

**Record Votes:** One record vote was taken today. (Total—277) **Page S9896**

**Adjournment:** Senate convened at 9:30 a.m. and adjourned at 8:11 p.m., until 9:30 a.m. on Thursday, July 26, 2007. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S110046.)

## Committee Meetings

*(Committees not listed did not meet)*

### U.S. TRADE RELATIONS WITH CHINA

*Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation:* Subcommittee on Interstate Commerce, Trade, and Tourism concluded a hearing to examine United States trade relations with China, after receiving testimony from David Spooner, Assistant Secretary of Commerce for Import Administration; James P. Hoffa, International Brotherhood of Teamsters, Scott N. Paul, Alliance for American Manufacturing, and Robert S. Nichols, Financial Services Forum, all of Washington, D.C.; and M. Brian O'Shaughnessy, Revere Copper Products, Inc., Rome, New York.

### BUSINESS MEETING

*Committee on Energy and Natural Resources:* Committee ordered favorably reported:

S. 169, to amend the National Trails System Act to clarify Federal authority relating to land acquisition from willing sellers for the majority of the trails in the System, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 278, to establish a program and criteria for National Heritage Areas in the United States, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 289, to establish the Journey Through Hallowed Ground National Heritage Area, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 443, to establish the Sangre de Cristo National Heritage Area in the State of Colorado, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 444, to establish the South Park National Heritage Area in the State of Colorado, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 471, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to convey to The Missouri River Basin Lewis and Clark Interpretive Trail and Visitor Center Foundation, Inc. certain Federal land associated with the Lewis and Clark National Historic Trail in Nebraska, to be used as an historical interpretive site along the trail, with amendments;

S. 637, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to study the suitability and feasibility of establishing the Chattahoochee Trace National Heritage Corridor in Alabama and Georgia, with an amendment;

S. 645, to amend the Energy Policy Act of 2005 to provide an alternate sulfur dioxide removal measurement for certain coal gasification project goals;

S. 647, to designate certain land in the State of Oregon as wilderness, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 722, to direct the Secretary of the Interior and the Secretary of Agriculture to jointly conduct a study of certain land adjacent to the Walnut Canyon National Monument in the State of Arizona, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 800, to establish the Niagara Falls National Heritage Area in the State of New York, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 817, to amend the Omnibus Parks and Public Lands Management Act of 1996 to provide additional authorizations for certain National Heritage Areas, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 838, to authorize funding for eligible joint ventures between United States and Israeli businesses and academic persons, to establish the International Energy Advisory Board, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 955, to establish the Abraham Lincoln National Heritage Area, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 1089, to amend the Alaska Natural Gas Pipeline Act to allow the Federal Coordinator for Alaska Natural Gas Transportation Projects to hire employees more efficiently, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 1148, to establish the Champlain Quadracentennial Commemoration Commission and the Hudson-Fulton 400th Commemoration Commission, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 1182, to amend the Quinebaug and Shetucket Rivers Valley National Heritage Corridor Act of 1994 to increase the authorization of appropriations and modify the date on which the authority of the Secretary of the Interior terminates under the Act, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 1203, to enhance the management of electricity programs at the Department of Energy;

S. 1728, to amend the National Parks and Recreation Act of 1978 to reauthorize the Na Hoa Pili O Kaloko-Honokohau Advisory Commission;

H.R. 85, to provide for the establishment of centers to encourage demonstration and commercial application of advanced energy methods and technologies;

H.R. 247, to designate a Forest Service trail at Waldo Lake in the Willamette National Forest in the State of Oregon as a national recreation trail in

honor of Jim Weaver, a former Member of the House of Representatives;

H.R. 407, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to conduct a study to determine the feasibility of establishing the Columbia-Pacific National Heritage Area in the States of Washington and Oregon;

H.R. 995, to amend Public Law 106-348 to extend the authorization for establishing a memorial in the District of Columbia or its environs to honor veterans who became disabled while serving in the Armed Forces of the United States;

H.R. 1100, to revise the boundary of the Carl Sandburg Home National Historic Site in the State of North Carolina;

H.R. 1126, to reauthorize the Steel and Aluminum Energy Conservation and Technology Competitiveness Act of 1988;

H. Con. Res. 116, expressing the sense of Congress that the National Museum of Wildlife Art, located in Jackson, Wyoming, shall be designated as the "National Museum of Wildlife Art of the United States"; and

The nominations of Kevin M. Kolevar, of Michigan, to be Assistant Secretary for Electricity Delivery and Energy Reliability, Lisa E. Epifani, of Texas, to be Assistant Secretary for Congressional and Intergovernmental Affairs, and Clarence H. Albright, of South Carolina, to be Under Secretary, all of the Department of Energy, and James L. Caswell, of Idaho, to be Director of the Bureau of Land Management, and Brent T. Wahlquist, of Pennsylvania, to be Director of the Office of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement, both of the Department of the Interior.

Also, committee announced the following subcommittee assignments:

*Subcommittee on Energy:* Senators Murkowski, Craig, Burr, DeMint, Corker, Sessions, Bunning and Martinez.

*Subcommittee on National Parks:* Senators Burr, Murkowski, Corker, Barrasso, Sessions, Smith and Martinez.

*Subcommittee on Public Lands and Forests:* Senators Craig, Murkowski, Burr, DeMint, Barrasso, Sessions, Smith and Bunning.

*Subcommittee on Water and Power:* Senators Corker, Craig, DeMint, Barrasso, Smith and Bunning.

## EPA'S ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE PROGRAMS

*Committee on Environment and Public Works:* Subcommittee on Superfund and Environmental Health concluded an oversight hearing to examine the Environmental Protection Agency's Environmental Justice programs, after receiving testimony from Representative Solis; Granta Y. Nakayama, Assistant Ad-

ministrator, Office of Enforcement and Compliance Assurance, and Wade T. Najjum, Assistant Inspector General for Program Evaluation, Office of the Inspector General, both of the Environmental Protection Agency; John B. Stephenson, Director, Natural Resources and Environment, Government Accountability Office; South Carolina State Representative Harold Mitchell, Spartanburg; Robert D. Bullard, Clark Atlanta University Environmental Justice Resource Center, Atlanta, Georgia; Michael W. Steinberg, Business Network for Environmental Justice, Washington, D.C.; Peggy M. Shepard, WE ACT for Environmental Justice, New York, New York; and Beverly Wright, Dillard University Deep South Center for Environmental Justice, Baton Rouge, Louisiana.

## NOMINATIONS

*Committee on Finance:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of Peter B. McCarthy, of Wisconsin, to be an Assistant Secretary, and David H. McCormick, of Pennsylvania, to be an Under Secretary, both of the Department of the Treasury, Kerry N. Weems, of New Mexico, to be Administrator of the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, and Tevi David Troy, of New York, to be Deputy Secretary, both of the Department of Health and Human Services, and Charles E. F. Millard, of New York, to be Director of the Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

## ENHANCING THE PEACE CORPS

*Committee on Foreign Relations:* Subcommittee on Western Hemisphere, Peace Corps and Narcotics Affairs concluded a hearing to examine S. 732, to empower Peace Corps volunteers, after receiving testimony from Ronald A. Tschetter, Director, H. David Kotz, Inspector General, Kate Raftery, County Director, Eastern Caribbean, and Chuck Ludlam, and Paula Hirschhoff, both Volunteers, all of the Peace Corps; Kevin F.F. Quigley, National Peace Corps Association, and Mark L. Schneider, International Crisis Group, both of Washington, D.C.; and Nicole Fiol, Bayamon, Puerto Rico.

## PAKISTAN'S FUTURE

*Committee on Foreign Relations:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine Pakistan's future, focusing on the challenges of building a democracy, after receiving testimony from R. Nicholas Burns, Under Secretary of State for Political Affairs; Teresita C. Schaffer, Center for Strategic and International Studies South Asia Program, and Stephen P. Cohen, Brookings Institution, both of Washington, D.C.; and Samina Ahmed, International Crisis Group, Islamabad, Pakistan.

