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 Record Votes: Eight record votes were taken today.  
 (Total—357) **Pages S12205, S12206, S12206–07, S12255,**  
**S12257–58, S12261, S12271**

**Adjournment:** Senate convened at 9 a.m. and adjourned at 9:57 p.m., until 10:30 a.m. on Friday, September 28, 2007. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S12316.)

## Committee Meetings

*(Committees not listed did not meet)*

### NOMINATIONS

*Committee on Armed Services:* Committee ordered favorably reported the nominations of Admiral Gary Roughead, United States Navy, for reappointment of the grade of Admiral and to be Chief of Naval Operations, General William E. Ward, United States Army, for reappointment to the grade of General and to be Commander, United States Africa Command, General Kevin P. Chilton, United States Air Force, for reappointment to the grade of General and to be Commander, United States Strategic Command, Lt. General James N. Mattis, United States Marine Corps, to be General and Commander, United States Joint Forces Command and Supreme Allied Commander for Transformation, and a promotion list of 4,970 in the Army, Navy, Air Force, and Marine Corps.

Prior to this action, Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of Gen. William E. Ward, United States Army, for reappointment to the grade of General and to be Commander, United States Africa Command, Gen. Kevin P. Chilton, to be General, United States Air Force, for reappointment to the grade of General and to be Commander, United States Strategic Command, Lt. Gen. James N. Mattis, United States Marine Corps, to be General and to be Commander, United States Joint Forces Command and Supreme Allied Commander for Transformation, and Admiral Gary Roughead, United States Navy, for reappointment to the grade

of Admiral and to be Chief of Naval Operations, who was introduced by Senator Inouye, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

### AIRLINE DELAYS AND CONSUMER ISSUES

*Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation:* Subcommittee on Aviation Operations, Safety, and Security concluded a hearing to examine congestion and delays impacting travelers, focusing on possible solutions, after receiving testimony from Robert A. Sturgell, Acting Administrator, Federal Aviation Administration, D.J. Gribbin, General Counsel, and Calvin L. Scovel, III, Inspector General, all of the Department of Transportation; Bob Reding, American Airlines, Fort Worth, Texas; Joe Kolshak, Delta Airlines, Inc., Atlanta, Georgia; and Zane Rowe, Continental Airlines, Houston, Texas.

### BUSINESS MEETING

*Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation:* Committee ordered favorably reported the following:

S. 1578, to amend the Nonindigenous Aquatic Nuisance Prevention and Control Act of 1990 to establish vessel ballast water management requirements, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 1889, to amend title 49, United States Code, to improve railroad safety by reducing accidents and to prevent railroad fatalities, injuries, and hazardous materials releases, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 1965, to protect children from cybercrimes, including crimes by online predators, to enhance efforts to identify and eliminate child pornography, and to help parents shield their children from material that is inappropriate for minors, with amendments;

S.J. Res. 17, directing the United States to initiate international discussions and take necessary steps with other Nations to negotiate an agreement for managing migratory and transboundary fish stocks in the Arctic Ocean;

S. Con. Res. 39, supporting the goals and ideals of a world day of remembrance for road crash victims; and

Sundry promotion lists in the United States Coast Guard.

### HARD-ROCK MINING

*Committee on Energy and Natural Resources:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine hard-rock mining on federal lands, after receiving testimony from Jim Butler, Parsons, Behle, and Latimer, Salt Lake City, Utah; Dusty Horwitt, Environmental Working Group, Washington, D.C.; Timothy R. Snider, Freeport, McMoran, Cooper and Gold, Phoenix, Arizona,

on behalf of the National Mining Association; and John D. Leshy, Cambridge, Massachusetts.

