

remarks of the Majority Leader in today's Record on page S2721.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

DEFENSE ACQUISITIONS

Committee on Armed Services: Committee concluded a hearing to examine acquisition of major weapons systems by the Department of Defense, and S. 454, to improve the organization and procedures of the Department of Defense for the acquisition of major weapon systems, after receiving testimony from Michael J. Sullivan, Director, Acquisition and Sourcing Management, Government Accountability Office; Jacques S. Gansler, former Under Secretary of Defense for Acquisition, Technology, and Logistics, Defense Science Board Task Force on Industrial Structure for Transportation, College Park, Maryland; Paul G. Kaminski, National Research Council, Fairfax Station, Virginia; and Charles Adolph, Defense Science Board Task Force on Developmental Test and Evaluation, Albuquerque, New Mexico.

CONSUMER PROTECTIONS IN FINANCIAL SERVICES

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: Committee concluded a hearing to examine consumer protections in financial services, after receiving testimony from Steve Bartlett, Financial Services Roundtable, and Ellen Seidman, New America Foundation, both of Washington, D.C.; and Patricia A. McCoy, University of Connecticut School of Law, Hartford.

ECONOMIC AND BUDGET CHALLENGES

Committee on the Budget: Committee concluded a hearing to examine economic and budget challenges for the short and long term, after receiving testimony from Ben S. Bernanke, Chairman, Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System.

SMART GRID TECHNOLOGIES AND INITIATIVES

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Committee concluded an oversight hearing to examine the progress on smart grid initiatives authorized in the Energy Independence and Security Act of 2007, and funded in the stimulus bill, and opportunities and impediments in installation of smart grid technologies, after receiving testimony from Suedeen G. Kelly, Commissioner, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission; Patrick D. Gallagher, Deputy Director, National Institute of Standards and Technology, Department of Commerce; Patricia Hoffman, Acting Assistant Secretary of Energy for Electricity Delivery and Energy Reliability; Frederick F. Butler, New Jersey Board of Public Utilities, Newark, on behalf of the National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners; Edward Lu, Google, Inc., Mountain View, California; Katherine Hamilton, The GridWise Alliance, Washington, D.C.; and Evan R. Gaddis, National Electrical Manufacturers Association, Rosslyn, Virginia.

IRANIAN POLITICAL AND NUCLEAR REALITIES

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee concluded a hearing to examine Iranian political and nuclear realities and United States policy options, after receiving testimony from Frank G. Wisner, former United States Ambassador to Zambia, Egypt, the Philippines, and India, and Richard N. Haass, Council on Foreign Relations, both of New York, New York; Mark Fitzpatrick, International Institute for Strategic Studies, London, United Kingdom; and Karim Sadjadpour, Carnegie Endowment for International Peace, Washington, D.C.

INTELLIGENCE

Select Committee on Intelligence: Committee met in closed session to receive a briefing on certain intelligence matters from officials of the intelligence community.