

Highway Trust Fund, and that when the bill is considered, it be considered under the following limitations: that there be general debate of 20 minutes equally divided and controlled in the usual form, with the time under the control of the two Leaders, or their designees; that the only amendments in order be the following and that debate time on each amendment be limited to 60 minutes equally divided and controlled in the usual form; that no other amendments be in order; that upon disposition of the listed amendments, the bill, as amended, if amended, be read a third time, and Senate vote on passage of the bill: Ensign amendment relative to unemployment benefits; Bond amendment relative to SAFETEA-LU; Vitter amendment relative to highway trust fund; and DeMint amendment relative to offset ui/highway/housing substitute; provided further, that upon disposition of the bill, Senate begin consideration of H.R. 2997, Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration and Related agencies programs; that once the bill is reported, Senator Kohl be recognized to offer a substitute amendment, which is the text of the Senate committee reported bill, S. 1406. **Page S8262**

**Nominations Received:** Senate received the following nominations:

Robert D. Hormats, of New York, to be United States Alternate Governor of the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development for a term of five years; United States Alternate Governor of the Inter-American Development Bank for a term of five years; United States Alternate Governor of the African Development Bank for a term of five years; United States Alternate Governor of the African Development Fund; United States Alternate Governor of the Asian Development Bank; and United States Alternate Governor of the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development.

1 Marine Corps nomination in the rank of general. **Page S8500**

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**Record Votes:** Five record votes were taken today. (Total—248) **Pages S8225, S8250, S8251, S8251, S8263**

**Adjournment:** Senate convened at 9:30 a.m. and adjourned at 8:57 p.m., until 9:30 a.m. on Thursday, July 30, 2009. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S8500.)

## Committee Meetings

*(Committees not listed did not meet)*

### APPROPRIATIONS: TRANSPORTATION, HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Transportation, Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies approved for full committee consideration an original bill making appropriations for Transportation, Housing and Urban Development for fiscal year 2010.

### NOMINATIONS

*Committee on Armed Services:* Committee ordered favorably reported 5,946 nominations in the Army, Navy, Air Force, and Marine Corps.

### PUBLIC CONFIDENCE IN CORPORATE GOVERNANCE

*Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs:* Subcommittee on Securities, Insurance and Investment concluded a hearing to examine protecting shareholders and enhancing public confidence by improving corporate governance, after receiving testimony from Meredith B. Cross, Director, Division of Corporation Finance, United States Securities and Exchange Commission; John C. Coates IV, Harvard Law School, Cambridge, Massachusetts; and Ann Yerger, Council of Institutional Investors, John Castellani, Business Roundtable, J.W. Verret, George Mason University School of Law, and Richard Ferlauto, American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees, all of Washington, D.C.

### NOMINATIONS

*Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of Christopher P. Bertram, of the District of Columbia, to be Assistant Secretary for Budget and Programs, and Chief Financial Officer, who was introduced by Senator Thune, Daniel R. Elliott, III, of Ohio, to be a Member of the Surface

Transportation Board, who was introduced by Senator Brown, Susan L. Kurland, of Illinois, to be Assistant Secretary for Aviation and International Affairs, who was introduced by Senator Durbin, and Christopher A. Hart, of Colorado, to be a Member of the National Transportation Safety Board, who was introduced by Senator Udall (CO), all of the Department of Transportation, and Patricia D. Cahill, of Missouri, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Corporation for Public Broadcasting, who was introduced by Senator McCaskill, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

#### NOMINATION

*Committee on Environment and Public Works:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nomination of John R. Fernandez, of Indiana, to be Assistant Secretary of Commerce for Economic Development, after the nominee, who was introduced by Senators Lugar and Bayh, testified and answered questions in his own behalf.

#### BUSINESS MEETING

*Committee on Environment and Public Works:* Committee ordered favorably reported the nomination of Samuel D. Hamilton, of Mississippi, to be Director of the United States Fish and Wildlife Service, Department of the Interior.

#### PAKISTAN'S INTERNALLY DISPLACED PERSONS CRISIS

*Committee on Foreign Relations:* Subcommittee on Near Eastern and South and Central Asian Affairs concluded a hearing to examine Pakistan's internally displaced persons (IDP) crisis, after receiving testimony from Eric P. Schwartz, Assistant Secretary of State for Population, Refugees, and Migration; Jon C. Brause, Deputy Assistant Administrator for Democracy, Conflict and Humanitarian Assistance, United States Agency for International Development; Wendy J. Chamberlin, Middle East Institute, and Imtiaz Ali, United States Institute of Peace, both of Washington, D.C.

#### NOMINATION

*Committee on Foreign Relations:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nomination of Aaron S. Williams, of Virginia, to be Director of the Peace Corps, after the nominee, who was introduced by former Senator Harris L. Wofford, testified and answered questions in his own behalf.

