKES PROTECTION

Committee on Environment and Public Works: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the Great Lakes Regional Collaboration's strategy to restore and protect the Great Lakes, after receiving testimony from Senators DeWine, Levin, and Stabenow; Stephen L. Johnson, Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency; Ohio Governor Bob Taft, Columbus, on behalf of the Council of Great Lakes Governors; Frank Ettawageshik, Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians, Harbor Springs, Michigan; David Ullrich, Great Lakes and St. Lawrence Cities Initiative, Chicago, Illinois; George Kuper, Council of Great Lakes Industries, Ann Arbor, Michigan; Andy Buchsbaum, National Wildlife Foundation, Reston, Virginia, on behalf of the Healing Our Waters—Great Lakes Coalition; Diane Katz, Mackinac Center for Public Policy, Midland, Michigan; and William G. Howland, Lake Champlain Basin Program, Grand Isle, Vermont.

CUNO AND COMPETITIVENESS

Committee on Finance: Subcommittee on International Trade held a hearing to examine the decision in the case of Cuno v. DaimlerChrysler (relating to an agreement between DaimlerChrysler with Toledo, Ohio, and two school districts to construct a new vehicle assembly plant in exchange for approximately \$280 million in tax incentives), and its impact on domestic and international competitiveness, and a related measure, S. 1066, to authorize the States (and subdivisions thereof), the District of Columbia, territories, and possessions of the United States to provide certain tax incentives to any person for economic development purposes, receiving testimony from Senator Voinovich; Peter D. Enrich, Northeastern University School of Law, Boston, Massachusetts; Harley T. Duncan, Federation of Tax Adminis-

trators, Washington, D.C.; Walter Hellerstein, University of Georgia School of Law, Athens; Peter Fisher, University of Iowa, Iowa City; and James H. Renzas, Location Management Services, Mission Viejo, California.

Hearings recessed subject to the call.

APPROPRIATIONS EARMARK REFORM

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: Subcommittee on Federal Financial Management, Government Information, and International Security concluded a hearing to examine S. 1495, and related provisions of H.R. 1642, bills to prohibit Federal agencies from obligating funds for appropriations earmarks included only in congressional reports, focusing on the need for earmark reform and legislation that would be an important step toward achieving such reform, after receiving testimony from Senator McCain; Representative Flake; Thomas A. Schatz, Citizens Against Government Waste, Steve Ellis, Taxpayers for Common Sense Action, and Scott Lilly, Center for American Progress, all of Washington, D.C.

PUBLIC HEALTH SECURITY AND BIOTERRORISM PREPAREDNESS AND RESPONSE ACT

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the proposed reauthorization of Public Health Security and Bioterrorism Preparedness and Response Act relating to enhancing public health and medical preparedness, after receiving testimony from Michael O. Leavitt, Secretary of Health and Human Services; Leah Devlin, North Carolina Division of Public Health, Raleigh, on behalf of the Association of State and Territorial Health Officials; A. Richard Melton, Utah Department of Health, Salt Lake City; and Richard A. Falkenrath, Brookings Institution, Washington, D.C.; and Dan Hanfling, Inova Health System, Falls Church, Virginia.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on the Judiciary: Committee ordered favorably reported the nominations of John F. Clark, of Virginia, to be Director of the United States Marshals Service, and David F. Kustoff, to be United States Attorney for the Western District of Tennessee, both of the Department of Justice.

Also, Committee continued markup of proposed legislation providing for comprehensive immigration reform, but did not complete action thereon, and will meet again on Monday, March 27.

HOMELESS VETERANS PROGRAMS

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the homeless programs and services administered by the Department of Veterans Affairs, after receiving testimony from Peter H. Dougherty, Director, Homeless Veterans Programs, Department of Veterans Affairs; Charles S. Ciccolella, Assistant Secretary of Labor for Veterans' Employ-

ment and Training; Philip F. Mangano, Executive Director, United States Interagency Council on Homelessness; Michael Blecker, Swords to Plowshares, San Francisco, California, on behalf of the National Coalition of Homeless Veterans; Alan Belcher, Transitional Living Services, Woodstock, Illinois; and Thomas R. Cantwell, Jr., Cloudbreak Development, LLC, Inglewood, California, on behalf of U.S. VETS.

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Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 40 public bills, H.R. 4972–5011; 1 private bill, H.R. 5012; and 12 resolutions, H. Con. Res. 359–360, 362–364; and H. Res. 729–735, were introduced.

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Additional Cosponsors:

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Reports Filed: Reports were filed today as follows:

H.R. 4709; to amend title 18, United States Code, to strengthen protections for law enforcement officers and the public by providing criminal penalties for the fraudulent acquisition or unauthorized disclosure of phone records (H. Rept. 109–395); Supplementary Report and Document Annex by the Select Bipartisan Committee to Investigate the Preparation for and Response to Hurricane Katrina (H. Rept. 109–396); and

H. Res. 685, requesting the President and directing the Secretary of State and Secretary of Defense provide to the House of Representatives certain documents in their possession relating to any entity with which the United States has contracted for public relations purposes concerning Iraq, adversely (H. Rept. 109–397).

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

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Emergency Supplemental Appropriations Act for Defense, the Global War on Terror, and Hurricane Recovery, 2006: The House passed H.R. 4939, to make emergency supplemental appropriations for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2006, by a yea-and-nay vote of 348 yeas to 71 nays, Roll No. 65. The bill was also considered yesterday, March 15.

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Rejected the Hinchey motion to recommit the bill to the Committee on Appropriations with instructions to report the bill back to the House forthwith

with an amendment, by a recorded vote of 188 yeas to 233 noes, Roll No. 64.

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Yesterday it was agreed by unanimous consent to limit further amendments offered and the time for debate on such amendments.

Agreed to:

Burton of Indiana amendment that designates funding to Columbia to be used for illicit drug interdiction operations (by a recorded vote of 250 yeas to 172 noes, Roll No. 45), a recorded vote was requested on yesterday after debate and rolled until today;

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Capuano amendment that increases for peacekeeping and civilian protection in Darfur, Sudan (by a recorded vote of 213 yeas to 208 noes, Roll No. 46), a recorded vote was requested on yesterday after debate and rolled until today;

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Taylor of Mississippi amendment that increases funding for the Military Construction, Navy and Marine Corps account, and to increase funding for the Military Construction, Air Force account (by a recorded vote of 250 yeas to 171 noes, Roll No. 54), a recorded vote was requested on yesterday after debate and rolled until today;

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Jindal amendment that reduces and increases funding for VA offset from FEMA disaster relief;

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Lee amendment that sought to prohibit the use of funds from being available to enter into a basing rights agreement between the United States and Iraq.

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Rejected:

Doggett amendment (No. 8 printed in the Congressional Record of March 14th) that sought to increase the funds for the Department of State Diplomatic and Consular Programs to be used to reinforce the federal levees on the Rio Grande (by a recorded vote of 198 yeas to 221 noes, Roll No. 47), a recorded vote was requested on yesterday after debate and rolled until today;

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