

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**

Calling for the immediate and unconditional release of Israeli soldiers held captive by Hamas and Hezbollah: H. Res. 107, amended, to call for the immediate and unconditional release of Israeli soldiers held captive by Hamas and Hezbollah;

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Expressing the sense of the House of Representatives that the Government of Bangladesh should immediately drop all pending charges against Bangladeshi journalist Salah Uddin Shoaib Choudhury: H. Res. 64, amended, to express the sense of the House of Representatives that the Government of Bangladesh should immediately drop all pending charges against Bangladeshi journalist Salah Uddin Shoaib Choudhury, by a 2/3 yeas-and-nay vote of 409 yeas to 1 nay, with 4 voting “present”, Roll No. 139;

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Recognizing the 186th anniversary of the independence of Greece and celebrating Greek and American democracy: H. Res. 228, to recognize the 186th anniversary of the independence of Greece and celebrating Greek and American democracy, by a 2/3 yeas-and-nay vote of 413 yeas with none voting “nay”, Roll No. 140;

Pages H2450–53, H2461–62

Recognizing the 50th anniversary of the Treaty of Rome signed on March 25, 1957: H. Res. 230, to recognize the 50th anniversary of the Treaty of Rome signed on March 25, 1957, which was a key step in creating the European Union, and reaffirming the close and mutually beneficial relationship between the United States and Europe;

Pages H2453–55

Expressing the support of the House of Representatives for the Good Friday Agreement, signed on April 10, 1998, as a blueprint for a lasting peace in Northern Ireland: H. Res. 222, to express the support of the House of Representatives for the Good Friday Agreement, signed on April 10, 1998, as a blueprint for a lasting peace in Northern Ireland; by a 2/3 yeas-and-nay vote of 419 yeas to 1 nay, Roll No. 141;

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Scott Reed Federal Building and United States Courthouse Designation Act: H.R. 478, to designate the Federal building and United States courthouse located at 101 Barr Street in Lexington, Kentucky, as the “Scott Reed Federal Building and United States Courthouse”;

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Hugh L. Carey United States Courthouse Designation Act: H.R. 429, to designate the United States courthouse located at 225 Cadman Plaza East, Brooklyn, New York, as the “Hugh L. Carey United States Courthouse”;

Pages H2458–59

Conrad Duberstein United States Bankruptcy Courthouse Designation Act: H.R. 430, amended, to designate the United States bankruptcy court-

house located at 271 Cadman Plaza East, Brooklyn, New York, as the “Conrad Duberstein United States Bankruptcy Courthouse”;

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Agreed to amend the title so as to read: “To designate the United States bankruptcy courthouse located at 271 Cadman Plaza East in Brooklyn, New York, as the ‘Conrad B. Duberstein United States Bankruptcy Courthouse’.”

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Neal Smith Federal Building Designation Act: H.R. 1045, to designate the Federal building located at 210 Walnut Street in Des Moines, Iowa, as the “Neal Smith Federal Building”.

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Quorum Calls—Votes: Three yeas-and-nay votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H2461, H2462, H2462–63. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 10:30 a.m. and adjourned at 6:15 p.m.

Committee Meetings

FOOD STAMP PROGRAM REVIEW—IMPACT ON CHILDREN’S HEALTH

Committee on Agriculture: Subcommittee on Department Operations, Oversight, Nutrition and Forestry held a hearing to review the federal food stamp program and its impact on children’s health. Testimony was heard from Nancy Montanez-Johner, Under Secretary, Food, Nutrition and Consumer Services, USDA; and public witnesses.

AGRICULTURE, RURAL DEVELOPMENT, FDA, AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies held a hearing on Secretary of Agriculture. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the USDA: Chuck Conner, Deputy Secretary; Keith Collins, Chief Economist; and Scott Steele, Budget Officer.

COMMERCE, JUSTICE, SCIENCE AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, Science and Related Agencies on NASA. Testimony was heard from Michael D. Griffin, Administrator, NASA.

Hearings continue tomorrow.

ENERGY AND WATER DEVELOPMENT, AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Energy and Water Development, and Related Agencies held