

Nelson (NE) Modified Amendment No. 4945, to provide emergency agricultural disaster assistance.

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DeMint Amendment No. 4970, to prohibit the issuance of transportation security cards to individuals who have been convicted of certain crimes.

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Clinton/Dole Amendment No. 4957, to facilitate nationwide availability of 2–1–1 telephone service for information on and referral to human services, including volunteer opportunities related to human services.

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Clinton Amendment No. 4943, to fund additional research to improve the detection of explosive materials at airport security checkpoints.

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Clinton/Schumer Amendment No. 4958, to establish a grant program for individuals still suffering health effects as a result of the September 11, 2001, attacks in New York City.

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During consideration of this measure today, the Senate also took the following action:

By 41 yeas to 57 nays (Vote No. 243), three-fifths of those Senators duly chosen and sworn, not having voted in the affirmative, Senate rejected the motion to waive section 302(f) of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974, with respect to Reid Amendment No. 4936, to provide real national security, restore United States leadership, and implement tough and smart policies to win the war on terror. Subsequently, the point of order that the amendment would provide spending in excess of the subcommittee's 302(b) allocation was sustained, and the amendment thus fell.

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A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the bill at approximately 10 a.m., on Thursday, September 14, 2006, with one hour of debate equally divided, followed by a vote on the motion to invoke cloture on the bill.

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Nominations Confirmed: Senate confirmed the following nominations:

Bertha K. Madras, of Massachusetts, to be Deputy Director for Demand Reduction, Office of National Drug Control Policy.

Cesar Benito Cabrera, of Puerto Rico, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Mauritius, and to serve concurrently and without additional compensation as Ambassador to the Republic of Seychelles.

George E.B. Holding, of North Carolina, to be United States Attorney for the Eastern District of North Carolina for the term of four years.

John C. Rood, of Arizona, to be an Assistant Secretary of State (International Security and Non-Proliferation).

Mary Martin Ourisman, of Florida, to be Ambassador to Barbados, and to serve concurrently and

without additional compensation as Ambassador to St. Kitts and Nevis, Saint Lucia, Antigua and Barbuda, the Commonwealth of Dominica, Grenada, and Saint Vincent and the Grenadines.

Ronald A. Tschetter, of Minnesota, to be Director of the Peace Corps.

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Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

Frank Baxter, of California, to be Ambassador to the Oriental Republic of Uruguay.

Thomas M. Hardiman, of Pennsylvania, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Third Circuit.

1 Air Force nomination in the rank of general.

3 Navy nominations in the rank of admiral.

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Record Votes: Four record votes were taken today. (Total—246)

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Adjournment: Senate convened at 9:30 a.m., and adjourned at 7:39 p.m., until 9:30 a.m., on Thursday, September 14, 2006. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S9567.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

HOUSING BUBBLE

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: Subcommittee on Economic Policy and the Subcommittee on Housing and Transportation concluded joint hearings to examine the housing bubble and its implications for the economy, focusing on the current housing downswing, the depth and duration of the downswing, the economic consequences of the falloff in housing market activity, and the impacts of several secondary effects of the evolving

housing cycle, after receiving testimony from Patrick J. Lawler, Associate Director and Chief Economist, Office of Federal Housing Enterprise Oversight; Richard A. Brown, Chief Economist, Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation; David F. Seiders, National Association of Home Builders, Washington, D.C.; and Tom Stevens, National Association of Realtors, Chicago, Illinois.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Committee ordered favorably reported the nominations of David Longly Bernhardt, of Colorado, to be Solicitor, John Ray Correll, of Indiana, to be Director of the Office of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement, and Mark Myers, of Alaska, to be Director of the United States Geological Survey, all of the Department of the Interior.

NOMINATIONS

Committee on Environment and Public Works: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of Roger Romulus Martella, Jr., of Virginia, to be Assistant Administrator, and Alex A. Beehler, of Maryland, to be Inspector General, both of the Environmental Protection Agency, and William H. Graves, of Tennessee, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Tennessee Valley Authority, who was introduced by Senator Alexander, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Environment and Public Works: Committee ordered favorably reported the following bills:

H.R. 5689, to amend the Safe, Accountable, Flexible, Efficient Transportation Equity Act: A Legacy for Users to make technical corrections, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 1848, to promote remediation of inactive and abandoned mines, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 3630, to amend the Federal Water Pollution Control Act to reauthorize a program relating to the Lake Pontchartrain Basin;

H.R. 3929, to amend the Water Desalination Act of 1996 to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to assist in research and development, environmental and feasibility studies, and preliminary engineering for the Municipal Water District of Orange County, California, Dana Point Desalination Project located at Dana Point, California, with an amendment;

S. 3617, to reauthorize the North American Wetlands Conservation Act;

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;

S. 3551, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to convey the Tylersville division of the Lamar National Fish Hatchery and Fish Technology Center to the State of Pennsylvania, with an amendment;

S. 3867, to designate the Federal courthouse located at 555 Independence Street, Cape Girardeau, Missouri, as the "Rush H. Limbaugh, Sr., Federal Courthouse";

H.R. 5187, to amend the John F. Kennedy Center Act to authorize additional appropriations for the John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts for fiscal year 2007, proposed Convention on Supplementary Compensation for Nuclear Damage Contingent Cost Allocation Act, proposed legislation to amend the Clean Air Act to encourage the most polluted areas in the United States to attain clean air standards;

S. 3879, to implement the Convention on Supplementary Compensation for Nuclear Damage, with an amendment;

S. 2348, to amend the Atomic Energy Act of 1954 to require a licensee to notify the Atomic Energy Commission, and the State and county in which a facility is located, whenever there is an unplanned release of fission products in excess of allowable limits, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 3591, to improve efficiency in the Federal Government through the use of high-performance green buildings, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute; and

The nominations of William B. Wark, of Maine, and William E. Wright, of Florida, each to be a Member of the Chemical Safety and Hazard Investigation Board, and Stephen M. Prescott, of Oklahoma, and Anne Jeannette Udall, of North Carolina, each to be a Member of the Board of Trustees of the Morris K. Udall Scholarship and Excellence in National Environmental Policy Foundation.

NONPROFIT HOSPITALS

Committee on Finance: Committee concluded a hearing to examine charitable care and community benefits at nonprofit hospitals, after receiving testimony from Kansas Attorney General Phill Kline, Topeka; Carol Keehan, Catholic Health Association of the United States, and Kevin E. Lofton, American Hospital Association, both of Washington, D.C.; Scott A. Duke, Glendive Medical Center, Glendive, Montana; Nancy M. Kane, Harvard School of Public Health Department of Health Policy and Management, Boston, Massachusetts; and Raymond A. Hartz, Legal Aid Society of Eastern Virginia, Inc., Norfolk.

LEBANON

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee concluded a hearing to examine securing a permanent cease-fire relating to Lebanon, focusing on what the United States and others can do to secure lasting calm on Israel's northern border, strengthen the Lebanese Government so that it can fully control its territory, and assist in meeting Lebanon's urgent humanitarian and reconstruction needs, including the impact of this conflict on broader U.S. interests in the region, and achieving a peace settlement between Israel and the Palestinians, after receiving testimony from C. David Welch, Assistant Secretary of State for Near Eastern Affairs; Carlos Pascual, Brookings Institution, Washington, D.C.; Paul Salem, Carnegie Middle East Center, Beirut, Lebanon; and Augustus Richard Norton, Boston University, Boston, Massachusetts.

NOMINATIONS

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of Wayne Cartwright Beyer, of New Hampshire, to be a Member of the Federal Labor Relations Authority, who was introduced by Senator Gregg, and Stephen Thomas Conboy, of Virginia, to be United States Marshal for the Superior Court of the District of Columbia, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

BUSINESS MEETING

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

S. 2453, to establish procedures for the review of electronic surveillance programs, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 2455, to provide in statute for the conduct of electronic surveillance of suspected terrorists for the

purposes of protecting the American people, the Nation, and its interests from terrorist attack while ensuring that the civil liberties of United States citizens are safeguarded; and

S. 3001, to ensure that all electronic surveillance of United States persons for foreign intelligence purposes is conducted pursuant to individualized court-issued orders, to streamline the procedures of the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act of 1978, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute.

Also, Committee failed to approve for reporting 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.

INTELLIGENCE

Select Committee on Intelligence: Committee met in closed session to receive a briefing on certain intelligence matters from officials of the intelligence community.

MEDICAID: MANAGED CARE

Special Committee on Aging: Committee concluded a hearing to examine managed care relating to securing Medicaid's future, after receiving testimony from Anthony Rodgers, Arizona Health Care Cost Containment System, Phoenix; Ron Pollack, Families USA, and Jeffrey S. Crowley, Georgetown University Health Policy Institute, both of Washington, D.C.; Greg Nycz, Family Health Center of Marshfield, Inc., Marshfield, Wisconsin; David Ford, CareOregon, Portland, Oregon; and Daniel J. Hilferty, AmeriHealth Mercy and Keystone Mercy Health Plans, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, on behalf of the Medicaid Health Plans of America.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 10 public bills, H.R. 6060–6069; and 11 resolutions, H. Con. Res. 470–472; and H. Res. 1000–1001, 1004–1009 were introduced. **Pages H6534–35**

Additional Cosponsors: **Pages H6535–36**

Reports Filed: Reports were filed today as follows:

H.R. 4893, to amend section 20 of the Indian Gaming Regulatory Act to restrict off-reservation

gaming, with an amendment (H. Rept. 109–650); and

H.R. 5835, to amend title 38, United States Code, to improve information management within the Department of Veterans Affairs, with an amendment (H. Rept. 109–651, Pt. 1);

H.R. 1167, to amend the Truth in Regulating Act to make permanent the pilot project for the report on rules, with amendments (H. Rept. 109–652);