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Adjournment: Senate convened at 9:30 a.m. and adjourned at 7:46 p.m., until 10:30 a.m. on Thursday, September 11, 2008. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S8326.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Defense approved for full Committee consideration an original bill making appropriations for the Department of Defense for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2009.

PREPAID CALLING CARD MARKET

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Committee concluded a hearing to examine ways to improve consumer protection in the prepaid calling card market, including S. 2998, to require accurate and reasonable disclosure of the terms and conditions of prepaid telephone calling cards and services, after receiving testimony from Representative Engel; William Kovacic, Chairman, Federal Trade Commission; Sally Greenberg, National Consumers League, and Gus West, Hispanic Institute, both of Washington, D.C.; and Patricia L. Acampora, New York State Public Service Commission, on behalf of the National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners, and Rosemary O'Brien, Military Marketing, both of New York, New York.

HIGHWAY BRIDGE PROGRAM

Committee on Environment and Public Works: Committee concluded a hearing to examine improving the Federal Highway Bridge Program, focusing on an assessment of S. 3338, to amend title 23, United States Code, to improve the safety of Federal-aid highway bridges, to strengthen bridge inspection standards and processes, to increase investment in the reconstruction of structurally deficient bridges on the National Highway System, and H.R. 3999, to

amend title 23, United States Code, to improve the safety of Federal-aid highway bridges, to strengthen bridge inspection standards and processes, to increase investment in the reconstruction of structurally deficient bridges on the National Highway System, after receiving testimony from Thomas J. Madison, Jr., Administrator, Federal Highway Administration, Department of Transportation; Katherine Siggerud, Managing Director, Physical Infrastructure Issues, Government Accountability Office; Gary M. Ridley, Oklahoma Department of Transportation, Oklahoma City, on behalf of the American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials; Andrew Herrmann, Hardesty and Hanover, LLP, New York, New York, on behalf of the American Society of Civil Engineers; and John Krieger, United States Public Interest Research Group, Washington, D.C.

BOTTLED WATER ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACTS

Committee on Environment and Public Works: Subcommittee on Transportation Safety, Infrastructure Security, and Water Quality concluded a hearing to examine the quality and environmental impacts of bottled water, after receiving testimony from Emily Lloyd, New York City Department of Environmental Protection, Flushing, New York; Mae Wu, Natural Resources Defense Council, and Wenonah Hauter, Food and Water Watch, both of Washington, D.C.; Stephen C. Edberg, Yale University School of Medicine, New Haven, Connecticut; and Joseph K. Doss, International Bottled Water Association, Alexandria, Virginia.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Finance: Committee ordered favorably reported the following:

S. 3038, to amend part E of title IV of the Social Security Act to extend the adoption incentives program, to authorize States to establish a relative guardianship program, to promote the adoption of children with special needs, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 1070, to amend the Social Security Act to enhance the social security of the Nation by ensuring adequate public-private infrastructure and to resolve to prevent, detect, treat, intervene in, and prosecute elder abuse, neglect, and exploitation, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute; and

S. 1577, to amend titles XVIII and XIX of the Social Security Act to require screening, including national criminal history background checks, of direct patient access employees of skilled nursing facilities, nursing facilities, and other long-term care facilities and providers, and to provide for nationwide expansion of the pilot program for national and

State background checks on direct patient access employees of long-term care facilities or providers, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute.

ALBANIA AND CROATIA

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the Protocols to the North Atlantic Treaty of 1949 on the Accession of the Republic of Albania and the Republic of Croatia adopted at Brussels on July 9, 2008, and signed that day on behalf of the United States and the other Parties to the North Atlantic Treaty (Treaty Doc. 110–20), after receiving testimony from Daniel Fried, Assistant Secretary of State for European and Eurasian Affairs; and Daniel P. Fata, Deputy Assistant Secretary for European and North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO) Policy, Department of Defense.

NOMINATIONS

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of Sung Y. Kim, of California, for the rank of Ambassador during his tenure of service as Special Envoy for the Six Party Talks, C. Steven McGann, of New York, to be Ambassador to the Republic of the Fiji Islands, and to serve concurrently and without additional compensation as Ambassador to the Republic of Nauru, the Kingdom of Tonga, Tuvalu, and the Republic of Kiribati, and Carol Ann Rodley, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to the Kingdom of Cambodia, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

DEFENSE CONTRACT AUDIT AGENCY

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: Committee concluded a hearing to examine audits at the Defense Contract Audit Agency, after receiving testimony from Diem Thi Le, Senior Auditor, Paul Hackler, Supervisory Auditor, and April G. Stephenson, Director, all of the Defense Contract

Audit Agency, and Gordon S. Heddell, Acting Inspector General, all of the Department of Defense; and Gregory D. Kutz, Managing Director, Forensic Audits and Special Investigations, and Gayle L. Fischer, Assistant Director, Financial Management and Assurance Team, both of the Government Accountability Office.

FEDERAL GOVERNMENT TRANSITION

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 managing the challenges of the Federal government transition, focusing on assessing the readiness and planning for the transition and identifying critical needs for the next Administration to address, after receiving testimony from Gene L. Dodaro, Acting Comptroller General of the United States, Government Accountability Office; Clay Johnson, III, Deputy Director for Management, Office of Management and Budget; Robert I. Cusick, Director, United States Office of Government Ethics; and Gail T. Lovelace, Chief Human Capital Officer, General Services Administration.

COMBATING VIOLENT CRIME

Committee on the Judiciary: Committee concluded a hearing to examine new strategies for combating violent crime, focusing on drawing lessons from recent experience, after receiving testimony from Dean M. Esserman, Providence Police Department, Providence, Rhode Island; Alfred Blumstein, Carnegie Mellon University H. John Heinz III School of Public Policy and Management, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania; Jeremy Travis, City University of New York John Jay College of Criminal Justice, New York, New York; James A. Summey, English Road Baptist Church, High Point, North Carolina; and George L. Kelling, Rutgers University Manhattan Institute, Newark, New Jersey.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 15 public bills, H.R. 6854–6868; and 2 resolutions, H. Res. 1423–1424 were introduced. **Pages H8018–19**

Additional Cosponsors: **Pages H8019–20**

Reports Filed: There were no reports filed today.

Chaplain: The prayer was offered by the guest Chaplain, Dr. David O. Dykes, Pastor, Green Acres Baptist Church, Tyler, Texas. **Page H7959**

Recess: The House recessed at 10:35 a.m. and reconvened at 12:20 p.m. **Pages H7962–63**

Expressing the sense of the House of Representatives regarding the terrorist attacks launched