

ongoing assessment of progress, including obstacles and challenges. (By unanimous consent, the amendment was agreed to, notwithstanding having been ruled not germane on Friday, March 9, 2007.)

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Lieberman (for Dodd) Amendment No. 415 (to Amendment No. 275), to amend title X, with respect to critical infrastructure protection efforts by Federal departments and agencies.

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Lieberman (for Kohl) Modified Amendment No. 371 (to Amendment No. 275), to ensure that public transportation workers specifically take into account the evacuation needs of the elderly.

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Schumer Further Modified Amendment No. 367 (to Amendment No. 275), to require the Administrator of the Transportation Security Administration to establish and implement a program to provide additional safety measures for vehicles that carry high hazardous materials.

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Reid Amendment No. 275, in the nature of a substitute.

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Rejected:

Coburn Amendment No. 294 (to Amendment No. 275), to provide that the provisions of the Act shall cease to have any force or effect on and after December 31, 2012, to ensure congressional review and oversight of the Act. (By 60 yeas to 38 nays (Vote No. 70), Senate tabled the amendment.)

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Coburn Amendment No. 325 (to Amendment No. 275), to ensure the fiscal integrity of grants awarded by the Department of Homeland Security. (By 66 yeas to 31 nays (Vote No. 71), Senate tabled the amendment.)

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Biden Amendment No. 383 (to Amendment No. 275), to require the Secretary of Homeland Security to develop regulations regarding the transportation of high hazard materials. (By 73 yeas to 25 nays (Vote No. 72), Senate tabled the amendment.)

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Withdrawn:

Landrieu Amendment No. 321 (to Amendment No. 275), to require the Secretary of Homeland Security to include levees in the list of critical infrastructure sectors.

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Schumer/Clinton Amendment No. 336 (to Amendment No. 275), to prohibit the use of the peer review process in determining the allocation of funds among metropolitan areas applying for grants under the Urban Area Security Initiative.

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St. Louis County, Missouri Arterial Road: Senate passed H.R. 1129, to provide for the construction, operation, and maintenance of an arterial road in St. Louis County, Missouri.

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Iraq Resolution—Agreement: A unanimous consent agreement was reached providing that at 10:00 a.m., on Wednesday, March 14, 2007, Senate resume consideration of the motion to proceed to consideration of S.J. Res. 9, to revise United States policy on Iraq; that there be 1 hour of debate prior to a vote on the motion to invoke cloture on the motion to proceed to consideration of the resolution, with the time equally divided and controlled between the Majority and Republican Leaders, or their designees; provided further, that the final 20 minutes prior to the vote be controlled by the two Leaders, with the Majority Leader controlling the final 10 minutes.

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Appointments:

U.S.-China Interparliamentary Group: The Chair, on behalf of the President pro tempore, pursuant to 22 U.S.C. 276n, as amended, appointed the following Senator as Vice Chairman of the U.S.-China Interparliamentary Group conference during the 110th Congress: Senator Stevens.

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Record Votes: Four record votes were taken today. (Total—73)

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Adjournment: Senate convened at 10 a.m., and adjourned at 6:54 p.m., until 10 a.m. on Wednesday, March 14, 2007. (For Senate’s program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today’s Record on page S3076.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

APPROPRIATIONS: ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on the Interior, Environment and Related Agencies concluded a hearing to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2008 for the Environmental Protection Agency, after receiving testimony from Stephen L. Johnson, Administrator, William Wehrum, Assistant Administrator, Office of Air and Radiation, and

Susan Bodine, Assistant Administrator, Office of Solid Waste and Emergency Response, all of the Environmental Protection Agency.

NOMINATIONS

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of James R. Kunder, of Virginia, to be Deputy Administrator, Douglas Menarchik, of Texas, to be an Assistant Administrator, Paul J. Bonicelli, of Virginia, to be an Assistant Administrator, and Katherine Almquist, of Virginia, to be an Assistant Administrator, all of the United States Agency for International Development, Margrethe Lundsager, of Virginia, to be United States Executive Director of the International Monetary Fund, Eli Whitney Debevoise II, of Maryland, to be United States Executive Director of the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development, and Curtis S. Chin, of New York, to be United States Director of the Asian Development Bank, with the rank of Ambassador, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

RADIOLOGICAL MATERIALS

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: Subcommittee on Oversight of Government Management, the Federal Workforce, and the District of Columbia to examine international action by the United States to secure radiological materials, focusing on Department of Energy and Nuclear Regulatory Commission efforts through the International Atomic Energy Agency and the other multilateral organizations, after receiving testimony from Richard

J.K. Stratford, Director, Office of Nuclear Energy, Safety and Security, Bureau of International Security and Nonproliferation, Department of State; Andrew Bieniawski, Assistant Deputy Administrator, Office of Global Threat Reduction, National Nuclear Security Administration, Department of Energy; Janice Dunn Lee, Director, Office of International Programs, United States Nuclear Regulatory Commission; Gene Aloise, Director, Natural Resources and Environment, Government Accountability Office; Brian Dodd, Health Physics Society, McLean, Virginia; Charles D. Ferguson, Council on Foreign Relations, New York, New York; and Joel O. Lubenau, Lititz, Pennsylvania.

NOMINATIONS

Committee on the Judiciary: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of Halil Suleyman Ozerden, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of Mississippi, who was introduced by Senators Cochran and Lott, Benjamin Hale Settle, to be United States District Judge for the Western District of Washington, and Frederick J. Kapala, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of Illinois, who were both introduced by Senator Durbin, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

INTELLIGENCE

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

Committee recessed subject to the call.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 27 public bills, H.R. 1486–1512; and 3 resolutions, H. Con. Res. 91; and H. Res. 240–241 were introduced. **Pages H2485–86**

Additional Cosponsors: **Pages H2486–87**

Report Filed: A report was filed today as follows:

H. Res. 239, providing for consideration of H.R. 985, to amend title 5, United States Code, to clarify which disclosures of information are protected from prohibited personnel practices; to require a statement in nondisclosure policies, forms, and agreements to the effect that such policies, forms, and agreements are consistent with certain disclosure protections (H. Rept. 110–48). **Page H2485**

Speaker: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein she appointed Representative Meeks to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. **Page H2439**

Recess: The House recessed at 10:55 a.m. and reconvened at 12 noon. **Page H2441**

Suspensions: The House agreed to suspend the rules and pass the following measures:

Amend the Foreign Affairs Reform and Restructuring Act of 1998 to reauthorize the United States Advisory Commission on Public Diplomacy: H.R. 1003, to amend the Foreign Affairs Reform and Restructuring Act of 1998 to reauthorize the United States Advisory Commission on Public Diplomacy; **Pages H2444–45**