#### BUSINESS MEETING

*Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs:* Committee ordered favorably reported the following business items:

S. 1261, to repeal title II of the REAL ID Act of 2005 and amend title II of the Homeland Security Act of 2002 to better protect the security, confidentiality, and integrity of personally identifiable information collected by States when issuing driver's licenses and identification documents, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 372, to amend chapter 23 of title 5, United States Code, to clarify the disclosures of information protected from prohibited personnel practices, require a statement in nondisclosure policies, forms, and agreements that such policies, forms, and agreements conform with certain disclosure protections, provide certain authority for the Special Counsel, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

H.R. 885, to elevate the Inspector General of certain Federal entities to an Inspector General appointed pursuant to section 3 of the Inspector General Act of 1978, with an amendment;

S. 1510, to transfer statutory entitlements to pay and hours of work authorized by the District of Columbia Code for current members of the United States Secret Service Uniformed Division from the District of Columbia Code to the United States Code;

S. 1288, to authorize appropriations for grants to the States participating in the Emergency Management Assistance Compact, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 736, to provide for improvements in the Federal hiring process and for other purposes, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 1508, to amend the Improper Payments Information Act of 2002 (31 U.S.C. 3321 note) in order to prevent the loss of billions in taxpayer dollars, with an amendment;

S. 872, to establish a Deputy Secretary of Homeland Security for Management, with an amendment;

S. 806, to provide for the establishment, administration, and funding of Federal Executive Boards, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 748, to redesignate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 2777 Logan Avenue in San Diego, California, as the "Cesar E. Chavez Post Office";

S. 1211, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 60 School Street, Orchard Park, New York, as the "Jack F. Kemp Post Office Building";

S. 1314, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 630 Northeast Killingsworth Avenue in Portland, Oregon, as the "Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Post Office";

H.R. 774, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 46-02 21st Street in

Long Island City, New York, as the “Geraldine Ferraro Post Office Building”;

H.R. 987, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 601 8th Street in Freedom, Pennsylvania, as the “John Scott Challis, Jr. Post Office”;

H.R. 1271, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 2351 West Atlantic Boulevard in Pompano Beach, Florida, as the “Elijah Pat Larkins Post Office Building”;

H.R. 1397, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 41 Purdy Avenue in Rye, New York, as the “Caroline O’Day Post Office Building”;

H.R. 2090, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 431 State Street in Ogdensburg, New York, as the “Frederic Remington Post Office Building”;

H.R. 2162, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 123 11th Avenue South in Nampa, Idaho, as the “Herbert A Littleton Postal Station”;

H.R. 2325, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 1300 Matamoros Street in Laredo, Texas, as the “Laredo Veterans Post Office”;

H.R. 2422, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 2300 Scenic Drive in Georgetown, Texas, as the “Kile G. West Post Office Building”;

H.R. 2470, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 19190 Cochran Boulevard FRNT in Port Charlotte, Florida, as the “Lieutenant Commander Roy H. Boehm Post Office Building”; and

The nominations of Tara Jeanne O’Toole, of Maryland, to be Under Secretary of Homeland Security for Science and Technology, Christine M. Griffin, of Massachusetts, to be Deputy Director, Office of Personnel Management, and Stuart Gordon Nash, of the District of Columbia, to be an Associate Judge of the Superior Court of the District of Columbia.

## NOMINATIONS

*Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of Rafael Borrás, of Maryland, to be Under Secretary of Homeland Security for Management, Ernest W. Dubester, of Virginia, to be a Member, and Julia Akins Clark, of Maryland, to be General Counsel, both of the Federal Labor Relations

Authority, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

## NOMINATIONS

*Committee on the Judiciary:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of Beverly Baldwin Martin, of Georgia, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Eleventh Circuit, who was introduced by Senators Isakson and Chambliss, Jeffrey L. Viken, of South Dakota, to be United States District Judge for the District of South Dakota, and David J. Kappos, of New York, to be Under Secretary of Commerce for Intellectual Property and Director of the United States Patent and Trademark Office, who was introduced by Senator Johnson, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

## VETERAN’S DISABILITY COMPENSATION

*Committee on Veterans’ Affairs:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine veteran’s disability compensation, focusing on the steps the Department of Veterans Affairs is taking to improve disability claims processing, after receiving testimony from Patrick W. Dunne, Under Secretary for Benefits, and Thomas J. Pamperin, Deputy Director for Policy, Compensation and Pension Service, both of the Veterans Benefits Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs; Noel Koch, Deputy Under Secretary of Defense for Transition Policy and Care Coordination; Daniel Bertoni, Director, Education, Workforce and Income Security, Government Accountability Office; Michael P. Allen, Stetson University College of Law, Gulfport, Florida; and John Wilson, Disabled American Veterans, Washington, D.C.

## MEDICAL RESEARCH AND EDUCATION

*Special Committee on Aging:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine medical research and education, after receiving testimony from Lewis Morris, Chief Counsel, Office of the Inspector General, Department of Health and Human Services; Steven E. Nissen, Cleveland Clinic, Cleveland, Ohio; Eric G. Campbell, Massachusetts General Hospital, and Thomas P. Stossel, Brigham & Women’s Hospital, both of Boston, Massachusetts; Jack Rusley, American Medical Student Association, Providence, Rhode Island; James H. Scully Jr., American Psychiatric Association, Arlington, Virginia; and Murray Kopelow, Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education, Chicago, Illinois.