

Senate vitiated the adoption of the following amendments:

Rockefeller (for Bond) Amendment No. 856, to strike the requirement for a study on the disclosure of additional intelligence information.

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Rockefeller (for Bond) Amendment No. 859, to strike the pilot program on disclosure of records under the Privacy Act relating to certain intelligence activities.

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By 50 yeas to 45 nays (Vote No. 131), three-fifths of those Senators duly chosen and sworn, not having voted in the affirmative, Senate upon reconsideration rejected the motion to close further debate on the bill.

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Medicare Prescription Drug Price Negotiation Act and Court Security Improvement Act—

Agreement: A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that at 9:30 a.m., on Wednesday, April 18, 2007, Senate resume consideration of the motion to proceed to consideration of S. 3, to amend part D of title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide for fair prescription drug prices for Medicare beneficiaries, and vote on the motion to invoke cloture on the motion to proceed thereon; provided further that, prior to the vote on the motion to invoke cloture on the motion to proceed to S. 378, to amend title 18, United States Code, to protect judges, prosecutors, witnesses, victims, and their family members; that there be 2 minutes of debate equally divided between Senators Leahy and Specter or their designees.

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Record Votes: One record vote was taken today. (Total—131) Page S4580

Adjournment: Senate convened at 10 a.m., and adjourned at 7:25 p.m., until 8:30 a.m. on Wednesday, April 18, 2007. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S4622.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

COMBATING AUTISM

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education and Related Agencies held a hearing to examine the status of autism and autism research, receiving testimony from Julie L. Gerberding, Director, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, and Thomas R. Insel, Director, National Institute of Mental Health, National Institutes of Health, both of the Department of Health and Human Services; Judith E. Favell, Celeste Foundation, Mount Dora, Florida; Robert C. Wright and Bradley Whitford, both of Autism Speaks, New York, New York; Marguerite Kirst Colston, Autism Society of America, Bethesda, Maryland; and Josh Cobbs, Sioux City, Iowa.

Hearing recessed subject to the call.

COMBAT READINESS

Committee on Armed Services: Committee concluded a hearing to examine whether the Army and Marine Corps are properly sized, organized, and equipped to respond to the most likely missions over the next two decades while retaining adequate capability to respond to all contingencies along the spectrum of combat, after receiving testimony from Andrew F. Krepinevich, Jr., Center for Strategic and Budgetary Assessments, and Lawrence J. Korb, Center for American Progress, both of Washington, D.C.; General Barry R. McCaffrey (Ret.) USA, BR McCaffrey Associates LLC, Arlington, Virginia; and Major General Robert H. Scales, Jr. (Ret.) USA, Colgen, Inc., Dayton, Maryland.

BUDGET: DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION

Committee on Armed Services: Committee met in closed session to receive a briefing to examine the current readiness of United States ground forces in review of the Defense Authorization Request for fiscal year 2008 and the Future Years Defense Program, from Lieutenant General James J. Lovelace, Jr., USA, Deputy Chief of Staff, G–3/5/7, Headquarters, Department of the Army, and Lieutenant General Richard F. Natonski, USMC, Deputy Commandant for Plans, Policies, and Operations, Headquarters,

United States Marine Corps, both of the Department of Defense.

MORTGAGE MARKET SECURITIZATION

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: Subcommittee on Securities, Insurance and Investment concluded a hearing to examine the role of securitization relating to subprime mortgage market turmoil, including the mechanics of the nonprime mortgage securitization process, the impact of recent increases in defaults and delinquencies on the nonprime securitization market, characteristics of the securitization process that present challenges in mitigating potential foreclosures, and factors taken into consideration in the securitization process when assessing credit risk for mortgage-backed securities and monitoring assigned ratings, after receiving testimony from Gyan Sinha, Bear, Stearns and Co. Inc, David Sherr, Lehman Brothers Inc., Susan Barnes, Standard and Poor's Ratings Services, and Warren Kornfeld, Moody's Investors Service, all of New York, New York; Kurt Eggert, Chapman University School of Law, Orange, California; and Christopher L. Peterson, University of Florida Levin College of Law, Gainesville.

XM-SIRIUS RADIO

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the proposed merger between XM and Sirius satellite radio services, after receiving testimony from Mel Karmazin, Sirius Satellite Radio, and David Bank, RBC Capital Markets, both of New York, New York; W. Russell Withers, Jr., Withers Broadcasting Companies, Mount Vernon, Illinois, on behalf of the National Association of Broadcasters; and Gene Kimmelman, Consumers Union, on behalf of Common Cause, Consumer Federation of America, Free Press, and Media Access Project, and Gigi B. Sohn, Public Knowledge, both of Washington, D.C.

WORKPLACE DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: Subcommittee on Employment and Workplace Safety concluded a hearing to examine domestic violence in the workplace, after receiving testimony from Laura A. Fortman, Maine Department of Labor, Augusta; Kathy Rodgers, Legal Momentum, New York, New York; Sue K. Willman, Spencer Fane Britt and Browne LLP, Kansas City, Missouri, on behalf of the Society for Human Resource Management; and Yvette Cade, Temple Hills, Maryland.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 42 public bills, H.R. 1863–1904; and 19 resolutions, H. Con. Res. 112–115; and H. Res. 299–300, 303–314 were introduced. **Pages H3473–76**

Additional Cosponsors: **Pages H3476–78**

Reports Filed: Reports were filed today as follows:

H.R. 886, to enhance ecosystem protection and the range of outdoor opportunities protected by statute in the Skykomish River valley of the State of Washington by designating certain lower-elevation Federal lands as wilderness (H. Rept. 110–89);

H.R. 309, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to establish a demonstration program to facilitate landscape restoration programs within certain units of the National Park System established by law to preserve and interpret resources associated with American history, with an amendment (H. Rept. 110–90);

H.R. 865, to grant rights-of-way for electric transmission lines over certain Native allotments in the State of Alaska (H. Rept. 110–91);

H.R. 285, to establish the Steel Industry National Historic Site in the State of Pennsylvania, with an amendment (H. Rept. 110–92);

H.R. 249, to restore the prohibition on the commercial sale and slaughter of wild free-roaming horses and burros (H. Rept. 110–93);

H.R. 162, to adjust the boundary of the Barataria Preserve Unit of the Jean Lafitte National Historical Park and Preserve in the State of Louisiana (H. Rept. 110–94);

H.R. 319, to establish the Journey Through Hallowed Ground National Heritage Area, with an amendment (H. Rept. 110–95);

H. Res. 301, providing for consideration of H.R. 1257, to amend the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 to provide shareholders with an advisory vote on executive compensation (H. Rept. 110–96); and