

recommendation of the Republican Leader, in consultation with the ranking members of the Senate Committee on Armed Services and the Senate Committee on Finance, appointed the following individuals to the United States-China Economic Security Review Commission:

Patrick A. Mulloy of Virginia, for a term beginning January 1, 2010 and expiring December 31, 2011, and

William A. Reinsch of Maryland, for a term beginning January 1, 2010 and expiring December 31, 2011. **Page S11356**

Hamilton Nomination—Cloture Agreement: Senate began consideration of the nomination of David F. Hamilton, of Indiana, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Seventh Circuit. **Pages S11334–35**

A motion was entered to close further debate on the nomination and, in accordance with the provisions of Rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, and pursuant to the unanimous-consent-time agreement of Tuesday, November 10, 2009, a vote on cloture will occur upon disposition of H.R. 3082; provided that prior to the cloture vote on the nomination, there be 60 minutes of debate, with the time equally divided and controlled between the Chair and Ranking Member of the Committee on the Judiciary; provided further, that the vote not occur prior to 2:15 p.m., on Tuesday, November 17, 2009. **Page S11335**

Nomination Confirmed: Senate confirmed the following nomination:

Jeffrey L. Bleich, of California, to be Ambassador to Australia. (Prior to this action, Committee on Foreign Relations was discharged from further consideration.) **Pages S11356, S11357**

Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

Rajiv J. Shah, of Washington, to be Administrator of the United States Agency for International Development.

Erin C. Conaton, of the District of Columbia, to be Under Secretary of the Air Force.

Douglas A. Criscitello, of Virginia, to be Chief Financial Officer, Department of Housing and Urban Development.

Anthony R. Coscia, of New Jersey, to be a Director of the Amtrak Board of Directors for a term of five years.

Albert DiClemente, of Delaware, to be a Director of the Amtrak Board of Directors for the remainder of the term expiring July 26, 2011.

Cynthia L. Attwood, of Virginia, to be a Member of the Occupational Safety and Health Review Commission for a term expiring April 27, 2013.

Sandford Blitz, of Maine, to be Federal Cochairperson of the Northern Border Regional Commission. **Page S11357**

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Adjournment: Senate convened at 10 a.m. and adjourned, pursuant to the provisions of H. Con. Res. 210, at 8:09 p.m., until 2 p.m. on Monday, November 16, 2009. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today's Record on page S11357.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

HOMELESS VETERANS

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: Subcommittee on Housing, Transportation and Community Development concluded a hearing to examine ending veterans' homelessness, after receiving testimony from Mercedes Marquez, Assistant Secretary of Housing and Urban Development for Community Planning and Development; Peter H. Dougherty, Director, Homeless Veterans Programs, Office of Public and Intergovernmental Affairs, Department of Veterans Affairs; Steven R. Berg, National Alliance to End Homelessness, Melanie Lilliston, National Coalition for Homeless Veterans, and William Wise, all of Washington, D.C.; Jack Fanous, G.I. Go Fund, Newark, New Jersey; and Lila M. Guy, Twin Oaks, Pennsylvania.

PROPOSALS FOR LONG-TERM FISCAL STABILITY

Committee on the Budget: Committee concluded a hearing to examine bipartisan process proposals for long-term fiscal stability, after receiving testimony from Senators Feinstein, Lieberman, Bayh, and Voinovich; Representatives Cooper and Wolf; William A. Galston, Brookings Institution, and Maya MacGuineas, Committee for a Responsible Federal Budget, both of Washington, D.C.; Douglas Holtz-

Eakin, DHE Consulting LLC, Ontario, Canada; and David Walker, Peter G. Peterson Foundation, New York, New York.

CLIMATE CHANGE LEGISLATION

Committee on Finance: Committee concluded a hearing to examine climate change legislation, focusing on considerations for future jobs, after receiving testimony from Abraham Breehey, International Brotherhood of Boilermakers, Iron Ship Builders, Blacksmiths, Forgers and Helpers, Fairfax, Virginia; Carol L. Berrigan, Nuclear Energy Institute, Kenneth P. Green, American Enterprise Institute, and Margo Thorning, American Council for Capital Formation, all of Washington, D.C.; and Van Ton-Quinlivan, Pacific Gas and Electric Company, San Francisco, California.

FOREIGN RELATIONS TREATIES

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee concluded a hearing to examine Protocol Amending the Convention between the Government of the United States of America and the Government of the French Republic for the Avoidance of Double Taxation and the Prevention of Fiscal Evasion with Respect to Taxes on Income and Capital, signed at Paris on August 21, 1994, as Amended by the Protocol signed on December 8, 2004, signed January 13, 2009, at Paris, together with a related Memorandum of Understanding, signed January 13, 2009 (Treaty Doc. 111–04), Protocol Amending the Convention between the United States of America and New Zealand for the Avoidance of Double Taxation and the Prevention of Fiscal Evasion With Respect to Taxes on Income, signed on December 1, 2008, at Washington (Treaty Doc. 111–03), Convention Between the Government of the United States of America and the Government of Malta for the Avoidance of Double Taxation and the Prevention of Fiscal Evasion with Respect to Taxes on Income, signed on August 8, 2008, at Valletta (Treaty Doc. 111–01), Treaty between the Government of the United States of America and the Government of the Republic of Rwanda Concerning the Encouragement and Reciprocal Protection of Investment, signed at Kigali on February 19, 2008 (Treaty Doc. 110–23), and International Treaty on Plant Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture, adopted by the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations on November 3, 2001, and signed by the United States on November 1, 2002 (the “Treaty”) (Treaty Doc.

110–19), after receiving testimony from Kerri-Ann Jones, Assistant Secretary for Oceans and International Environmental and Scientific Affairs, and Wesley S. Scholz, Director, Office of Investment Affairs, both of the Department of State; Manal Corwin, International Tax Counsel, Department of the Treasury; and Thomas A. Barthold, Chief of Staff, Joint Committee on Taxation.

NOMINATIONS

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of Erroll G. Southers, of California, to be Assistant Secretary of Homeland Security, and Daniel I. Gordon, of the District of Columbia, to be Administrator for Federal Procurement Policy, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

H1N1 AND PAID SICK DAYS

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: Subcommittee on Children and Families concluded a hearing to examine H1N1 and paid sick days, after receiving testimony from Representative DeLauro; Seth Harris, Deputy Secretary of Labor; Rear Admiral Anne Schuchat, Assistant Surgeon General, Director, National Center for Immunization and Respiratory Diseases, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, Department of Health and Human Services; Debra L. Ness, National Partnership for Women and Families, and Scott Gottlieb, American Enterprise Institute, both of Washington, D.C.; Elissa O’Brien, Wingate Healthcare, Needham, Massachusetts, on behalf of the Society for Human Resource Management; and Desiree Rosado, Groton, Connecticut.

INNOCENCE PROTECTION ACT

Committee on the Judiciary: Committee concluded a hearing to examine strengthening our criminal justice system, focusing on extending the Innocence Protection Act, after receiving testimony from Patricia R. Lykos, District Attorney of Harris County, Houston, Texas; Andre de Gruy, Mississippi Office of Capital Defense Counsel, Jackson; Keith A. Findley, University of Wisconsin Law School, Madison, on behalf of The Innocence Network; and Barry D. Matson, Alabama District Attorneys Association, and the Alabama Computer Forensic Laboratories, Montgomery.