

Kohl Amendment No. 4988 (to Amendment No. 4983), to protect the property and security of homeowners who are subject to foreclosure proceedings.

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During consideration of this measure today, Senate also took the following action:

By 21 yeas to 69 nays (Vote No. 153), three-fifths of those Senators duly chosen and sworn, not having voted in the affirmative, Senate rejected the motion to waive section 201 of S. Con. Res. 21, FY08 Congressional Budget Resolution, with respect to Bond Amendment No. 4985 (to Amendment No. 4983), to strike provisions relating to the HOPE for Homeowners Program. Subsequently, the pay-as-you-go point of order that the amendment would cause or increase an on-budget deficit for either of the applicable time periods set out in S. Con. Res. 21, was sustained, and the amendment thus fell.

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A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the motion to concur in the amendments of the House of Representatives to the amendments of the Senate to the bill at approximately 9:30 a.m., on Friday, June 20, 2008.

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Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

Richard G. Olson, Jr., of New Mexico, to be Ambassador to the United Arab Emirates.

Brent R. Orrell, of Virginia, to be an Assistant Secretary of Labor.

Diane Barone, of Nevada, to be a Member of the National Institute for Literacy Advisory Board for a term expiring January 30, 2011.

Mary E. Curtis, of Massachusetts, to be a Member of the National Institute for Literacy Advisory Board for a term expiring November 25, 2011.

J. Patrick Rowan, of Maryland, to be an Assistant Attorney General.

Gregory G. Garre, of Maryland, to be Solicitor General of the United States.

Michael O'Neill, of Maryland, to be United States District Judge for the District of Columbia.

Jeffrey Adam Rosen, of Virginia, to be United States District Judge for the District of Columbia.

Routine lists in the Air Force, Army, Navy.

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Record Votes: Three record votes were taken today. (Total—154) Pages S5812, S5817

Recess: Senate convened at 9:30 a.m. and recessed at 7:04 p.m., until 9:30 a.m. on Friday, June 20, 2008. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on pages S5917–18.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Appropriations: Committee ordered favorably reported the following:

An original bill making appropriations for the Department of Homeland Security for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2009; and

An original bill making appropriations for Commerce, Justice, Science, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2009.

Also, Committee approved its 302(b) subcommittee allocations of budget outlays and new budget authority allocated to the Committee in S. Con. Res. 70, setting forth the congressional budget for the United States Government for fiscal year 2009 and including the appropriate budgetary levels for fiscal years 2008 and 2010 through 2013.

RISK MANAGEMENT

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: Subcommittee on Securities, Insurance, and Investment concluded a hearing to examine risk management, focusing on its implications for systemic risk at large financial institutions, after receiving testimony from Donald L. Kohn, Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System; Erik Sirri, Director, Division of Trading and Markets, U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission; Scott M. Polakoff, Senior Deputy Director and Chief Operating Officer, Office of Thrift Supervision; Richard Bookstaber, Bridgewater Associates, New York, New York; and Richard J. Herring, University of Pennsylvania Wharton School, and Kevin M. Blakely, Risk Management Association, both of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

CRUISE SHIP SAFETY

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Subcommittee on Surface Transportation and Merchant Marine Infrastructure, Safety, and Security concluded a hearing to examine cruise ship safety, focusing on potential steps for keeping Americans safe at sea, after receiving testimony from Kendall Carver, International Cruise Victims Association, Inc., Phoenix, Arizona; Terry Dale, Cruise Lines International Association, Inc., Fort Lauderdale, Florida; Evelyn Fortier, Rape Abuse and Incest National Network (RAINN), Washington, D.C.; and Ross A. Klein, Memorial University of Newfoundland, St. John's College, St. John's, Newfoundland and Labrador, Canada.

NOMINATIONS

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of James Culbertson, of North Carolina, to be Ambassador to the Kingdom of the Netherlands, who was introduced by Senators Dole and Burr, David F. GirardiCarlo, of Pennsylvania, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Austria, who was introduced by Senator Specter, Kristen Silverberg, of Texas, to be Representative of the United States of America to the European Union, with the rank and status of Ambassador, who was introduced by Senator Cornyn, John R. Beyrle, of Michigan, to be Ambassador to the Russian Federation, who was introduced by Senator Levin, Asif J. Chaudhry, of Washington, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Moldova, Tina S. Kaidanow, of the District of Columbia, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Kosovo, Philip Thomas Reeker, of the District of Columbia, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Macedonia, and Marie L. Yovanovitch, of Connecticut, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Armenia, who was introduced by former Senator Robert J. Dole, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

FEDERAL PROTECTIVE SERVICE MANAGEMENT

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 management challenges facing the Federal Protective Service, focusing on a recent report from the Government Accountability Office, after receiving testimony from Gary W. Schenkel, Director, Federal Protective Service, United States Immigration and Customs Enforcement, Department of Homeland Security; Mark L. Goldstein, Director, Physical Infrastructure Issues, Government Accountability Office;

and David L. Wright, Federal Protective Service Union, AFGE, Excelsior Springs, Missouri.

