

By unanimous vote of 98 yeas (Vote No. EX. 167), Peter G. Sheridan, of New Jersey, to be United States District Judge for the District of New Jersey. **Pages S5640–44, S5675**

Thomas L. Ludington, of Michigan, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Michigan. **Pages S5640–44, S5675**

Sean F. Cox, of Michigan, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Michigan. **Pages S5640–44, S5675**

Susan C. Schwab, of Maryland, to be United States Trade Representative, with the rank of Ambassador. **Pages S5646–53, S5675**

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Record Votes: Four record votes were taken today. (Total—167) **Pages S5628, S5640, S5643–44, S5644**

Adjournment: Senate convened at 9:30 a.m., and adjourned at 6:53 p.m., until 9:30 a.m., on Friday, June 9, 2006. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S5675.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

APPROPRIATIONS: USAID

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on State, Foreign Operations, and Related Programs concluded a hearing to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2007 for the U.S. Agency for International Development, after receiving testimony from Randall L. Tobias, Administrator, U.S. Agency for International Development.

OVERHEAD IMAGERY SYSTEMS

Committee on Armed Services: Committee met in closed session to receive a briefing to examine the satellite system that allows the United States to gather images of military targets in other countries from Stephen A. Cambone, Under Secretary for Intelligence,

and Donald M. Kerr, Director, National Reconnaissance Office, and General James E. Cartwright, USMC, Commander, U.S. Strategic Command, all of the Department of Defense; and Patrick F. Kennedy, Deputy Director of National Intelligence for Management, and Mary Margaret Graham, Deputy Director of National Intelligence for Collection, both of the Office of the Director of National Intelligence.

DATA LOSS

Committee on Armed Services: Committee met to receive a briefing regarding the loss of personal information regarding Department of Defense personnel as a result of the theft of a computer from a Department of Veterans Affairs analyst from Gail H. McGinn, Deputy Under Secretary for Plans, and Jeanne Fites, Deputy Under Secretary for Program Integration, both of the Department of Defense; Anita K. Blair, Deputy Assistant Secretary of the Navy for Total Force Transformation and Military Personnel Policy; Daniel B. Denning, Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary of the Army; and Lieutenant General Roger A. Brady, Deputy Chief of Staff of the Air Force for Personnel.

AL-ZARQAWI

Committee on Armed Services: Committee met in closed session to receive a briefing on the death in Iraq of insurgent terrorist leader Abu Musab al-Zarqawi from Lieutenant General James T. Conway, USMC, Director of Operations, J-3, and Rear Admiral David J. Dorsett, USN, Director of Intelligence, J-2, both of The Joint Staff.

NOMINATIONS

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of Sheila C. Bair, of Kansas, to be a Member and Chairperson of the Board of Directors of the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation, James B. Lockhart III, of Connecticut, to be Director of the Office of Federal Housing Enterprise Oversight, Department of Housing and Urban Development, Donald L. Kohn, of Virginia, to be Vice Chairman of the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, and Kathleen L. Casey, of Virginia, to be a Member of the Securities and Exchange Commission, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

OFFSHORE AQUACULTURE

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Subcommittee on National Ocean Policy Study concluded a hearing to examine opportunities and challenges posed by offshore aquaculture and the Federal

government's role in setting the stage for more robust commercial production of cultured seafood, focusing on the development of the domestic marine aquaculture industry in the United States to meet the demand for seafood, after receiving testimony from Timothy R.E. Keeney, Deputy Assistant Secretary of Commerce for Oceans and Atmosphere, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, Department of Commerce; David Bedford, Alaska Department of Fish and Game, Juneau; John R. MacMillan, National Aquaculture Association, Buhl, Idaho; Tim Eichenberg, The Ocean Conservancy, San Francisco, California; and Marianne Cufone, Environmental Matters, Tampa, Florida.

NOMINATIONS

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of R. Hunter Biden, of Delaware, who was introduced by Senator Carper, and Donna R. McLean, of the District of Columbia, both to be a Member of the Reform Board (Amtrak), and John H. Hill, of Indiana, to be Administrator of the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration, Mark V. Rosenker, of Maryland, to be Chairman of the National Transportation Safety Board, who was introduced by Representative Issa, and Andrew B. Steinberg, of Maryland, to be an Assistant Secretary, all of the Department of Transportation, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

NOMINATIONS

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of Philip D. Moeller, of Washington, who was introduced by Senators Murray and Cantwell, and Jon Wellinghoff, of Nevada, who was introduced by Senator Reid, each to be a Member of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Finance: Committee ordered favorably reported the following bills:

An original bill entitled, Medicare, Medicaid and SCHIP Indian Health Care Improvement Act of 2006; and

An original bill entitled, Improving Outcomes for Children Affected by Meth Act of 2006.

NON-GOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATIONS

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the role of non-governmental organizations (NGOs) in the development of democracy, focusing on the contributions of NGOs, restrictions that a growing number of governments are

placing on NGO activities, and how to protect NGOs work, after receiving testimony from Barry F. Lowenkron, Assistant Secretary of State for Democracy, Human Rights and Labor; and Carl Gershman, National Endowment for Democracy, Mark Palmer, Freedom House, Morton H. Halperin, Open Society Institute, and Thomas Carothers, Carnegie Endowment for International Peace, all of Washington, D.C.

