

Senate to the bill), in the nature of a substitute. Subsequently, the Chair sustained a point of order against Baucus motion to concur in the amendment of the House to the amendment of the Senate to the bill, with Baucus Amendment No. 4301, as being in violation of section 311(a)(2) of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974, and the motion to concur with an amendment was withdrawn. **Pages S4958–59**

Reid Amendment No. 4344 (to Amendment No. 4301), to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to extend the time for closing on a principal residence eligible for the first-time homebuyer credit, fell when Baucus Amendment No. 4301 (listed above), was withdrawn. **Page S4958**

Thune/McConnell Amendment No. 4333 (to Amendment No. 4301), of a perfecting nature, fell when Baucus Amendment No. 4301 (listed above), was withdrawn. **Pages S4958, S4971–72**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the amendment of the House of Representatives to the amendment of the Senate to the bill, at approximately 10 a.m., on Thursday, June 17, 2010. **Page S5047**

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

Suzan D. Johnson Cook, of New York, to be Ambassador at Large for International Religious Freedom.

Judith R. Fergin, of Washington, to be Ambassador to the Democratic Republic of Timor-Leste.

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**Record Votes:** Three record votes were taken today. (Total—192) **Pages S4958–59, S4971**

**Adjournment:** Senate convened at 9:31 a.m. and adjourned at 8:27 p.m., until 9:30 a.m. on Thursday, June 17, 2010. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S5047.)

## Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

### APPROPRIATIONS: DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Defense concluded a hearing to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2011 for the Department of Defense, after receiving testimony from Robert M. Gates, Secretary, and Admiral Michael G. McMullen, USN, Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, both of the Department of Defense.

### FEDERAL PAYMENT OF INTERCHANGE FEES OVERSIGHT

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Financial Services and General Government concluded an oversight hearing to examine Federal payment of interchange fees, focusing on how to save taxpayer dollars, after receiving testimony from Gary Grippio, Deputy Assistant Secretary of the Treasury for Fiscal Operations and Policy; Alicia Puente Cackley, Director, Financial Markets and Community Investment, Government Accountability Office; Janet Langenderfer, Senior Director, Credit Cards, National Railroad Passenger Corporation-Amtrak, and Ed Mierzwinski, U.S. Public Interest Research Group, both of Washington, D.C.; Bruce Sullivan, Visa Inc., San Francisco, California; and Wendy Chronister, Qik'n EZ Stores, Springfield, Illinois.

### AFGHANISTAN

*Committee on Armed Services:* Committee concluded hearings to examine Afghanistan, after receiving testimony from Michele P. Flournoy, Under Secretary for Policy, and General David H. Petraeus, USA, Commander, United States Central Command, both of the Department of Defense.

### LANDS AND FORESTS BILLS

*Committee on Energy and Natural Resources:* Subcommittee on Public Lands and Forests concluded a hearing to examine S. 3294, to establish certain wilderness areas in central Idaho and to authorize various land conveyances involving National Forest System land and Bureau of Land Management land in central Idaho, S. 3310, to designate certain wilderness areas in the National Forest System in the State of South Dakota, and S. 3313, to withdraw certain land located in Clark County, Nevada from location, entry, and patent under the mining laws and disposition under all laws pertaining to mineral and geothermal leasing or mineral materials, after receiving testimony from Senators Crapo, Ensign, and

Thune; Representative Simpson; Carl Rountree, Director, National Landscape Conservation System, Bureau of Land Management, Department of the Interior; Joel Holtrop, Deputy Chief, National Forest System, Forest Service, Department of Agriculture; Rick Johnson, Idaho Conservation League, Caldwell; Bill Dart, Idaho Recreation Council, Boise; Steve Sisolak, Clark County Board of Commissioners, Las Vegas, Nevada; and Dan O'Brien and Scott Edoff, both of Hermosa, South Dakota.

#### NEW START TREATY

*Committee on Foreign Relations:* Committee continued hearings to examine Treaty between the United States of America and the Russian Federation on Measures for the Further Reduction and Limitation of Strategic Offensive Arms, signed in Prague on April 8, 2010, with Protocol (Treaty Doc. 111-05), focusing on views from the Pentagon, after receiving testimony from James N. Miller, Principal Deputy Under Secretary for Policy, General Kevin P. Chilton, Commander, United States Strategic Command, and Lieutenant General Patrick J. O'Reilly, Director, Missile Defense Agency, all of the Department of Defense.

#### OIL SPILL FINANCIAL RESPONSIBILITY

*Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs:* Subcommittee on Federal Financial Management, Government Information, Federal Services, and International Security concluded a hearing to examine the Gulf of Mexico oil spill, focusing on ensuring a financially responsible recovery and how the cost of major spills may impact viability of oil spill liability trust fund, after receiving testimony from Senator Lautenberg; Craig Bennett, Director, National Pollution Funds Center, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security; Susan A. Flem-

ing, Director, Physical Infrastructure, Government Accountability Office; Darryl Willis, BP America, New Orleans, Louisiana; and Steven Newman, Transocean, Ltd., Denver, Colorado.

#### RURAL HEALTH CARE

*Committee on Veterans' Affairs:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine Veterans Affairs health care in rural areas, after receiving testimony from James F. Ahrens, Chairman, Veterans Rural Health Advisory Committee, Office of Rural Health, Robert Jesse, Acting Principal Deputy Under Secretary for Health, Veterans Health Administration, both of the Department of Veterans Affairs; Brigadier General Deborah McManus, Assistant Adjutant General, Alaska National Guard, Fort Richardson; Adrian Atizado, Disabled American Veterans, Washington, D.C.; Ronald L. Putnam, Haywood County Veterans Services, Waynesville, North Carolina; and Dan Winkelman, Yukon-Kuskokwim Health Corporation, Bethel, Alaska.

#### RETIREMENT SAVINGS

*Special Committee on Aging:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine the retirement challenge, focusing on making savings last a lifetime, after receiving testimony from Phyllis C. Borzi, Assistant Secretary of Labor, Employee Benefits Security Administration; J. Mark Iwry, Senior Adviser to the Secretary of the Treasury and Deputy Assistant Treasury Secretary for Retirement and Health Policy; Ted Beck, National Endowment for Financial Education, Denver, Colorado; Kelli Hueler, Hueler Companies, Eden Prairie, Minnesota; William J. Mullaney, MetLife, New York, New York, on behalf of the American Council of Life Insurers; and Lisa Mensah, Aspen Institute Initiative on Financial Security, Washington, D.C.