

Transmitting, pursuant to law, a message relative to the World Trade Organization waiver required by The Clean Diamond Trade Act; which was referred to the Committee on Finance. (PM–32) **Page S10316**

Nominations Confirmed: Senate confirmed the following nominations:

Bartholomew Chilton, of Maryland, to be a Commissioner of the Commodity Futures Trading Commission for a term expiring April 13, 2013. (Prior to this action, Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry was discharged from further consideration.)

Edward M. Avalos, of New Mexico, to be Under Secretary of Agriculture for Marketing and Regulatory Programs. (Prior to this action, Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry was discharged from further consideration.)

Jill Sommers, of Kansas, to be a Commissioner of the Commodity Futures Trading Commission for a term expiring April 13, 2014. (Prior to this action, Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry was discharged from further consideration.)

Kenneth Albert Spearman, of Florida, to be a Member of the Farm Credit Administration Board, Farm Credit Administration for the remainder of the term expiring May 21, 2010. (Prior to this action, Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry was discharged from further consideration.)

Kenneth Albert Spearman, of Florida, to be a Member of the Farm Credit Administration Board, Farm Credit Administration for a term expiring May 21, 2016.

Edward M. Avalos, of New Mexico, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Commodity Credit Corporation. (Prior to this action, Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry was discharged from further consideration.)

Scott D. O'Malia, of Michigan, to be a Commissioner of the Commodity Futures Trading Commission for the remainder of the term expiring April 13, 2010 vice Walter Lukken, resigned. (Prior to this action, Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry was discharged from further consideration.)

Scott D. O'Malia, of Michigan, to be a Commissioner of the Commodity Futures Trading Commission for a term expiring April 13, 2015. (Prior to this action, Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry was discharged from further consideration.)

Harris D. Sherman, of Colorado, to be Under Secretary of Agriculture for Natural Resources and Environment. (Prior to this action, Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry was discharged from further consideration.)

Harris D. Sherman, of Colorado, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Commodity Credit

Corporation. (Prior to this action, Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry was discharged from further consideration.)

Army nomination in the rank of general.

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Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

Neil G. McBride, of Tennessee, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Tennessee Valley Authority for a term expiring May 18, 2013.

David Huebner, of California, to be Ambassador to New Zealand, and to serve concurrently and without additional compensation as Ambassador to Samoa.

David Daniel Nelson, of Minnesota, to be Ambassador to the Oriental Republic of Uruguay.

2 Army nominations in the rank of general.

1 Navy nomination in the rank of admiral.

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Record Votes: Three record votes were taken today. (Total—319) **Pages S10271–72, S10284**

Adjournment: Senate convened at 9:30 a.m. and adjourned at 9:18 p.m., until 10 a.m. on Friday, October 9, 2009. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today's Record on page S10328.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Armed Services: Committee ordered favorably reported the nomination of Lieutenant General David M. Rodriguez, USA, for reappointment to the grade of lieutenant general and to be Commander, International Security Assistance Force Joint Command.

MORTGAGE MARKET AND HOUSING ENTERPRISES

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the future of the mortgage market and the housing enterprises, focusing on the current financial crisis and weaknesses in the United States financial regulatory system, after receiving testimony from Edward J. DeMarco, Acting Director, Federal Housing Finance Agency; William B. Shear, Director, Financial Markets and Community Investment, Government Accountability Office; Peter J. Wallison, American Enterprise Institute, and Andrew Jakabovics, Center for American Progress Action Fund, both of Washington, D.C.; and Susan M. Wachter, University of Pennsylvania Wharton School, Philadelphia.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: On September 24, 2009, committee announced the following subcommittee assignments:

Subcommittee on Aviation Operations, Safety and Security: Senators Dorgan (Chair), Inouye, Kerry, Boxer, Nelson (FL), Cantwell, Lautenberg, Pryor, McCaskill, Klobuchar, Warner, Begich, Snowe, Ensign, DeMint, Thune, Wicker, LeMieux, Isakson, Vitter, Brownback, and Johanns.

Subcommittee on Communications, Technology and the Internet: Senators Kerry (Chair), Inouye, Dorgan, Nelson (FL), Cantwell, Lautenberg, Pryor, McCaskill, Klobuchar, Udall (NM), Warner, Begich, Ensign, Snowe, DeMint, Thune, Wicker, LeMieux, Isakson, Vitter, Brownback, and Johanns.

Subcommittee on Competitiveness, Innovation and Export Promotion: Senators Klobuchar (Chair), Kerry, Dorgan, McCaskill, Udall (NM), Warner, Begich, LeMieux, Ensign, DeMint, Thune, Brownback, and Johanns.

Subcommittee on Consumer Protection, Product Safety, and Insurance: Senators Pryor (Chair), Dorgan, Boxer, Nelson (FL), McCaskill, Klobuchar, Udall (NM), Wicker, Snowe, DeMint, Thune, Isakson, and Vitter.

Subcommittee on Oceans, Atmosphere, Fisheries, and Coast Guard: Senators Cantwell (Chair), Inouye, Kerry, Boxer, Lautenberg, Begich, Snowe, Wicker, LeMieux, Isakson, and Vitter.

Subcommittee on Science and Space: Senators Nelson (FL), Inouye, Kerry, Boxer, Pryor, Udall (NM), Warner, Vitter, Snowe, Ensign, Thune, Isakson, and Johanns.

Subcommittee on Surface Transportation and Merchant Marine Infrastructure, Safety and Security: Senators Lautenberg (Chair), Inouye, Kerry, Dorgan, Boxer, Cantwell, Pryor, Udall (NM), Warner, Begich, Thune,

Snowe, Ensign, DeMint, Wicker, Isakson, Vitter, Brownback, and Johanns.

