

Eric G. John, of Indiana, to be Ambassador to the Kingdom of Thailand.

(Prior to this action, Committee on Foreign Relations was discharged from further consideration.)

Diane Auer Jones, of Maryland, to be Assistant Secretary for Postsecondary Education, Department of Education.

Diane G. Farrell, of Connecticut, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Export-Import Bank of the United States for a term expiring January 20, 2011.

Michael W. Michalak, of Michigan, to be Ambassador to the Socialist Republic of Vietnam.

(Prior to this action, Committee on Foreign Relations was discharged from further consideration.)

David H. McCormick, of Pennsylvania, to be an Under Secretary of the Treasury.

31 Air Force nominations in the rank of general.

25 Army nominations in the rank of general.

5 Navy nominations in the rank of admiral.

Routine lists in the Air Force, Army, Navy.

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Record Votes: Six record votes were taken today. (Total—292) Pages S10539–40, S10542, S10581, S10582, S10583, S10584

Adjournment: Senate convened at 9:30 a.m. and adjourned at 8:39 p.m., until 9:30 a.m. on Thursday, August 2, 2007. (For Senate’s program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today’s Record on page S10682.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: Committee ordered favorably reported the following:

S. 1677, to amend the Exchange Rates and International Economic Coordination Act of 1988, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

An original bill (S. 1923), to authorize appropriations for assistance for the Housing Assistance Council, the Raza Development Fund, and for the Housing Partnership Network (HPN) and its members;

An original bill to establish requirements for private lenders to protect student borrowers receiving private educational loans; and

An original bill to establish a nonpartisan Commission on Natural Catastrophe Risk Management and Insurance.

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE OVERSIGHT

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Committee concluded an oversight hearing to examine the Department of Commerce, after receiving from Carlos Gutierrez, Secretary of Commerce.

CLEAN COAL TECHNOLOGY

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Committee concluded an oversight hearing to examine recent advances in clean coal technology, focusing on the prospects for deploying these technologies at a commercial scale in the near future, after receiving testimony from Carl O. Bauer, Director, National Energy Technology Laboratory, Department of Energy; Jerry Hollinden, URS Corp, Louisville, Kentucky, on behalf of the National Coal Council, Inc.; Jeffrey N. Phillips, Electric Power Research Institute, Charlotte, North Carolina; Donald C. Langley, Babcock and Wilcox Company, Barberton, Ohio; Andrew Perlman, Great Point Energy, Cambridge, Massachusetts; Frank Alix, Powerspan Corp., Portsmouth, New Hampshire; Jim Rosborough, Dow Chemical Company, Midland, Michigan; and Bill Fehrman, PacifiCorp Energy, Salt Lake City, Utah.

WATER BILLS

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Subcommittee on Water and Power concluded to examine S. 1054 and H.R. 122, bills to amend the Reclamation Wastewater and Groundwater Study and Facilities Act to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to participate in the Inland Empire regional recycling project and in the Cucamonga Valley Water District recycling project, S. 1472, to authorize the

Secretary of the Interior to create a Bureau of Reclamation partnership with the North Bay Water Reuse Authority and other regional partners to achieve objectives relating to water supply, water quality, and environmental restoration, S. 1475 and H.R. 1526, bills to amend the Reclamation Wastewater and Groundwater Study and Facilities Act to authorize the Bay Area Regional Water Recycling Program, H.R. 30, to amend the Reclamation Wastewater and Groundwater Study and Facilities Act to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to participate in the Eastern Municipal Water District Recycled Water System Pressurization and Expansion Project, H.R. 609, to amend the Reclamation Wastewater and Groundwater Study and Facilities Act to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to participate in the Central Texas Water Recycling and Reuse Project, and H.R. 1175, to amend the Reclamation Wastewater and Groundwater Study and Facilities Act to increase the ceiling on the Federal share of the costs of phase I of the Orange County, California, Regional Water Reclamation Project, after receiving testimony from Representative Edwards; Larry Todd, Deputy Commissioner, Bureau of Reclamation, Department of the Interior; Larry Groth, City of Waco, Waco, Texas; Richard W. Atwater, Inland Empire Utilities Agency, Chino, California; Gary W. Darling, City of Antioch, Antioch, California; Bill Long, North Bay Water Reuse Authority, North San Pablo Bay, California; and Randy A. Record, Eastern Municipal Water District, Riverside County, California.

UNITED STATES AFRICA COMMAND

Committee on Foreign Relations: Subcommittee on African Affairs concluded a hearing to examine the United States Africa Command, focusing on a new strategic relationship with Africa, after receiving testimony from Jendayi E. Frazer, Assistant Secretary of State for African Affairs; Theresa Whelan, Deputy Assistant Secretary for African Affairs, and Major General Jonathan S. Gration, USAF (Ret.), former Director, Strategy, Policy, and Assessments, United States European Command, both of the Department of Defense; Michael E. Hess, Assistant Administrator, Bureau for Democracy, Conflict, and Humanitarian Assistance, United States Agency for International Development; and J. Stephen Morrison, Center for Strategic and International Studies, and Mark Malan, Refugees International, both of Washington, D.C.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: Committee ordered favorably reported the following:

