

Timothy Shanahan, of Illinois, to be a Member of the National Institute for Literacy Advisory Board for a term expiring November 25, 2007.

Patricia Mathes, of Texas, to be a Member of the National Institute for Literacy Advisory Board for a term expiring November 25, 2007.

Carmel Borders, of Kentucky, to be a Member of the National Institute for Literacy Advisory Board for a term expiring November 25, 2008.

Donald D. Deshler, of Kansas, to be a Member of the National Institute for Literacy Advisory Board for a term expiring January 30, 2008.

Eliza McFadden, of Florida, to be a Member of the National Institute for Literacy Advisory Board for a term expiring January 30, 2009.

Blanca E. Enriquez, of Texas, to be a Member of the National Institute for Literacy Advisory Board for a term expiring January 30, 2009. **Pages S6726–27**

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Adjournment: Senate convened at 9:30 a.m., and adjourned at 6:26 p.m., until 9:30 a.m., on Thursday, June 29, 2006. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today's Record on page S6726.)

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, receiving testimony from Alan M. Hantman, Architect, Robert C. Hixon, Jr., Capitol Visitor Center Project Manager, John Eisold, Attending Physician, and Stephen Ayers, Chief Operating Officer, all of the Office of the Architect of the Capitol; Bernard L. Ungar, Director, and Terrell Dorn, Assistant Director, both of Physical Infrastructure Issues, Gov-

ernment Accountability Office; Peter Evelyth, General Counsel, Office of Compliance; and Captain Joseph Terra, U.S. Public Health Service, Department of Health and Human Services.

Hearings continue on Wednesday, August 2.

IRAQI SECURITY FORCES

Committee on Armed Services: Committee met in closed session to discuss training and equipping Iraqi security forces with Lieutenant General Martin Dempsey, USA, Commander, Multinational Security Transition Command in Iraq.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Committee ordered favorably reported H.R. 5252, to promote the deployment of broadband networks and services, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute.

NOMINATION

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nomination of Marc Spitzer, of Arizona, to be a Member of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, after the nominee, who was introduced by Senators McCain and Kyl, testified and answered questions in his own behalf.

WATER BILLS

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Subcommittee on Water and Power concluded a hearing to examine S. 1812, to amend the Reclamation Projects Authorization and Adjustment Act of 1992 to provide for the conjunctive use of surface and ground water in Juab County, Utah, S. 1965, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to convey certain buildings and lands of the Yakima Project, Washington, to the Yakima-Tieton Irrigation District, S. 2129, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to convey certain land and improvements of the Gooding Division of the Minidoka Project, Idaho, S. 2470, to authorize early repayment of obligations to the Bureau of Reclamation within the A & B Irrigation District in the State of Idaho, S. 2502, to provide for the modification of an amendatory repayment contract between the Secretary of the Interior and the North Unit Irrigation District, S. 3404, to reauthorize the Mni Wiconi Rural Water Supply Project, H.R. 2383, to redesignate the facility of the Bureau of Reclamation located at 19550 Kelso Road in Byron, California, as the "C.W. 'Bill' Jones Pumping Plant", and H.R. 4204, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to transfer ownership of the American River Pump Station Project, after receiving testimony from William E. Rinne, Acting Commissioner, Bureau of Reclamation, and Jason Peltier,

Deputy Assistant Secretary for Water and Science, both of the Department of the Interior; Richard Dieker, Yakima-Tieton Irrigation District, Yakima, Washington; and Einar L. Maisch, Placer County Water Agency, Auburn, California.

EPA

Committee on Environment and Public Works: Committee concluded an oversight hearing on the efforts of the Environmental Protection Agency to meet the challenges of ensuring consistent implementation of federal environmental laws and regulations, after receiving testimony from Granta Y. Nakayama, Assistant Administrator, Office of Enforcement and Compliance Assurance, and Donald Welsh, Regional Administrator, Region 3, both of the Environmental Protection Agency; John B. Stephenson, Director, Natural Resources and Environment, Government Accountability Office; David Paylor, Virginia Department of Environmental Quality, Richmond, on behalf of the Environmental Council of the States; Jean Payne, Illinois Fertilizer and Chemical Association, Bloomington; Richard W. Waterman, University of Kentucky Department of Political Science, Lexington; and Eric Schaeffer, Environmental Integrity Project, Washington, D.C.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Finance: Committee ordered favorably reported the following business items:

S. 1321, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to repeal the excise tax on telephone and other communications, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. (As approved by the committee, the substitute amendment incorporates the text of S. 832.);

S. 3569, to implement the United States-Oman Free Trade Agreement; and

The nomination of Henry M. Paulson, Jr., of New York, to be Secretary of the Treasury.

