

Record Votes: One record vote was taken today. (Total—104) **Page S3056**

Adjournment: Senate convened at 9:30 a.m. and adjourned at 6:32 p.m., until 12:45 p.m. on Thursday, April 17, 2008. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S3103.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE MEDICAL PROGRAMS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Defense concluded a hearing to examine Department of Defense medical programs, after receiving testimony from Lieutenant General Eric B. Schoomaker, Surgeon General, and Major General Gale S. Pollock, Chief, Army Nurse Corps, both of the United States Army, Vice Admiral Adam M. Robinson, USN, MC, Surgeon General, and Rear Admiral Christine M. Bruzek-Kohler, USN, NC, Director, Navy Nurse Corps, both of the United States Navy, and Lieutenant General James G. Roudebush, Surgeon General, and Major General Melissa A. Rank, Assistant Surgeon General, Nursing Services and Medical Force Development, both of the United States Air Force, all of the Department of Defense.

APPROPRIATIONS: SUPPLEMENTAL FUNDING REQUEST

Committee on Appropriations: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the supplemental request for war funding for fiscal year 2008, after receiving testimony from former Representative Jim Nussle, Director, Office of Management and Budget, Executive Office of the President.

APPROPRIATIONS: DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Energy and Water Development concluded a hearing to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2009 for the Department of Energy, after receiving testimony from Thomas P. D'Agostino, Administrator, Thomas O. Hunter, President and Director, Sandia National Laboratories, both of the National Nuclear Security Administration, George H. Miller, Director, Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory, and Michael R. Anastasio, Director, Los Alamos National Laboratory, all of the Department of Energy.

APPROPRIATIONS: IRS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Financial Services and General Government concluded a

hearing to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2009 for the Internal Revenue Service, after receiving testimony from Douglas Shulman, Commissioner, Nina E. Olson, National Taxpayer Advocate, both of the Internal Revenue Service, J. Russell George, Inspector General for Tax Administration, and Paul Cherecwich, Jr., Internal Revenue Service Oversight Board, all of the Department of the Treasury.

APPROPRIATIONS: FBI

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies concluded a hearing to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2009 for the Federal Bureau of Investigation, after receiving testimony from Robert S. Mueller, III, Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation, Department of Justice.

DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION REQUEST

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Personnel concluded a hearing to examine the defense authorization request for fiscal year 2009 relative to military beneficiary organizations regarding the quality of life of Active, Reserve, and retired military personnel and their members, and the future years defense program, after receiving testimony from Colonel Steven P. Strobridge, USAF (Ret.), Military Officers Association of America (MOAA), and Master Chief Joseph L. Barnes, USN (Ret.), Fleet Reserve Association (FRA), both of the Military Coalition, and Kathleen B. Moakler, National Military Family Association, and Master Sergeant Michael P. Cline, USA (Ret.), Enlisted Association of the National Guard of the United States, all of Alexandria, Virginia; and Meredith M. Beck, Wounded Warrior Project, Arlington, Virginia.

U.S. CREDIT MARKETS

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: Committee concluded a hearing to examine credit markets in the United States, focusing on proposals to mitigate foreclosures and restore liquidity to the mortgage markets, after receiving testimony from Brian D. Montgomery, Assistant Secretary of Housing, Federal Housing Commissioner, Department of Housing and Urban Development; Arthur J. Murton, Director, Division of Insurance and Research, Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation; and Scott M. Polakoff, Senior Deputy Director and Chief Operating Officer, Office of Thrift Supervision, Department of the Treasury.