S. 680, to ensure proper oversight and accountability in Federal contracting; with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

H.R. 1254, to amend title 44, United States Code, to require information contributors to Presidential library fundraising organizations, with an amendment;

An original bill to provide for the flexibility of certain disaster relief funds, and for improved evacuation and sheltering during disasters and catastrophes;

S. 1446, to amend the National Capital Transportation Act of 1969 to authorize additional Federal contributions for maintaining and improving the transit system of the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority;

S. 547, to establish a Deputy Secretary of Homeland Security for Management;

S. 1245, to reform mutual aid agreements for the National Capital Region;

S. 597, to extend the special postage stamp for breast cancer research for 2 years;

H.R. 2570 and S. 1732, bills to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 301 Boardwalk Drive in Fort Collins, Colorado, as the "Dr. Karl E. Carson Post Office Building";

S. 1772, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 127 South Elm Street in Gardner, Kansas, as the "Private First Class Shane R. Austin Post Office";

S. 1781, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 118 Minner Avenue in Bakersfield, California, as the "Buck Owens Post Office";

H.R. 2127, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 408 West 6th Street in Chelsea, Oklahoma, as the "Clem Rogers McSpadden Post Office Building";

H.R. 2563, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 309 East Linn Street in Marshalltown, Iowa, as the "Major Scott Nisely Post Office";

S. 1539, to designate the post office located at 309 East Linn Street, Marshalltown, Iowa, as the "Major Scott Nisely Post Office";

S. 1596, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 103 South Getty Street in Uvalde, Texas, as the "Dolph S. Briscoe, Jr. Post Office Building";

H.R. 1722, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 601 Banyan Trail in Boca Raton, Florida, as the "Leonard W. Herman Post Office";

H.R. 1425, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 4551 East 52nd

Street in Odessa, Texas, as the “Staff Sergeant Marvin ‘Rex’ Young Post Office Building”;

H.R. 2078, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 14536 State Route 136 in Cherry Fork, Ohio, as the “Staff Sergeant Omer T. ‘O.T.’ Hawkins Post Office”;

H.R. 2077, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 20805 State Route 125 in Blue Creek, Ohio, as the “George B. Lewis Post Office Building”;

H.R. 1617, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 561 Kingsland Avenue in University City, Missouri, as the “Harriett F. Woods Post Office Building”;

H.R. 2025, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 11033 South State Street in Chicago, Illinois, as the “Willye B. White Post Office Building”;

H.R. 1335, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 508 East Main Street in Seneca, South Carolina, as the “S/Sgt Lewis G. Watkins Post Office Building”;

H.R. 1260, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 6301 Highway 58 in Harrison, Tennessee, as the “Claude Ramsey Post Office”;

H.R. 1434, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 896 Pittsburgh Street in Springdale, Pennsylvania, as the “Rachel Carson Post Office Building”;

S. 1896, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 11 Central Street in Hillsborough, New Hampshire, as the “Officer Jeremy Todd Charron Post Office”; and

The nominations of Jim Nussle, of Iowa, to be Director of the Office of Management and Budget, and Dennis R. Schrader, of Maryland, to be Deputy Administrator for National Preparedness, Federal Emergency Management Agency, Department of Homeland Security.

POST-9/11 AMERICAN DIPLOMATIC PRESENCE

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: Subcommittee on Oversight of Government Management, the Federal Workforce, and the District of Columbia concluded a hearing to examine the under-representation of Americans at the United Nations and its organizations, focusing on ways to build a stronger American diplomatic presence, including staffing shortfalls since the implementation of the Diplomatic Readiness Initiative, and filling gaps in the language proficiency of Foreign Service officers and other staff, after receiving testimony Heather M. Hodges, Acting Director General of the Foreign Service, Director of Human Resources, and James B. Warlick, Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary for International Organization Affairs, both of the Department of State; Jess T. Ford, and Thomas Melito, each a Director, International Affairs and Trade, Government Accountability Office; John K. Naland, American Foreign Service Association, and Thomas D. Boyatt, Foreign Affairs Council, both of Washington, D.C.; and Deborah Derrick, Better World Campaign, New York, New York.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: Committee ordered favorably reported S. 625, to protect the public health by providing the Food and Drug Administration with certain authority to regulate tobacco products, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute.

NOMINATION

Select Committee on Intelligence: Committee concluded a hearing on the nomination of Donald M. Kerr, of Virginia, to be Principal Deputy Director of National Intelligence, after the nominee, who was introduced by Senators Bingaman and Warner, testified and answered questions in his own behalf.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public bills and Resolutions Introduced: 41 public bills, H.R. 3270–3310; and 7 resolutions, H. Con. Res. 196–198; and H. Res. 593, 603–605 were introduced.

Pages H9466–68, H9543–45

Additional Cosponsors:

Pages H9468–69, H9545–46

Reports Filed: Reports were filed today as follows:

Conference Report on H.R. 2272, to invest in innovation through research development, and to improve the competitiveness of the United States (H. Rept. 110–289);

H. Res. 599, providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 3161) making appropriations for Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies programs for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2008 (H. Rept. 110–290);