

the remarks of the Majority Leader in today's Record on page S14351.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

FTC TAR AND NICOTINE CIGARETTE RATING SYSTEM

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the accuracy of the Federal Trade Commission on the tar and nicotine cigarette rating system, after receiving testimony from William E. Kovacic, Commissioner, Federal Trade Commission; Cathy Backinger, Acting Chief, Tobacco Control Research Branch, National Cancer Institute, National Institutes of Health, and David Ashley, Chief, Emergency Response and Air Toxicants Branch, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, both of the Department of Health and Human Services; Jonathan M. Samet, Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health Department of Epidemiology, Baltimore, Maryland; Jack E. Henningfield, Pinney Associates, Bethesda, Maryland; Marvin E. Goldberg, Penn State University Smeal College of Business, University Park, Pennsylvania; and Stephen A. Sheller, Sheller, P.C., Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

SURFACE MINING CONTROL AND RECLAMATION ACT

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Committee concluded an oversight hearing to examine the Surface Mining Control and Reclamation Act (Public Law 95-87), focusing on policy issues thirty years after its enactment, after receiving testimony from Brent Wahlquist, Director, Office of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement, Department of the Interior; Gregory E. Conrad, Interstate Mining Compact Commission, Herndon, Virginia; Joanna Prukop, New Mexico Energy, Minerals and Natural Resources Department, Santa Fe; Arvin Trujillo, Navajo Nation, Window Rock, Arizona; Harold P. Quinn, Jr., National Mining Association, and Joan Mulhern, Earthjustice, both of Washington, D.C.; Bill Banig, United Mine Workers of America, Fairfax, Virginia; and Cindy Rank, West Virginia Highlands Conservancy, Rock Cave.

AMERICA'S CLIMATE SECURITY ACT

Committee on Environment and Public Works: Committee continued hearings to examine S. 2191, to direct the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency to establish a program to decrease emissions of greenhouse gases, receiving testimony from David L. Greene, Corporate Fellow, Oak Ridge National Laboratory Engineering Science and Tech-

nology Division, Department of Energy; Robert C. Baugh, AFL-CIO Industrial Union Council and AFL-CIO Energy Task Force, David Hawkins, Natural Resources Defense Council (NRDC) Climate Center, and Andrew G. Sharkey, III, American Iron and Steel Institute, all of Washington, D.C.; and Donald R. Rowlett, Oklahoma Gas and Electric Company (OGE) Energy Corporation, Oklahoma City.

Hearings recessed until Thursday, November 15.

INTERNATIONAL CLIMATE CHANGE NEGOTIATIONS

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee concluded a hearing to examine international climate change negotiations, focusing on restoring United States leadership, after receiving testimony from Paula J. Dobriansky, Under Secretary of State for Democracy and Global Affairs; former Senator Timothy E. Wirth, United Nations Foundation, and Jonathan Pershing, World Resources Institute, both of Washington, D.C.; and Richard Sandor, Chicago Climate Exchange, Chicago, Illinois.

U.S. CUSTOMS AND BORDER PROTECTION

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 human capital needs of a United States Customs and Border Protection initiative, focusing on border security, and progress and weaknesses in traveler inspections at our nation's ports of entry, after receiving testimony from Paul M. Morris, Executive Director, Admissibility and Passenger Programs, Office of Field Operations, U.S. Customs and Border Protection, Department of Homeland Security; Richard M. Stana, Director, Homeland Security and Justice Issues, Government Accountability Office; and Colleen M. Kelley, National Treasury Employees Union, Washington, D.C.

PUBLIC PERFORMANCE RIGHTS

Committee on the Judiciary: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the scope of public performance rights, after receiving testimony from Lyle Lovett, musicFIRST Coalition, Nashville, Tennessee; Steven M. Newberry, Commonwealth Broadcasting Corporation, Glasgow, Kentucky, on behalf of the National Association of Broadcasters; Dan DeVany, WETA, Arlington, Virginia; and Alice Peacock, Chicago, Illinois.

SBA: LENDING AND INVESTMENT PROGRAMS

Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship: Committee concluded an oversight hearing to examine

the Small Business Administration (SBA), focusing on preventing loan fraud and improving regulation of lenders, after receiving testimony from Steven C. Preston, Administrator, and Eric M. Thorson, Inspector General, both of the Small Business Administration; Robert F. Tannenhauser, Business Loan Express, LLC., New York, New York; Anthony R. Wilkinson, National Association of Government Guaranteed Lenders, Stillwater, Oklahoma; and James Baird, Bay Area Development Company, Walnut Creek, California, on behalf of the National Association of Development Companies (NADCO).

CONGRESSIONAL OVERSIGHT

Select Committee on Intelligence: Committee concluded a hearing to examine congressional oversight of the intelligence community, after receiving testimony from Lee H. Hamilton, former Vice Chair, and Timothy Roemer, former Member, both of the National Commission On Terrorist Attacks Upon the United States; James Saturno, Congressional Research Service, Library of Congress; and Amy Zegart, University of California, Los Angeles.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 19 public bills, H.R. 4153–4171; and 10 resolutions, H.J. Res. 62–63; H. Con. Res. 254–257; and H. Res. 819–822 were introduced. **Pages H13858–60**

Additional Cosponsors: **Pages H13860–61**

Reports Filed: Reports were filed today as follows:

H.R. 3403, to promote and enhance public safety by facilitating the rapid deployment of IP-enabled 911 and E-911 services, encouraging the nation's transition to a national IP-enabled emergency network and improve 911 and E-911 access to those with disabilities, with amendments (H. Rept. 110–442);

H.R. 3919, to provide for a comprehensive nationwide inventory of existing broadband service, with an amendment (H. Rept. 110–443);

H.R. 1534, to prohibit the sale, distribution, or transfer of mercury and to prohibit the export of mercury, with amendments (H. Rept. 110–444);

H.R. 3013, to provide appropriate protection to attorney-client privileged communications and attorney work product (H. Rept. 110–445); Conference report on H.R. 3074, making appropriations for the Departments of Transportation, and Housing and Urban Development, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2008 (H. Rept. 110–446);

H. Res. 817, providing for consideration of the conference report to accompany the bill (H.R. 3074) making appropriations for the Departments of Transportation, and Housing and Urban Development, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2008 (H. Rept. 110–447); and H. Res. 818, providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 4156) making emergency supplemental appropria-

tions for the Department of Defense for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2008 (H. Rept. 110–448). **Pages H13598–H13810, H13835–36, H13858**

Speaker: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein she appointed Representative Sires to act as Speaker Pro Tempore for today. **Page H13525**

Recess: The House recessed at 10:32 a.m. and reconvened at 12 noon. **Page H13525**

Suspensions: The House agreed to suspend the rules and pass the following measures:

Act Commemorating the LITE, or Lifetime Innovations of Thomas Edison: H.R. 2627, to establish the Thomas Edison National Historical Park in the State of New Jersey as the successor to the Edison National Historic Site; **Pages H13525–27**

Expressing the sense of the Congress that the United States should seek a review of compliance by all nations with the International Commission for the Conservation of Atlantic Tunas' conservation and management recommendations: H. Con. Res. 229, amended, to express the sense of the Congress that the United States should seek a review of compliance by all nations with the International Commission for the Conservation of Atlantic Tunas' conservation and management recommendations for Atlantic bluefin tuna and other species, and should pursue strengthened conservation and management measures to facilitate the recovery of the Atlantic bluefin tuna; **Pages H13527–28**

Amending the Reclamation Wastewater and Groundwater Study and Facilities Act to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to participate in certain water projects in California: H.R. 2614, to