AFFORDABLE HOUSING OPPORTUNITIES

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: Subcommittee on Housing, Transportation and

Community Development concluded a hearing to examine affordable housing opportunities, focusing on reforming the housing voucher program, including S. 2684, to reform the housing choice voucher program under section 8 of the United States Housing Act of 1937, after receiving testimony from Shaun Donovan, New York City Department of Housing Preservation and Development, New York, New York; Barbara Sard, Center on Budget and Policy Priorities, Washington, D.C.; George Moses, National Low Income Housing Coalition, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania; P. Curtis Hiebert, Keene Housing Authority, Keene, New Hampshire; and Jack Murray, National Affordable Housing Management Association, Silver Spring, Maryland, on behalf of the National Leased Housing Association.

SURFACE TRANSPORTATION AND THE GLOBAL ECONOMY

Committee on Environment and Public Works: Subcommittee on Transportation and Infrastructure concluded a hearing to examine surface transportation challenges and the global economy, after receiving testimony from Siva Yam, United States-China Chamber of Commerce, Chicago, Illinois; John Isbell, Nike, Inc., Beaverton, Oregon; Ray Kuntz, Watkins and Shepard Trucking, Helena, Montana, on behalf of the American Trucking Associations; and Edward Wytkind, Transportation Trades Department (TTD) AFI-CIO, Washington, D.C.

NOMINATIONS

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of Robert J. Callahan, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Nicaragua, Heather M. Hodges, of Ohio, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Ecuador, Barbara J. Stephenson, of Florida, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Panama, Peter E. Cianchette, of Maine, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Costa Rica, who was introduced by Senators Collins and Snowe, Hugo Llorens, of Florida, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Honduras, who was introduced by Senator Martinez, Stephen George McFarland, of Texas, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Guatemala, all of the Department of State, and Samuel W. Speck, of Ohio, to be a Commissioner on the part of the United States on the International Joint Commission, United States and Canada, who was introduced by Senator Voinovich, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

CHILD PROTECTION

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Crime and Drugs concluded a hearing to examine violence against and exploitation of youth in the 21st century, focusing on solutions for protecting children,

including S. 1738, to establish a Special Counsel for Child Exploitation Prevention and Interdiction within the Office of the Deputy Attorney General, to improve the Internet Crimes Against Children Task Force, to increase resources for regional computer forensic labs, and to make other improvements to increase the ability of law enforcement agencies to investigate and prosecute predators, after receiving testimony from McGregor Scott, United States Attorney, Eastern District of California, Department of Justice; Flint Waters, Wyoming Office of the Attorney General, Division of Criminal Investigation, Cheyenne; Robert Moses, Delaware State Police, Dover; Randall I. Hillman, Alabama District Attorneys Association, Montgomery; Michelle K. Collins, National Center for Missing and Exploited Children, Alexandria, Virginia; and Grier Weeks, National Association to Protect Children, Asheville, North Carolina.

SMALL BUSINESS AND THE CREDIT CRUNCH

Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the impact of the credit market on small businesses, including S. 1256, to amend the Small Business Act to reauthorize loan programs under that Act, S. 2553, to modify certain fees applicable under the Small Business Act for 2008, to make an emergency appropriation for certain small business programs, and to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide increased expensing for 2008, to provide a 5-year carryback for certain net operating losses, and S. 2612, to provide economic stimulus for small business concerns, after receiving testimony from Frederic S. Mishkin, Member, Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System; Steven C. Preston, Administrator, Small Business Administration; Daniel O'Connell, Massachusetts Secretary for the Executive Office of Housing and Economic Development, Boston; Mayor Carolyn A. Kirk, Gloucester, Massachusetts; Marilyn D. Landis, Basic Business Concepts, Inc., Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, on behalf of the National Small Business Association; Robert Mitchell, Mitchell and Best Homebuilders, LLC, Rockville, Maryland, on behalf of National Association of Home Builders; Cynthia Blankenship, Bank of the West, Irving, Texas, on behalf of the Independent Community Bankers of America; and Samuel D. Bornstein, Kean University School of Business, Union, New Jersey.