NOMINATIONS

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of Peter R. Coneway, of Texas, to be Ambassador to Switzerland, and to serve concurrently and without additional compensation as Ambassador to the Principality of Liechtenstein, who was introduced by Senators Hutchison and Cornyn, Richard E. Hoagland, of the District of Columbia, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Armenia, and Thomas C. Foley, of Connecticut, to be Ambassador to Ireland, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

NOMINATIONS

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of Mickey D. Barnett, of New Mexico, who was introduced by Senator Domenici, Katherine C. Tobin, of New York, and Ellen C. Williams, of Kentucky, who was introduced by Senator McConnell, each to be a Governor of the United States Postal Service, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: Committee ordered favorably reported the following business items:

S. 3570, to amend the Older Americans Act of 1965 to authorize appropriations for fiscal years 2007 through 2011, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 3546, to amend the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act with respect to serious adverse event reporting for dietary supplements and nonprescription drugs, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 707, to reduce preterm labor and delivery and the risk of pregnancy-related deaths and complications due to pregnancy, and to reduce infant mortality caused by prematurity, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 757, to amend the Public Health Service Act to authorize the Director of the National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences to make grants for the development and operation of research centers regarding environmental factors that may be related to the etiology of breast cancer, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute; and

The nomination of Jonann E. Chiles, of Arkansas, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Legal Services Corporation.

NATIVE AMERICAN HOUSING PROGRAMS

Committee on Indian Affairs: Committee concluded an oversight hearing to examine the barriers, challenges, and accomplishments of Native American Housing Programs, including Alaska Native Villages, the Native Hawaiian Program, and the Land Assignment Law, after receiving testimony from Orlando J. Cabrera, Assistant Secretary of Housing and Urban Development, Office of Public and Indian Housing; Pattye Green, Fannie Mae, Tishomingo, Oklahoma; Marty Shuravloff, National American Indian Housing Council, Washington, D.C.; A.D. Ellis, Muscogee Creek Nation, Okmulgee, Oklahoma; and James Steele, Jr., Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribes of the Flathead Indian Reservation, Pablo, Montana.

HEDGE FUNDS

Committee on the Judiciary: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the relationship between certain hedge funds and independent analysts, focusing on ensuring integrity of the marketplace and protection of investors and the public from fraud, after receiving testimony from Matthew Friedrich, Principal Deputy Assistant Attorney General and Chief of Staff, Criminal Division, Department of Justice; Connecticut Attorney General Richard Blumenthal, Hartford; Gary J. Aguirre, Government Accountability Project, Washington, D.C.; Marc E. Kasowitz, Kasowitz, Benson, Torres & Friedman LLP, and Joseph McLaughlin, Sidley Austin LLP, on behalf of Managed Funds Association, both of New York, New York; Kim D. Blickenstaff, Biosite Incorporated, San Diego, California; Owen A. Lamont,

Yale School of Management, New Haven, Connecticut; Demetrios Anifantis, JP Morgan, Scottsdale, Arizona; Howard M. Schilit, Center for Financial Research and Analysis, Rockville, Maryland; and Jonathan A. Boersma, CFA Institute, Charlottesville, Virginia.

NOMINATIONS

Committee on the Judiciary: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of Kimberly Ann Moore, of Virginia, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Federal Circuit, who was introduced by Senator Warner, and Bobby E. Shepherd, of Arkansas, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Eighth Circuit, who was introduced by Senators Lincoln and Pryor, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 17 public bills, H.R. 5693–5709; and 4 resolutions, Con. Res. 439; and H. Res. 895, 898–899 were introduced. **Pages H4794–95**

Additional Cosponsors: **Pages H4795–96**

Reports Filed: Reports were filed as follows:

H.R. 5061, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to convey Paint Bank National Fish Hatchery and Wytheville National Fish Hatchery to the State of Virginia (H. Rept. 109–533);

H.R. 413, to establish the Bleeding Kansas and the Enduring Struggle for Freedom National Heritage Areas, with an amendment (H. Rept. 109–534);

H.R. 5534, to establish a grant program whereby moneys collected from violations of the corporate average fuel economy program are used to expand infrastructure necessary to increase the availability of alternative fuels (H. Rept. 109–535);

H.R. 5611, to provide for the establishment of a partnership between the Secretary of Energy and appropriate industry groups for the creation of a transportation fuel conservation education campaign, with an amendment (H. Rept. 109–536);

H.R. 5632, to amend Chapter 301 of title 49, United States Code, to establish a national tire fuel efficiency consumer information program, with an amendment (H. Rept. 109–537);

H.R. 5646, to study and promote the use of energy efficient computer servers in the United States (H. Rept. 109–538);

H. Res. 896, providing for consideration of H. Res. 895, supporting intelligence and law enforcement programs to track terrorists finances conducted consistent with Federal law and with appropriate Congressional consultation and specifically condemning the disclosure and publication of classified information that impairs the International fight against terrorism and needlessly exposes Americans to the threat of further terror attacks by revealing a crucial method by which terrorists are traced through their finances (H. Rept. 109–539); and H. Res. 897, providing for consideration of H.R. 4761, the Deep Ocean Energy Resources Act of 2006 (H. Rept. 109–540). **Page H4794**

Speaker: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he appointed Representative Rehberg to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. **Page H4683**

Chaplain: The prayer was offered by the guest Chaplain, Rev. Dr. Karl D. Eastlack, Senior Pastor, Eastern Hills Wesleyan Church, Williamsville, New York. **Page H4683**

Motion to Adjourn: Rejected the Wu motion to adjourn by a yea-and-nay vote of 27 yeas to 358 nays, Roll No. 331. **Page H4689**

Science, State, Justice, Commerce, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2007: The House continued consideration of H.R. 5672, making appropriations for Science, the Departments of State,