

Donna R. McLean, of the District of Columbia, to be a Member of the Reform Board (Amtrak) for a term of five years.

Geoffrey S. Bacino, of Illinois, to be a Director of the Federal Housing Finance Board for a term expiring February 27, 2013.

Linda Mysliwy Conlin, of New Jersey, to be First Vice President of the Export-Import Bank of the United States for a term expiring January 20, 2009.

J. Joseph Grandmaison, of New Hampshire, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Export-Import Bank of the United States for a term expiring January 20, 2009.

Frederic S. Mishkin, of New York, to be a Member of the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System for the unexpired term of fourteen years from February 1, 2000.

Edmund C. Moy, of Wisconsin, to be Director of the Mint for a term of five years.

3 Coast Guard nominations in the rank of admiral.

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**Record Votes:** One record vote was taken today. (Total—217) **Pages S8215–16**

**Recess:** Senate convened at 9 a.m., and recessed at 7:23 p.m., until 9:30 a.m., on Thursday, July 27, 2006. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S8328.)

## Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

### NOMINATIONS

*Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of Michael V. Dunn, of Iowa, to be a Commissioner of the Commodity Futures Trading Commission, who was introduced by Senator Harkin; Nancy Montanez-Johner, of Nebraska, to be Under Secretary of Agriculture for Food, Nutrition, and Con-

sumer Services, and to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Commodity Credit Corporation, who was introduced by Senator Nelson (NE); Margo M. McKay, of Virginia, to be an Assistant Secretary of Agriculture for Civil Rights, who was introduced by Senator Allen; and Bruce I. Knight, of South Dakota, to be Under Secretary of Agriculture for Marketing and Regulatory Programs, and to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Commodity Credit Corporation, who was introduced by Senator Thune, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

### TAX GAP

*Committee on Finance:* Subcommittee on Taxation and IRS (Internal Revenue Service) Oversight held a hearing to examine the size and sources of the tax gap, which is the difference between the amount of tax imposed on taxpayers for a given year and the amount that is paid voluntarily and timely, receiving testimony from Mark J. Mazur, Director, Research, Analysis, and Statistics, IRS, J. Russell George, Inspector General for Tax Administration, and Raymond T. Wagner, Jr., Chairman, IRS Oversight Board, all of the Department of the Treasury; Nina E. Olson, National Taxpayer Advocate Service; and Michael Brostek, Director, Tax Issues, Strategic Issues Team, Government Accounting Office.

Hearing recessed subject to the call.

### NOMINATION

*Committee on Foreign Relations:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nomination of Philip S. Goldberg, of Massachusetts, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Bolivia, after the nominee testified and answered questions in his own behalf.

### INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY RIGHTS

*Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs:* Subcommittee on Oversight of Government Management, the Federal Workforce, and the District of Columbia concluded a hearing to examine a progress report on protecting and enforcing intellectual property rights here and abroad, focusing on the Administration's Strategy Targeting Organized Piracy (STOP!) and the extent to which it has been effective in educating businesses about the issues related to conducting business in the global economy, the progress made since the appointment of the IP Coordinator last July, and explore if the STOP! initiative has identified effective human capital and strategic plans to build on the existing program, and if it has the necessary resources required to complete its mission, after receiving testimony from Chris Israel, Coordinator for International Intellectual Property Enforcement, and Stephen M. Pinkos, Deputy Under Secretary for Intellectual Property, and

Deputy Director, U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, both of the Department of Commerce; Arif Alikhan, Vice Chairman, Taskforce on Intellectual Property, and Deputy Director, National Intellectual Property Law Enforcement Coordination Council, Department of Justice; Loren Yager, Director, International Affairs and Trade, Government Accountability Office; and Anthony C. LaPlaca, Bendix Commercial Vehicle Systems, LLC, Elyria, Ohio.

### FISA FOR THE 21ST CENTURY

*Committee on the Judiciary:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine the current and future status of the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act which prescribes procedures for requesting judicial authorization for electronic surveillance and physical search of persons engaged in espionage or international terrorism against the United States on behalf of a foreign power, and related measures S. 2453, to establish procedures for the review of electronic surveillance programs, and S. 2455, to provide in statute for the conduct of electronic surveillance of suspected terrorists for the purposes of protecting the Amer-

ican people, the Nation, and its interests from terrorist attack while ensuring that the civil liberties of United States citizens are safeguarded, after receiving testimony from General Michael V. Hayden, Director, Central Intelligence Agency; Lieutenant General Keith B. Alexander, Director, National Security Agency, Chief, Central Security Service; Steven G. Bradbury, Acting Assistant Attorney General, Office of Legal Counsel, Department of Justice; H. Bryan Cunningham, Morgan and Cunningham, LLC, Denver, Colorado; James X. Dempsey, Center for Democracy and Technology, and Mary B. DeRosa, Johns Hopkins Center for Strategic and International Studies Technology and Public Policy Program, both of Washington, D.C.; and John Schmidt, Mayer, Brown, Rowe, and Maw, LLP, Chicago, Illinois.

### INTELLIGENCE

*Select Committee on Intelligence:* Committee held closed hearings on intelligence matters, receiving testimony from officials of the intelligence community.

Committee recessed subject to call.

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# House of Representatives

## Chamber Action

**Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced:** 26 public bills, H.R. 5889–5914; and 9 resolutions, H. Con. Res. 454–456; and H.Res. 949–950, 953–956 were introduced. **Pages H5952–54**

**Additional Cosponsors:** **Page H5954**

**Reports Filed:** Reports were filed today as follows:

H.R. 5830, to amend section 29 of the International Air Transportation Competition Act of 1979 relating to air transportation to and from Love Field, Texas (H. Rept. 109–600, Pt. 1);

H.R. 4157, to amend the Social Security Act to encourage the dissemination, security, confidentiality, and usefulness of health information technology, with amendments (H. Rept. 109–601, Pt. 1); and

H.R. 4157, to amend the Social Security Act to encourage the dissemination, security, confidentiality, and usefulness of health information technology, with an amendment (H. Rept. 109–601, Pt. 2);

H. Res. 951, waiving a requirement of clause 6(a) of rule XIII with respect to consideration of certain resolutions reported from the Committee on Rules (H. Rept. 109–602); and

H. Res. 952, providing for consideration of H.R. 4157, to amend the Social Security Act to encourage the dissemination, security, confidentiality, and usefulness of health information technology (H. Rept. 109–603). **Page H5952**

**Speaker:** Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he appointed Representative Price of Georgia to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. **Page H5857**

**Chaplain:** The prayer was offered by the guest Chaplain, Rev. Richard K. Barnard, Rector, The Chapel of the Cross, Dallas, Texas. **Page H5857**

**Recess:** The House recessed at 10:06 a.m. for the purpose of receiving His Excellency Nouri Al-Maliki, Prime Minister of the Republic of Iraq. The House reconvened at 12:15 p.m., and agreed that the proceedings had during the Joint Meeting be printed in the Record. **Page H5858**

**Joint Meeting to receive His Excellency Nouri Al-Maliki, Prime Minister of the Republic of Iraq:** The House and Senate met in a joint session to receive His Excellency Nouri Al-Maliki, Prime Minister of the Republic of Iraq. He was escorted into the Chamber by a committee comprised of Representatives Blunt, Pryce of Ohio, Hunter, Ros-Lehtinen, Hoekstra, Pelosi, Hoyer, Clyburn, Larson