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Nominations—Agreement: A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that the Majority Leader, after consultation with the Republican Leader, may begin executive session to consider the nomination of Jennifer Walker Elrod, of Texas, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Fifth Circuit; that there be 1 hour for debate equally divided between the Chairman and Ranking Member of the Committee on the Judiciary, or their designees; provided further, that there be an additional 10 minutes each for debate for Senators Cardin and Specter, and Senate vote on the nomination; provided further, that following that vote Senate then vote on each of the following nominations: Roslynn Renee Mauskopf, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of New York, Richard A. Jones, to be United States District Judge for the Western District of Washington, and Sharion Aycock, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of Mississippi. **Page S12693**

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Record Votes: Two record votes were taken today. (Total—362) **Pages S12484, S12495**

Adjournment: Senate convened at 9:30 a.m. and adjourned at 7:35 p.m., until 9 a.m. on Thursday, October 4, 2007. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today's Record on page S12693.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

COMBATING DARFUR GENOCIDE

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: Committee concluded a hearing to examine combating genocide in Darfur, focusing on the role of divestment and other policy tools, including S. 831, to authorize States and local governments to prohibit the investment of State assets in any company that has a qualifying business relationship with Sudan, after receiving testimony from Senators Durbin and Brownback; Jendayi E. Frazer, Assistant Secretary for African Affairs, and Elizabeth L. Dibble, Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary for International Finance and Development, Bureau of Economic, Energy and Business Affairs, both of the Department of State; Adam J. Szubin, Director, Office of Foreign Assets Control, Department of the Treasury; Rhode Island General Treasurer Frank T. Caprio, Providence; Bennett Freeman, Calvert Group, Bethesda, Maryland; and John Prendergast, ENOUGH Project, William A. Reinsch, National Foreign Trade Council, on behalf of USA Engage, and Adam Sterling, Sudan Divestment Task Force, all of Washington, D.C.

NRC'S REACTOR OVERSIGHT PROCESS

Committee on Environment and Public Works: Subcommittee on Clean Air and Nuclear Safety concluded a hearing to examine the Nuclear Regulatory Commission's reactor oversight process, focusing on licensing the construction and operation of new nuclear reactors, after receiving testimony from Dale E. Klein, Chairman, Gregory B. Jaczko and Peter B. Lyons, each a Commissioner, all of the Nuclear Regulatory Commission; Mark E. Gaffigan, Acting Director, Natural Resources and Environment, United States Government Accountability Office; and David A. Lochbaum, Union of Concerned Scientists, and Marvin S. Fertel, Nuclear Energy Institute, both of Washington, D.C.

NOMINATIONS

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of Gail Dennise Mathieu, of New Jersey, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Namibia, William Raymond Steiger, of Wisconsin, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Mozambique, Dan Mozena, of Iowa, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Angola, and Eunice S. Reddick, of New York, to be Ambassador to the Gabonese Republic, and to serve concurrently and without additional compensation as Ambassador to the Democratic Republic of Sao Tome and Principe,

after the nominees testified and answer questions in their own behalf.

BURMA'S SAFFRON REVOLUTION

Committee on Foreign Relations: Subcommittee on East Asian and Pacific Affairs concluded a hearing to examine Burma, focusing on anti-government protests led by saffron-robed Buddhist monks ("Saffron Revolution"), after receiving testimony from Senators McConnell and Feinstein; Scot Marciel, Deputy Assistant Secretary of State for the Bureau of East Asian and Public Affairs; and Michael J. Green, Center for Strategic and International Studies, Aung Din, United States Campaign for Burma, and Tom Malinowski, Human Rights Watch, all of Washington, D.C.

PANDEMIC INFLUENZA PREPAREDNESS

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: Ad Hoc Subcommittee on State, Local, and Private Sector Preparedness and Integration concluded a hearing to examine pandemic influenza, focusing on state and local government efforts to prepare, after receiving testimony from Rear Admiral William C. Vanderwagen, Assistant Secretary for Preparedness and Response, Department of Health and Human Services; B. Tilman Jolly, Associate Chief Medical Officer for Medical Readiness, Office of Health Affairs, Department of Homeland Security; Paul K. Halverson, Arkansas Department of Health, Little Rock; Christopher M. Pope, New Hampshire Homeland Security and Emergency Management, Concord; and Yvonne S. Madlock, Memphis and Shelby County Health Department, Memphis, Tennessee, on behalf of the National Association of County and City Health Officials.

RAILROAD ANTITRUST ENFORCEMENT ACT

Committee on the Judiciary: Committee concluded a hearing to examine S. 772, to amend the Federal antitrust laws to provide expanded coverage and to eliminate exemptions from such laws that are contrary to the public interest with respect to railroads, after receiving testimony from Charles D. Nottingham, Chairman, Surface Transportation Board, Department of Transportation; William L. Berg, Dairyland Power Cooperative, La Crosse, Wisconsin; Ken Vander Schaaf, Alliant Techsystems Ammunition and Energetics Systems, Radford, Virginia; Robert G. Szabo, Van Ness Feldman, P.C., on behalf of Consumers United for Rail Equity (CURE), and G. Paul Moates, Sidley Austin, LLP, on behalf of the Association of American Railroads, both of Washington, D.C.; and Darren Bush, University of Houston Law Center, Houston, Texas.

VETERANS HEALTH

Special Committee on Aging: Committee concluded a hearing to examine veterans health, focusing on ensuring the care of aging members of the military and military retirees, after receiving testimony from former Senator Robert Dole; Michael Shepherd, Physician, Office of Healthcare Inspections, and Larry M. Reinkemeyer, Director, Kansas City Audit Operations Division, both of the Office of Inspector General, Department of Veterans Affairs; Steven R. Berg, National Alliance to End Homelessness, and Fred Cowell, Paralyzed Veterans of America, both of Washington, D.C.; and Mark S. Kaplan, Portland State University School of Community Health, Portland, Oregon.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 9 public bills, H.R. 3736–3744; and 4 resolutions, H.J. Res. 55; H. Con. Res. 225; and H. Res. 709–710 were introduced.

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Additional Cosponsors:

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Reports Filed: There were no reports filed today.

Chaplain: The prayer was offered by the guest Chaplain, Rev. Elton Van Welton, Crossroads Baptist Church, Leesburg, Virginia.

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Improving Government Accountability Act: The House passed 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, by a yea-and-nay vote of 404 yeas to 11 nays, Roll No. 937.

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Agreed to the Tom Davis (VA) motion to recommit the bill to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform with instructions to report the same back to the House forthwith with an amendment, by a yea-and-nay vote of 274 yeas to 144 nays, Roll No. 936. Subsequently, Representative