

vote sequencing remain in effect: Coburn Amendment No. 677 (to Amendment No. 684) (listed above); Coburn Amendment No. 682 (to Amendment No. 684) (listed above); Coburn Amendment No. 683 (to Amendment No. 684) (listed above); provided that there be 30 minutes of debate with respect to the bill, equally divided and controlled between Senators Bingaman and Coburn, or their designees, and that upon the use or yielding back of time, Senate proceed as provided for under the order of March 17, 2009, with all other provisions remaining in effect.

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Kagan Nomination—Agreement: A unanimous-consent-time agreement was reached providing that at 2:00 p.m., on Thursday, March 19, 2009, Senate begin consideration of the nomination of Elena Kagan, of Massachusetts, to be Solicitor General of the United States; that there be 6 hours of debate with respect to the nomination, with the time equally divided and controlled between Senators Leahy and Specter, or their designees; that upon the use or yielding back of time, Senate vote on confirmation of the nomination.

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Nomination Confirmed: Senate confirmed the following nomination:

By 92 yeas 5 nays (Vote No. EX. 100), Ronald Kirk, of Texas, to be United States Trade Representative, with the rank of Ambassador.

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Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

James W. Miller, of Virginia, to be Under Secretary of Agriculture for Farm and Foreign Agricultural Services.

Ashton B. Carter, of Massachusetts, to be Under Secretary of Defense for Acquisition, Technology, and Logistics.

Susan Flood Burk, of Virginia, to be Special Representative of the President, with the rank of Ambassador.

Russlynn Ali, of California, to be Assistant Secretary for Civil Rights, Department of Education.

Carmel Martin, of Maryland, to be Assistant Secretary for Planning, Evaluation, and Policy Development, Department of Education.

Charles P. Rose, of Illinois, to be General Counsel, Department of Education.

Ronald H. Weich, of the District of Columbia, to be an Assistant Attorney General.

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Record Votes: Four record votes were taken today. (Total—103) **Pages S3348–52**

Adjournment: Senate convened at 9:30 a.m. and adjourned at 7:07 p.m., until 9:30 a.m. on Thursday, March 19, 2009. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today's Record on page S3379.)

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. Shoemaker, USA, Surgeon General of the Army and Commander, Army Medical Command, and Major General Patricia D. Horoho, USA, Chief, Army Nurse Corps, both of the United States Army, Vice Admiral Adam M. Robinson, USN, Surgeon General of the Navy, and Rear Admiral Christine M. Bruzek-Kohler, USN, Director, Navy Nurse Corps, both of the United States Navy, and Lieutenant General James G. Roudebush, USAF, Surgeon General of the Air Force, and Major General Kimberly A. Siniscalchi, USAF, Assistant Surgeon General of the Air Force, Nursing Services and Medical Force Development, both of the United States Air Force, all of the Department of Defense.

MILITARY SUICIDE PREVENTION

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Personnel concluded a hearing to examine incidents of suicides of United States Servicemembers and initiatives within the Department of Defense to prevent military suicides, after receiving testimony from Senator Cornyn; General Peter W. Chiarelli, USA, Vice Chief of Staff, Lieutenant General Benjamin C. Freakley, USA, Commanding General, Army Accessions Command, Major General David A. Rubenstein, USA, Deputy Surgeon General of the Army, Brigadier General Loree K. Sutton, USA, Director, Defense Centers of Excellence for Psychological Health and Traumatic Brain Injury, and

Brigadier General Michael S. Linnington, USA, Commandant, Corps of Cadets, United States Military Academy, all of the United States Army, Admiral Patrick M. Walsh, USN, Vice Chief of Naval Operations, United States Navy, General James F. Amos, USMC, Assistant Commandant, United States Marine Corps, General William M. Frasier III, USAF, Vice Chief of Staff, United States Air Force, all of the Department of Defense; and A. Kathryn Power, Director, Center for Mental Health Services, Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration, Department of Health and Human Services.

RISK MANAGEMENT OVERSIGHT

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: Subcommittee on Securities, Insurance and Investment concluded a hearing to examine risk management oversight at Federal financial regulators, after receiving testimony from Scott M. Polakoff, Acting Director, Office of Thrift Supervision, and Timothy W. Long, Senior Deputy Comptroller, Bank Supervision Policy and Chief National Bank Examiner, Office of the Comptroller of the Currency, both of the Department of the Treasury; Orice M. Williams, Director, Financial Markets and Community Investment, Government Accountability Office; Roger T. Cole, Director, Division of Banking Supervision and Regulation, Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System; and Erik Sirri, Director, Division of Trading and Markets, United States Securities and Exchange Commission.

NOMINATION

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nomination of Gary Locke, of Washington, to be Secretary of Commerce, after the nominee, who was introduced by Senators Murray and Cantwell, testified and answered questions in his own behalf.

NUCLEAR ENERGY DEVELOPMENT

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Committee concluded a hearing to examine nuclear energy development, after receiving testimony from Dale E. Klein, Chairman, Nuclear Regulator Commission; Marvin S. Fertel, Nuclear Energy Institute, and Thomas B. Cochran, Natural Resources Defense Council, Inc., both of Washington, D.C.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Committee ordered favorably reported the nomination of David

J. Hayes, of Virginia, to be Deputy Secretary of the Interior.

HEALTH CARE QUALITY

Committee on Finance: Subcommittee on Health Care concluded a hearing to examine what is health care quality and who decides, after receiving testimony from Carolyn M. Clancy, Director, Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality, Department of Health and Human Services; Marjorie Kanof, Managing Director, Health Care, Government Accountability Office; and Brent C. James, Intermountain Healthcare Institute for Health Care Delivery Research, Salt Lake City, Utah.

DISASTER HOUSING

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: Ad Hoc Subcommittee on Disaster Recovery concluded a hearing to examine findings from the Disaster Recovery Subcommittee Special Report and working with the Administration on a way forward, focusing on disaster housing and challenges facing the disaster housing mission, after receiving testimony from Nancy Ward, Acting Administrator, Federal Emergency Management Agency, Department of Homeland Security; Nelson R. Bregon, General Deputy Assistant Secretary of Housing and Urban Development for the Office of Community Planning and Development; Sheila Crowley, National Low Income Housing Coalition, Washington, D.C.; Krystal Williams, Louisiana Housing Alliance, New Orleans; Reilly Morse, Mississippi Center for Justice Katrina Recovery Office, Biloxi; and Karen Paup, Texas Low Income Housing Information Service, Austin.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: Committee ordered favorably reported S. 277, to amend the National and Community Service Act of 1990 to expand and improve opportunities for service.

STRENGTHENING FORENSIC SCIENCE

Committee on the Judiciary: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the National Academy of Science's report entitled "Strengthening Forensic Science in the United States: A Path Forward", after receiving testimony from Harry T. Edwards, Senior Circuit Judge and Chief Judge Emeritus, United States Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia.