

affirmatives votes for the adoption of the amendment, the amendment was not agreed to).

Pages S2157, S2180

Withdrawn:

Landrieu Amendment No. 244 (to Amendment No. 183), to change the enactment date.

Pages S2154, S2179

Inhofe (for Johanns) Amendment No. 161, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to repeal the expansion of information reporting requirements to payments made to corporations, payments for property and other gross proceeds, and rental property expense payments.

Pages S2154, S2179

Pending:

Vitter Amendment No. 178, to require the Federal Government to sell off unused Federal real property.

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Cornyn Amendment No. 186, to establish a bipartisan commission for the purpose of improving oversight and eliminating wasteful government spending.

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Paul Amendment No. 199, to cut \$200,000,000,000 in spending in fiscal year 2011.

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Sanders Modified Amendment No. 207, to express the sense of the Senate that Social Security benefits for current and future beneficiaries should not be cut and that the Social Security program should not be privatized as part of any legislation to reduce the Federal deficit.

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Hutchison Amendment No. 197, to delay the implementation of the health reform law in the United States until there is final resolution in pending lawsuits.

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Pryor Amendment No. 229, to establish the Patriot Express Loan Program under which the Small Business Administration may make loans to members of the military community wanting to start or expand small business concerns.

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Landrieu (for Cardin) Amendment No. 240, to reinstate the increase in the surety bond guarantee limits for the Small Business Administration.

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Landrieu (for Snowe) Amendment No. 253, to prevent fraud in small business contracting.

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Maiden Speech—Agreement: A unanimous-consent-time agreement was reached providing that Senator Hoeven be recognized at 12 noon, on Thursday, April 7, 2011, for up to 25 minutes to deliver his maiden speech to the Senate.

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Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

D. Brent Hardt, of Florida, to be Ambassador to the Co-operative Republic of Guyana.

Donald W. Koran, of California, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Rwanda.

Geeta Pasi, of New York, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Djibouti.

Sharon L. Gleason, of Alaska, to be United States District Judge for the District of Alaska.

Susan Owens Hickey, of Arkansas, to be United States District Judge for the Western District of Arkansas.

Alan F. Estevez, of the District of Columbia, to be an Assistant Secretary of Defense.

2 Air Force nominations in the rank of general.

1 Army nomination in the rank of general.

1 Navy nomination in the rank of admiral.

A routine list in the Foreign Service. **Page S2214**

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

Alan F. Estevez, of the District of Columbia, to be Assistant Secretary of Defense for Logistics and Materiel Readiness, which was sent to the Senate on March 14, 2011.

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Messages from the House:

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Additional Cosponsors:

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Statements on Introduced Bills/Resolutions:

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Additional Statements:

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Authorities for Committees to Meet:

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Privileges of the Floor:

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Record Votes: Seven record votes were taken today. (Total—57)

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Recess: Senate convened at 9:30 a.m. and recessed at 7:10 p.m., until 10 a.m. on Thursday, April 7, 2011. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S2214.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry: Committee announced the following subcommittee assignments for the 112th Congress:

Subcommittee on Commodities, Markets, Trade and Risk Management: Senators Nelson (NE) (Chair), Conrad, Baucus, Brown (OH), Bennet, Gillibrand, Chambliss, Cochran, Johanns, Boozman, and Grassley.

Subcommittee on Jobs, Rural Economic Growth and Energy Innovation: Senators Brown (OH) (Chair), Harkin, Conrad, Nelson (NE), Casey, Klobuchar, Thune, Lugar, Chambliss, Grassley, and Hoeven.

Subcommittee on Conservation, Forestry and Natural Resources: Senators Bennet (Chair), Leahy, Harkin, Conrad, Baucus, Klobuchar, Boozman, Lugar, Cochran, McConnell, and Chambliss.

Subcommittee on Nutrition, Specialty Crops, Food and Agricultural Research: Senators Casey (Chair), Leahy, Harkin, Brown (OH), Bennet, Gillibrand, Lugar, Cochran, McConnell, Johanns, and Hoeven.