**NOMINATION**

*Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nomination of Dennis R. Schrader, of Maryland, to be Deputy Administrator for National Preparedness, Federal Emergency Management Agency, Department of Homeland Security, after the nominee, who was introduced by Senator Cardin, testified and answered questions on his own behalf.

**POSTAL ACCOUNTABILITY AND ENHANCEMENT ACT**

*Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs:* Subcommittee on Federal Financial Management, Government Information, Federal Services, and International Security concluded a hearing to examine the implementation of the Postal Accountability and Enhancement Act (Public Law 109–435), after receiving testimony from William Burrus, American Postal Workers Union, AFL–CIO, John F. Hegarty, National Postal Mail Handlers Union, William H. Young, National Association of Letter Carriers, Louis Atkins, National Association of Postal Supervisors, and Dale Goff, Jr., National Association of Postmasters of the United States, all of Washington, D.C.; and Donnie Pitts, National Rural Letter Carriers Association, Alexandria, Virginia.

**BUSINESS MEETING**

*Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions:* Committee ordered favorably reported the following:

S. 1183, to enhance and further research into paralysis and to improve rehabilitation and the quality of life for persons living with paralysis and other physical disabilities, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 898, to amend the Public Health Service Act to fund breakthroughs in Alzheimer's disease research while providing more help to caregivers and increasing public education about prevention, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute; and

The nominations of Diane Auer Jones, of Maryland, to be Assistant Secretary for Postsecondary Education, Department of Education, David C. Geary, of Missouri, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the National Board for Education Sciences, and Miguel Campaneria, of Puerto Rico, to be a Member of the National Council on the Arts.

**BALLOT INTEGRITY ACT**

*Committee on Rules and Administration:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine S. 1487, to amend

the Help America Vote Act of 2002 to require an individual, durable, voter-verified paper record under title III of such Act, after receiving testimony from Senator Clinton; Deborah L. Markowitz, Vermont Secretary of State, Montpelier, on behalf of the National Association of Secretaries of State; George N. Gilbert, Guilford County Board of Elections, Greensboro, North Carolina; Wendy Noren, Boone County, Columbia, Missouri, on behalf of the National Association of Counties; Michael I. Shamos, Carnegie Mellon University School of Computer Science, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania; Ray Martinez, Pew Center on the States, Austin, Texas; Doug Lewis, Election Center, Houston, Texas; and Mary Wilson, League of Women Voters, and Tanya Clay House, People for the American Way, both of Washington, D.C.

**GULF COAST DISASTER LOANS**

*Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship:* Committee concluded an oversight hearing to examine Gulf Coast disaster loans, focusing on the future of the disaster assistance program, challenges the Small Business Administration (SBA) experienced in providing victims of the Gulf Coast hurricanes with timely assistance, factors that contributed to these challenges, and steps the SBA has taken since the Gulf Coast hurricanes to enhance its disaster preparedness, after receiving testimony from Eric M. Thorson, Inspector General, Gale B. Martin, former Loan Officer, and Steven C. Preston, Administrator, all of the Small Business Administration; and William B. Shear, Director, Financial Markets and Community Investment, Government Accountability Office.

**VA HEALTH CARE FUNDING**

*Committee on Veterans' Affairs:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine Department of Veterans Affairs health care funding, after receiving testimony from Representative Chris Smith; Michael J. Kussman, Under Secretary for Health, Veterans Health Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs; Kenneth W. Kizer, Medsphere Systems Corporation, Aliso Viejo, California; Uwe E. Reinhardt, Princeton University Woodrow Wilson School of Public and International Affairs, Princeton, New Jersey; and Joseph A. Violante, Disabled American Veterans, on behalf of the Partnership for Veterans Health Care Budget Reform, and J. David Cox, American Federation of Government Employees, AFL–CIO, both of Washington, D.C.