MINER ACT

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: Subcommittee on Employment and Workplace Safety concluded a hearing to examine the efficacy of the Mine Improvement and New Emergency Response Act (MINER)(Public Law 109–236), focusing on a two year review of mine safety, after receiving testimony from Senator Rockefeller; Richard E. Stickler, Acting Assistant Secretary of Labor, Mine Safety and Health Administration; Jeffery Kohler, Associate Director for Mine Safety and Health Research, National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, Department of Health and Human Services; Dennis O'Dell, United Mine Workers of America, Fairfax, Virginia; and Bruce Watzman, National Mining Association, Washington, D.C.

BUSINESS MEETING

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

S. 1255, to protect Indian arts and crafts through the improvement of applicable criminal proceedings, with an amendment;

S. 531, to repeal section 10(f) of Public Law 93–531, commonly known as the “Bennett Freeze”;

S. 1080, to develop a program to acquire interests in land from eligible individuals within the Crow Reservation in the State of Montana;

S. 2489, to enhance and provide to the Oglala Sioux Tribe and Angostura Irrigation Project certain benefits of the Pick-Sloan Missouri River basin program;

S. 160, to provide for compensation to the Lower Brule and Crow Creek Sioux Tribes of South Dakota for damage to tribal land caused by Pick-Sloan projects along the Missouri River; and

S. 2494, to provide for equitable compensation to the Spokane Tribe of Indians of the Spokane Reservation for the use of tribal land for the production of hydropower by the Grand Coulee Dam, with an amendment.

LAW AND ORDER IN INDIAN COUNTRY

Committee on Indian Affairs: Committee concluded a hearing to examine an original bill to amend the Indian Law Enforcement Reform Act, the Indian Tribal Justice Act, the Indian Tribal Justice Technical and Legal Assistance Act of 2000, and the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968 to improve the prosecution of, and response to, crimes in Indian country, after receiving testimony from Senator Thune; Gretchen C.F. Shappert, United States

Attorney, Western District of North Carolina, Department of Justice; Pat Ragsdale, Director, Office of Justice Services, Indian Affairs, Department of the Interior; Ron His Horse Is Thunder, Standing Rock Sioux Tribe, Fort Yates, North Dakota; Joe A. Garcia, National Congress of American Indians, and Walter E. Lamar, Lamar Associates, both of Washington, D.C.; and Kelly Gaines Stoner, Oklahoma

City University School of Law, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

INTELLIGENCE

Select Committee on Intelligence: Committee held closed hearings on intelligence matters, receiving testimony from officials of the intelligence community.

Committee recessed subject to the call.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 23 public bills, H.R. 6304–6326; and 6 resolutions, H. Con. Res. 374; and H. Res. 1284, 1286–1289 were introduced. **Pages H5728–29**

Additional Cosponsors: **Pages H5729–31**

Reports Filed: Reports were filed today as follows:

H. Res. 1284, providing for consideration of the Senate amendments to the House amendments to the Senate amendment to the bill (H.R. 2642) making appropriations for military construction, the Department of Veterans Affairs, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2008 (H. Rept. 110–720);

H. Res. 1285, providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 6304) to amend the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act of 1978 to establish a procedure for authorizing certain acquisitions of foreign intelligence (H. Rept. 110–721);

H.R. 2818, to amend title 38, United States Code, to provide for the establishment of Epilepsy Centers of Excellence in the Veterans Health Administration of the Department of Veterans Affairs, with amendments (H. Rept. 110–722);

H.R. 2452, to amend the Federal Water Pollution Control Act to ensure that sewage treatment plants monitor for and report discharges of raw sewage, with an amendment (H. Rept. 110–723);

H.R. 5001, to authorize the Administrator of General Services to provide for the redevelopment of the Old Post Office Building located in the District of Columbia, with an amendment (H. Rept. 110–724); and

H.R. 6109, to amend the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act to reauthorize the pre-disaster hazard mitigation program (H. Rept. 110–725). **Page H5728**

Speaker: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein she appointed Representative Tauscher to act as Speaker Pro Tempore for today. **Page H5583**

Chaplain: The prayer was offered by the guest Chaplain, Rev. Thomas A. Rhodes, Mount Olive Lutheran Church, Folsom, California. **Page H5583**

Waiving a requirement of clause 6(a) of rule XIII with respect to consideration of certain resolutions reported from the Committee on Rules: The House agreed to H. Res. 1281, waiving a requirement of clause 6(a) of rule XIII with respect to consideration of certain resolutions reported from the Committee on Rules, by voice vote, after agreeing to order the previous question. **Page H5592**

Suspensions—Proceedings Resumed: The House agreed to suspend the rules and pass the following measures which were debated on Tuesday, June 17th:

Eastern New Mexico Rural Water System Authorization Act: H.R. 5710, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to provide financial assistance to the Eastern New Mexico Rural Water Authority for the planning, design, and construction of the Eastern New Mexico Rural Water System, by $\frac{2}{3}$ yea-and-nay vote of 301 yeas to 124 nays, Roll No. 425; **Page H5594**

Leadville Mine Drainage Tunnel Remediation Act of 2008: H.R. 5511, amended, to direct the Secretary of the Interior, acting through the Bureau of Reclamation, to remedy problems caused by a collapsed drainage tunnel in Leadville, Colorado; and

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Congratulating and recognizing Mr. Juan Antonio “Chi-Chi” Rodriguez for his continued success on and off of the golf course, for his generosity and devotion to charity, and for his exemplary dedication to the intellectual and moral growth of thousands of low-income and disadvantaged youth in our country: Res. 1029, amended, to congratulate