Senators Rockefeller and Hutchison are ex-officio members of the subcommittees.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Committee ordered favorably reported the nominations of Joseph G. Pizarchik, of Pennsylvania, to be Director of the Office of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement, Department of the Interior, Jose Antonio Garcia, of Florida, to be Director of the Office of Minority Economic Impact, Department of Energy, and John R. Norris, of the District of Columbia, to be a Member of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission for the remainder of the term expiring June 30, 2012.

NOMINATIONS

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of Marcia K. McNutt, of California, to be Director of the United States Geological Survey, Department of the Interior, who was introduced by Representative Farr, and Arun Majumdar, of California, to be Director of the Advanced Research Projects Agency-Energy, Department of Energy, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

PUBLIC LANDS AND FOREST LEGISLATION

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Subcommittee on Public Lands and Forests concluded a hearing to examine S. 522, to resolve the claims of the Bering Straits Native Corporation and the State of Alaska to land adjacent to Salmon Lake in the State of Alaska and to provide for the conveyance to the Bering Straits Native Corporation of certain other public land in partial satisfaction of the land entitlement of the Corporation under the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act, S. 865 and H.R. 1442, bills to provide for the sale of the Federal Government's reversionary interest in approximately 60 acres of land in Salt Lake City, Utah, originally conveyed to the Mount Olivet Cemetery Association under the Act of January 23, 1909, S. 881, to provide for the settlement of certain claims under the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act, S. 940, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to convey to the Nevada System of Higher Education certain Federal land located in Clark and Nye counties, Nevada, S. 1272, to provide for the designation of the Devil's Staircase Wilderness Area in the State of Oregon, to designate segments of Wasson and Franklin Creeks in the State of Oregon as wild or recreation rivers, and S. 1689, to designate certain land as components of the National Wilderness Preservation System and

the National Landscape Conservation System in the State of New Mexico, after receiving testimony from Senators Udall (NM) and Begich; Marcilynn A. Burke, Deputy Director, Bureau of Land Management, Department of the Interior; Jay Jensen, Deputy Under Secretary of Agriculture for Forestry, Natural Resources and Environment; Oscar Vasquez Butler, Dona Ana County Board of Commissioners, and Jerry G. Schickedanz, People for Preserving our Western Heritage, both of Las Cruces, New Mexico; and Byron Mallott, Sealaska Corporation, and Bob Claus, Southeast Alaska Conservation Council, both of Juneau, Alaska.

NOMINATIONS

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of William E. Kennard, of the District of Columbia, to be Representative to the European Union, with the rank and status of Ambassador, Cynthia Stroum, of Washington, to be Ambassador to Luxembourg, who was introduced by Senator Cantwell, John F. Tefft, of Virginia, a Career Member of the Senior Foreign Service, Class of Minister-Counselor, to be Ambassador to Ukraine, and Michael C. Polt, of Tennessee, a Career Member of the Senior Foreign Service, Class of Minister-Counselor, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Estonia, all of the Department of State, and James Legarde Hudson, of the District of Columbia, to be United States Director of the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development, who was introduced by Senator Kaufman, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on the Judiciary: Committee ordered favorably reported the following business items:

S. 1692, to extend the sunset of certain provisions of the USA PATRIOT Act and the authority to issue national security letters, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute; and

The nominations of Brendan V. Johnson, to be United States Attorney for the District of South Dakota, Karen Louise Loeffler, to be United States Attorney for the District of Alaska, and Steven Gerard

O'Donnell, to be United States Marshal for the District of Rhode Island, all of the Department of Justice.

RESPONSE TO CERTAIN MILITARY EXPOSURES

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the Department of Defense and Veterans' Affairs response to certain military exposures, after receiving testimony from Senators Wyden and Hagan; Michael R. Peterson, Chief Consultant, Environmental Health Strategic Healthcare Group, Office of Public Health & Environmental Hazards, and Stephen C. Hunt, National Director, Post-Deployment Integrated Care Initiative, both of the Veterans Health Administration, and Bradley G. Mayes, Director, Compensation and Pension Service, Veterans Benefits Administration, all of the Department of Veterans Affairs; and R. Craig Postlewaite, Acting Director, Force Health Protection and Readiness Programs, Office of the Assistant Secretary for Health Affairs, Captain Paul Gillooly, Medical Services Corps, United States Navy (Ret.), Navy/Marine Corps Public Health Center, Major General Eugene G. Payne, Jr., Assistant Deputy Commandant for Installations and Logistics (Facilities), and John J. Resta, Scientific Adviser, U.S. Army Center for Health Promotion & Preventive Medicine, all of the Department of Defense; John R. Nuckols, Colorado State University, Fort Collins; Robert F. Miller, Vanderbilt University Medical Center, Nashville, Tennessee; Charles E. Feigley, University of South Carolina Arnold School of Public Health, Washington, D.C.; Michael Sean Partain, Tallahassee, Florida; Stacy Pennington, Pleasant View, Tennessee; Laurie Paganelli, California, Maryland; Herman Gibb, Arlington, Virginia; and Russell Powell, Moundsville, West Virginia.

INTELLIGENCE

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

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 30 public bills, H.R. 3758–3787; and 10 resolutions, H.

Con. Res. 196–197; and H. Res. 814–821 were introduced. **Pages H11165–67**

Additional Cosponsors:

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Reports Filed: Reports were filed today as follows: