

Nomination Confirmed: Senate confirmed the following nomination:

Hilary Chandler Tompkins, of New Mexico, to be Solicitor of the Department of the Interior.

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Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

Vilma S. Martinez, of California, to be Ambassador to Argentina.

Routine lists in the Army and Navy.

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Nomination Withdrawn: Senate received notification of withdrawal of the following nomination:

Donald Michael Remy, of Virginia, to be General Counsel of the Department of the Army, which was sent to the Senate on April 20, 2009.

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Adjournment: Senate convened at 9:30 a.m. and adjourned at 7:38 p.m., until 9:45 a.m. on Thursday, June 18, 2009. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today's Record on page S6743.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

APPROPRIATIONS: DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Homeland Security approved for full Committee consideration an original bill making appropriations for the Department of Homeland Security for the fiscal year 2010.

MILITARY CONSTRUCTION, ENVIRONMENTAL, AND BASE CLOSURE PROGRAMS BUDGET

Committee on Armed Services: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the Defense Authorization request for fiscal year 2010 and the Future Years Defense Program for military construction, environmental, and base closure programs, after receiving

testimony from B.J. Penn, Assistant Secretary of the Navy for Installations and Environment, Kathleen I. Ferguson, Deputy Assistant Secretary of the Air Force for Installations, Joseph F. Calcara, Deputy Assistant Secretary of the Army for Installations and Housing, and Wayne Army, Deputy Under Secretary for Installations and Environment, all of the Department of Defense.

COMMERCIAL AIR CARRIERS

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Subcommittee on Aviation Operations, Safety, and Security concluded a hearing to examine aviation safety, focusing on the role and responsibility of commercial air carriers and employees, after receiving testimony from James C. May, Air Transport Association of America, Inc., Roger Cohen, Regional Airline Association, and Captain John Prater, Air Line Pilots Association, International, all of Washington, D.C.; and Scott Maurer, Families of Continental Flight 3407, Moore, South Carolina.

CONSUMER WIRELESS EXPERIENCE

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the consumer wireless experience, focusing on consumers' current satisfaction with wireless phone service, problems consumers have experienced with this service, and the Federal Communications Commission's efforts to assist wireless consumers with complaints, after receiving testimony from Mark Goldstein, Director, Physical Infrastructure Issues, Government Accountability Office; John E. Rooney, United States Cellular Corporation, Chicago, Illinois; Paul Roth, AT&T Inc., Atlanta, Georgia; Rob Frieden, Penn State University, University Park, Pennsylvania; Barbara S. Esbin, The Progress and Freedom Foundation Center for Communications and Competition Policy, Washington, D.C.; and Victor H. Meena, Cellular South, Inc., Ridgeland, Mississippi.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Committee ordered favorably reported an original bill entitled "The American Clean Energy Leadership Act".

PUBLIC LAND AND FOREST LEGISLATION

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Subcommittee on Public Lands and Forests concluded a hearing to examine S. 409, to secure Federal ownership and management of significant natural, scenic, and recreational resources, to provide for the protection of cultural resources, to facilitate the efficient extraction of mineral resources by authorizing and directing an exchange of Federal and non-Federal land, S. 782, to provide for the establishment of the National Volcano Early Warning and Monitoring

System, S. 874, to establish El Rio Grande Del Norte National Conservation Area in the State of New Mexico, S. 1139, to require the Secretary of Agriculture to enter into a property conveyance with the city of Wallowa, Oregon, and S. 1140, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to convey certain Federal land to Deschutes County, Oregon, after receiving testimony from Senator Kyl; Ned Farquhar, Deputy Assistant Secretary of the Interior for Land and Minerals Management; Joel Holtrop, Deputy Chief, National Forest System, United States Forest Service, Department of Agriculture; Norman Coeoyate, Zuni Tribe, Phoenix, Arizona, on behalf of the Inter-Tribal Council of Arizona; David Salisbury, Resolution Copper Mining, LLC, and Roy C. Chavez, Retired Miners Coalition, both of Superior, Arizona; and Rosemary Shearer, Superstition Area Land Trust, Apache Junction, Arizona.

DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE OVERSIGHT

Committee on the Judiciary: Committee concluded an oversight hearing to examine the Department of Justice, after receiving testimony from Eric H. Holder Jr., Attorney General, Department of Justice.

SOCIAL SECURITY IN THE 21ST CENTURY

Special Committee on Aging: Committee concluded a hearing to examine Social Security in the 21st Century, after receiving testimony from Leon Burzynski, Wisconsin Alliance for Retired Americans, Pewaukee; Kenneth S. Apfel, University of Maryland School of Public Policy, College Park; and Joan Entmacher, National Women's Law Center, Melissa M. Favreault, The Urban Institute, Andrew G. Biggs, American Enterprise Institute, and John S. Irons, Economic Policy Institute, all of Washington, DC.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 23 public bills, H.R. 2908–2917, 2919–2931; and 7 resolutions, H. Con. Res. 155–157; and H. Res. 553–556 were introduced. **Pages H6971–72**

Additional Cosponsors: **Pages H6872–73**

Reports Filed: Reports were filed today as follows:

H. Res. 520, impeaching Samuel B. Kent, judge of the United States District Court for the Southern District of Texas, for high crimes and misdemeanors (H. Rept. 111–159) and H.R. 2918, making appropriations for the Legislative Branch for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2010 (H. Rept. 111–160).

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Chaplain: The prayer was offered by the Guest Chaplain, Reverend Dr. Bruce Hargrave, Russia-U.S. Methodist Theological Seminary, Dallas, Texas.

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Recess: The House recessed at 10:07 a.m. and reconvened at 1:25 p.m. **Page H6907**

Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2010: The House continued with consideration of H.R. 2847, making appropriations for the Departments of Commerce and Justice, and Science, and Related Agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2010. Consideration is expected to resume tomorrow, June 18th.

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Agreed to:

Bordallo amendment (No. 19 printed in the Congressional Record of June 15, 2009) that increases the appropriation for National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration operations, research, and facilities by \$500,000 and decreases the appropriation for Department of Commerce salaries and expenses by \$500,000 (by a recorded vote of 411 ayes to 14 noes, Roll No. 353); **Pages H6920–22, H6933–34**

Moore (WI) amendment (No. 3 printed in the Congressional Record of June 15, 2009) that decreases the appropriation for Department of Commerce salaries and expenses by \$4 million and increases the appropriation for the Office on Violence Against Women by \$4 million (by a recorded vote of 425 ayes to 4 noes, Roll No. 354); and

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Boswell amendment (No. 41 printed in the Congressional Record of June 15, 2009) that decreases the appropriation for Department of Justice salaries and expenses by \$2.5 million and increases the appropriation for the National Criminal History Improvement program by \$2.5 million (by a recorded vote of 422 ayes to 2 noes, Roll No. 355).

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Withdrawn:

Broun (GA) amendment (No. 60 printed in the Congressional Record of June 15, 2009) that was offered and subsequently withdrawn that would have prohibited use of funds in the bill for application of