#### LAND BILLS

*Committee on Energy and Natural Resources:* Subcommittee on National Parks concluded a hearing to examine S. 148, to establish the Paterson Great Falls National Park in the State of New Jersey, S. 189, to decrease the matching funds requirements and authorize additional appropriations for Keweenaw National Historical Park in the State of Michigan, S. 697, to establish the Steel Industry National Historic Site in the State of Pennsylvania, S. 1341, to provide for the exchange of certain Bureau of Land Management land in Pima County, Arizona, S. 128, to amend the Cache La Poudre River Corridor Act to designate a new management entity, make certain technical and conforming amendments, enhance private property protections, S. 1476, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to conduct special resources study of the Tule Lake Segregation Center in Modoc County, California, to determine suitability and feasibility of establishing a unit of the National Park System, S. 867 and H.R. 299, bills to adjust the boundary of Lowell National Historical Park, S. 1709 and H.R. 1239, bills to amend the National Underground Railroad Network to Freedom Act of 1998 to provide additional staff and oversight of funds to carry out the Act, S. 1808, to authorize the exchange of certain land in Denali National Park in the State of Alaska, S. 1969, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to conduct a special resource study to determine the suitability and feasibility of designating Estate Grange and other sites related to Alexander Hamilton's life on the island of St. Croix in the United States Virgin Islands as a unit of the National Park System, and S. 1039, to extend the authorization for the Coastal Heritage Trail in the State of New Jersey, after receiving testimony from Senators Levin and Allard; Representative Pascrell; Daniel N. Wenk, Deputy Director, National Park Service, Department of the Interior; Tom Brooks, Alaska Railroad, Anchorage; August R. Carlino, Steel Industry Heritage Corporation, Homestead, Pennsylvania; and Leonard A. Zax, Latham and Watkins LLP, Washington, D.C.

#### NATIONAL BORDER SECURITY

*Committee on Finance:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine the efficacy of national border security, focusing on vulnerabilities at unmanned and unmonitored United States border locations, after receiving testimony from Gregory D. Kutz, Managing Director, Forensic Audits and Special Investigations, Government Accountability Office; Ronald Colburn, Deputy Chief of U.S. Border Patrol, U.S. Customs and Border Protection, Department of Homeland Se-

curity; and Kenneth N. Luongo, Partnership for Global Security, Washington, D.C.

#### UNITED NATIONS CONVENTION ON THE LAW OF THE SEA

*Committee on Foreign Relations:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea (T. Doc. 103-39), after receiving testimony from John D. Negroponte, Deputy Secretary of State; Admiral Patrick M. Walsh, USN, Vice Chief of Naval Operations, Department of the Navy, and Gordon England, Deputy Secretary, both of the Department of Defense.

#### MILITARY STRATEGIC AIRLIFT REQUIREMENTS

*Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs:* Subcommittee on Federal Financial Management, Government Information, Federal Services, and International Security concluded a hearing to examine cost effective military strategic airlift requirements in the 21st century, focusing on how to meet the strategic airlift demands of the United States in a cost effective way, after receiving testimony from Sue C. Payton, Assistant Secretary of the Air Force for Acquisition, and General Norton A. Schwartz, Commander, United States Transportation Command, both of the Department of Defense; Christopher Bolkcom, Specialist in National Defense, Congressional Research Service, Library of Congress; and Larry J. McQuien, Lockheed Martin Aeronautics Company, Washington, D.C.

#### BUSINESS MEETING

*Committee on Indian Affairs:* Committee ordered favorably reported the following:

S. 2087, to amend certain laws relating to Native Americans to make technical corrections;

S. 2062, to amend the Native American Housing Assistance and Self-Determination Act of 1996 to reauthorize that Act;

S. 1347, to amend the Omnibus Indian Advancement Act to modify the date as of which certain tribal land of the Lytton Rancheria of California is deemed to be held in trust and to provide for the conduct of certain activities on the land; and

The nominations of Kristine Mary Miller, of Colorado, Brenda L. Kingery, of Texas, Julie E. Kitka, of Alaska, Sonya Kelliher-Combs, of Alaska, and Perry R. Eaton, of Alaska, all to be Members of the Board of Trustees of the Institute of American Indian and Alaska Native Culture and Arts Development.

**VIOLENCE AGAINST INDIAN WOMEN**

*Committee on Indian Affairs:* Committee concluded an oversight hearing to examine the prevalence of violence against Indian women, after receiving testimony from Alexandra Arriaga, Amnesty International U.S.A., Washington, D.C.; Tammy M. Young, Alaska Native Women's Coalition, Sitka; Karen Artichoker, Sacred Circle National Resource Center to End Violence Against Native Women, Rapid City, South Dakota; Riyaz A. Kanji, Kanji and Katzen, PLLC, Ann Arbor, Michigan; and Jami Rozell, Cherokee Nation, Tahlequah, Oklahoma.

**BUSINESS MEETING**

*Committee on the Judiciary:* Committee ordered favorably reported the following:

S.J. Res. 13, granting the consent of Congress to the International Emergency Management Assistance Memorandum of Understanding;

S. 980, to amend the Controlled Substances Act to address online pharmacies, with amendments;

S. Con. Res. 45, commending the Ed Block Courage Award Foundation for its work in aiding children and families affected by child abuse, and designating November 2007 as National Courage Month;

S. Res. 258, recognizing the historical and educational significance of the Atlantic Freedom Tour of the Freedom Schooner Amistad, and expressing the sense of the Senate that preserving the legacy of the Amistad story is important in promoting multicultural dialogue, education, and cooperation; and

The nomination of James Russell Dedrick, to be United States Attorney for the Eastern District of Tennessee.

Also, Committee began consideration of S. 2035, to maintain the free flow of information to the public by providing conditions for the federally compelled disclosure of information by certain persons connected with the news media, but did not complete action thereon, and recessed subject to the call.

**GOOGLE-DOUBLECLICK MERGER**

*Committee on the Judiciary:* Subcommittee on Antitrust, Competition Policy and Consumer Rights concluded a hearing to examine the Google-DoubleClick merger and the online advertising industry, focusing on the risks for competition and privacy, after receiving testimony from David Drummond, Google, Mountain View, California; Bradford L. Smith, Microsoft Corporation, Redmond, Washington; Thomas M. Lenard, Progress and Freedom Foundation, and Marc Rotenberg, Electronic Privacy Information Center (EPIC), both of Washington, D.C.; and Scott Cleland, Precursor, LLC, McLean, Virginia.

**NOMINATION**

*Committee on Veterans' Affairs:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nomination of Paul J. Hutter, of Virginia, to be General Counsel, Department of Veterans Affairs, after the nominee testified and answered questions in his own behalf.

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# House of Representatives

**Chamber Action**

**Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced:** 29 public bills, H.R. 3678–3706; and 11 resolutions, H.J. Res. 54; H. Con. Res. 220; and H. Res. 685–693 were introduced. **Pages H11026–28**

**Additional Cosponsors:** **Pages H11028–29**

**Reports Filed:** Reports were filed today as follows:

H.R. 2740, to require accountability for contractors and contract personnel under Federal contracts, with an amendment (H. Rept. 110–352);

H.R. 400, to prohibit profiteering and fraud relating to military action, relief, and reconstruction efforts, with an amendment (H. Rept. 110–353);

H.R. 928, to amend the Inspector General Act of 1978 to enhance the independence of the Inspectors General and to create a Council of the Inspectors

General on Integrity and Efficiency, with an amendment (H. Rept. 110–354); and

Interim Report of the Select Committee to Investigate the Voting Irregularities of August 2, 2007 (H. Rept. 110–355). **Page H11026**

**Speaker:** Read a letter from the Speaker wherein she appointed Representative Blumenauer to act as Speaker Pro Tempore for today. **Pages H10941**

**Chaplain:** The prayer was offered by the guest Chaplain, Rev. James T. Golden, Ward Temple A.M.E. Church, Bradenton, Florida. **Page H10941**

**Motion to Adjourn:** Rejected the Sessions motion to adjourn by a yea-and-nay vote of 175 yeas to 229 nays, Roll No. 914. **Page H10952**

**Flood Insurance Reform and Modernization Act of 2007:** The House passed H.R. 3121, to restore the financial solvency of the national flood insurance