ASIAN ADOPTIONS

Committee on Foreign Relations: Subcommittee on East Asian and Pacific Affairs concluded a hearing to examine the status of Asian adoptions in the United States, after receiving testimony from Senators Craig and Landrieu; Catherine M. Barry, Acting Assistant Secretary of State for Consular Affairs; Robert Divine, Acting Deputy Director, U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services, Department of Homeland Security; Thomas Atwood, National Council For Adoption, Alexandria, Virginia; and Susan Soon-keum Cox, Holt International Children's Services, Eugene, Oregon.

NATIONAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: Committee concluded a hearing to examine ways to build an integrated preparedness and emergency management system, focusing on the status of the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) with the Department of Homeland Security, after receiving testimony from Michael Chertoff, Secretary, and Admiral Thad W. Allen, Commandant, U.S. Coast Guard, both of the Department of Homeland Security; Donald F. Kettl, University of Pennsylvania Fels Institute of Government, Philadelphia; and John R. Harrald, George Washington University Institute for Crisis, Disaster, and Risk Management, Washington, D.C.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on the Judiciary: Committee ordered favorably reported the nominations of Andrew J. Guilford, to be United States District Judge for the Central District of California, and Charles P. Rosenberg, to be United States Attorney for the Eastern District of Virginia.

Also, Committee began consideration of :

S. 2453, to establish procedures for the review of electronic surveillance programs, agreeing to an amendment in the nature of a substitute, and S. 2468, to provide standing for civil actions for declaratory and injunctive relief to persons who refrain from electronic communications through fear of being subject to warrantless electronic surveillance for foreign intelligence purposes, agreeing to an amendment in the nature of a substitute, but did

not take final action thereon, and recessed subject to call.

COMMISSION ON SAFETY AND ABUSE IN AMERICA'S PRISONS

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Corrections and Rehabilitation held a hearing to examine the findings and recommendations of the Commission on Safety and Abuse in America's Prisons, which explored violence and abuse in America's prisons and jails and ways to make correctional facilities safer for prisoners and staff and more effective in promoting public safety and public health, receiving testimony from John J. Gibbons, Co-Chairman, Nicholas de B. Katzenbach, Co-Chairman, and Gary D. Maynard, Iowa Department of Corrections, and American Correctional Association, Marc H. Morial, National Urban League, and Pat Nolan, Prison Fellowship, and Justice Fellowship, all Commissioners, all of the Commission on Safety and Abuse in America's Prisons.

Hearing recessed subject to the call.

VETERANS' BENEFITS LEGISLATION

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: Committee concluded a hearing to examine pending benefits related legislation, including related measures S. 2121, S. 2416, S. 2562, S. 2659, S. 2694, and S. 3363, after receiving testimony from Senators Burns and Pryor; Ronald R. Aument, Deputy Under Secretary for Benefits, and John H. Thompson, Deputy General Counsel, both of Department of Veterans Affairs; Donald L. Ivers, Alexandria, Virginia, former Chief Judge of the United States Court of Appeals for Veterans Claims; and Quentin Kinderman, Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States, Richard F. Weidman, Vietnam Veterans of America, and Barton F. Stichman, National Veterans Legal Services Program, all of 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.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 16 public bills, H.R. 5553–5568; 4 private bills, H.R. 5569–5572; and 2 resolutions, H. Con. Res. 425 and H. Res. 856, were introduced. **Pages H3641–42**

Additional Cosponsors: **Pages H3642–43**

Reports Filed: Reports were filed today as follows: H.R. 5293, to amend the Older Americans Act of 1965 to authorize appropriations for fiscal years 2007 through 2011, with an amendment (H. Rept. 109–493); and Conference report on H.R. 4939, making emergency supplemental appropriations for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2006, (H. Rept. 109–494). **Pages H3587–H3627, H3641**

Foreign Operations, Export Financing, and Related Programs Appropriations Act, 2007: The House began consideration of H.R. 5522, making appropriations for foreign operations, export financing, and related programs for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2007. Further consideration is expected to resume tomorrow, Friday, June 9th. **Pages H3518–48**

Agreed to limit the number of amendments made in order for debate and the time limit for debate on each amendment during further proceedings. **Pages H3546–47**

Agreed to:

Lynch amendment to increase funding (by offset) by \$5 million for the State Department's program of nonproliferation, anti-terrorism, demining and related programs and activities; and **Page H3533**

Millender-McDonald amendment to increase funding for Bilateral Economic Assistance by \$2 million (by offset). **Pages H3532–34**

Rejected:

Obeys motion that sought to increase funding for International Disaster and Famine Assistance for Sudan by \$50 million and for the Department of State Global HIV/AIDS Initiative by \$50 million by offsetting funding for Egypt by \$100 million (by a recorded vote of 198 ayes to 225 noes, Roll No. 236). **Pages H3537–46, H3547–48**

Postponed proceedings:

Blumenauer amendment (No. 1 printed in the Congressional Record of June 7th) increases funding for the Development Assistance account by \$250 million (by offset) to provide clean water and anti-poverty assistance. **Pages H3535–37**