CARING FOR SENIORS

Special Committee on Aging: Committee concluded a hearing to examine caring for the elderly, focusing on ways to support care providers, after receiving testimony from John W. Rowe, Columbia University

Mailman School of Public Health Department of Health Policy and Management, and Martha Stewart, Martha Stewart Living Omnimedia, both of New York, New York; Robyn I. Stone, Institute for the Future of Aging Services, Washington, D.C., on behalf of the American Association of Homes and Serv-

ices for the Aging; Todd Semla, American Geriatrics Society, Evanston, Illinois; Mary McDermott, Wisconsin Home Care Commission, Verona; and Sally Bowman, Oregon State University College of Health and Human Sciences, Corvallis.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 15 public bills, H.R. 5813–5827; and 9 resolutions, H.J. Res. 80; H. Con. Res. 329; and H. Res. 1110–1116 were introduced. **Pages H2441–43**

Additional Cosponsors: **Pages H2443–44**

Reports Filed: There were no reports filed today.

Speaker: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein she appointed Representative DeGette to act as Speaker Pro Tempore for today. **Page H2357**

Chaplain: The prayer was offered by the guest Chaplain, Dr. Charles B. Simmons, Memorial Drive United Methodist Church, Houston, Texas. **Page H2357**

Suspension: The House agreed to suspend the rules and pass the following measure:

Amending Public Law 110–196 to provide for a temporary extension of programs authorized by the Farm Security and Rural Investment Act of 2002 beyond April 18, 2008: H.R. 5813, to amend Public Law 110–196 to provide for a temporary extension of programs authorized by the Farm Security and Rural Investment Act of 2002 beyond April 18, 2008. **Pages H2361–62**

Jubilee Act for Responsible Lending and Expanded Debt Cancellation of 2008: The House passed H.R. 2634, to provide for greater responsibility in lending and expanded cancellation of debts owed to the United States and the international financial institutions by low-income countries, by a recorded vote of 285 ayes to 132 noes, Roll No. 199. **Pages H2367–75, H2376–94**

Agreed to the Mario Diaz-Balart motion to recommit the bill to the Committee on Financial Services with instructions to report the same back to the House forthwith with amendments, by a yea-and-nay vote of 291 yeas to 130 nays with 1 voting “present”, Roll No. 198. Subsequently, Representative Frank (MA) reported the bill back to the House

with the amendments and the amendments were agreed to. **Pages H2391–93**

Pursuant to the rule, the amendment in the nature of a substitute recommended by the Committee on Financial Services now printed in the bill shall be considered as an original bill for the purpose of amendment under the five-minute rule. **Pages H2385–87**

Accepted:

Hastings (FL) amendment (No. 3 printed in H. Rept. 110–586) that adds a Sense of the Congress that, due to the current humanitarian and political instability in Haiti, including food shortages and political turmoil, the Secretary of the Treasury should use his influence to expedite the complete and immediate cancellation of Haiti’s debts to all international financial institutions, or if such debt cancellation cannot be provided, to urge the institutions to immediately suspend the requirement that Haiti make further debt service payments on debts owed to the institutions; **Pages H2389–90**

Frank (MA) modified amendment (No. 1 printed in H. Rept. 110–586) that makes various technical corrections within the bill’s “Findings” section, and adds under the eligibility criteria the requirement that a country must also be complying with minimum standards for eliminating human trafficking, must be cooperating with American efforts to stop illegal immigration to the United States, and be committed to free and fair elections (by a recorded vote of 424 ayes with none voting “no”, Roll No. 196); and **Pages H2387–88, H2390**

Rohrabacher amendment (No. 2 printed in H. Rept. 110–586) that adds a provision to Section 1626, defining an “eligible low-income country” to include that the government shall have been chosen by, and permits, free elections (by a recorded vote of 382 ayes to 41 noes, with 2 voting “present”, Roll No. 197). **Pages H2388–89, H2390–91**

Agreed that the Clerk be authorized to make technical and conforming changes to reflect the actions of the House. **Page H2394**