Subcommittee on Livestock, Dairy, Poultry, Marketing and Agriculture Security: Senators Gillibrand (Chair), Leahy, Baucus, Nelson (NE), Casey, Klobuchar, Johanns, McConnell, Boozman, Grassley, and Thune.

Senators Stabenow and Roberts are ex officio members of each subcommittee.

DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE HEALTH PROGRAMS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Department of Defense concluded a hearing to examine Department of Defense Health Programs, after receiving testimony from Lieutenant General Eric B. Schoomaker, Surgeon General, and Major General Patricia D. Horoho, Chief, Nurse Corps, both of the Army, Vice Admiral Adam M. Robinson, Jr., Surgeon General, and Rear Admiral Elizabeth S. Niemyer, Director, Nurse Corps, both of the Navy, Lieutenant General Charles B. Green, Surgeon General, and Major General Kimberly A. Siniscalchi, Assistant Surgeon General, Nursing Services, both of the Air Force, all of the Department of Defense.

DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION REQUEST AND FUTURE YEARS DEFENSE PROGRAM

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Strategic Forces concluded open and closed hearings to examine strategic systems in review of the Defense Authorization Request for fiscal year 2012 and the Future Years Defense Program, after receiving testimony from Lieutenant General James M. Kowalski, USAF, Commander, Air Force Global Strike Force, Lieutenant General Mark D. Shackelford, USAF, Military Deputy, Office of the Assistant Secretary for Acquisition, Major General David J. Scott, USAF, Director, Operational Capability Requirements, and Deputy Chief of Staff for Operations, Plans, and Requirements, Major General William A. Chambers, USAF, Assistant Chief of Staff for Strategic Deterrence and Nuclear Integration, and Brigadier General Garrett Harencak, USAF, Commander, Air Force Nuclear Weapons Center, all of the Air Force, and Rear Admiral Terry J. Benedict, USN, Director

of Strategic Systems Programs, Navy, all of the Department of Defense.

ACCOUNTING PROFESSION

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: Subcommittee on Securities, Insurance and Investment concluded a hearing to examine the role of the accounting profession in preventing another financial crisis, after receiving testimony from James L. Kroeker, Chief Accountant, and Lynne E. Turner, former Chief Accountant, both of the United States Securities and Exchange Commission; James R. Doty, Public Company Accounting Oversight Board, Cynthia Fornelli, Center for Audit Quality, and Thomas Quaadman, U.S. Chamber of Commerce Center for Capital Markets Competitiveness, all of Washington, D.C.; Leslie Seidman, Financial Accounting Standards Board, Norwalk, Connecticut; and Anton R. Valukas, Jenner and Block, Chicago, Illinois.

THE STATE OF COMMUNITY BANKING

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: Subcommittee on Financial Institutions and Consumer Protection to examine the state of community banking, focusing on opportunities and challenges, after receiving testimony from Maryann F. Hunter, Deputy Director, Division of Banking Supervision and Regulation, Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System; Sandra L. Thompson, Director, Risk Management Supervision, Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation; Jennifer Kelly, Senior Deputy Comptroller for Midsize and Community Bank Supervision, Office of the Comptroller of the Currency, Department of the Treasury; John P. Ducrest, Louisiana Office of Financial Institutions Commissioner, Broussard, on behalf of the Conference of State Bank Supervisors; William A. Loving, Pendleton Community Bank, Franklin, West Virginia, on behalf of the Independent Community Bankers of America (ICBA); Paul Reed, Ohio Bankers League, Pomeroy; and Tommy G. Whittaker, First Farmers Bancshares, Inc., Portland, Tennessee, on behalf of the American Bankers Association.

STATE AND LOCAL PERSPECTIVES ON TRANSPORTATION

Committee on Environment and Public Works: Committee concluded a hearing to examine state and local perspectives on transportation, after receiving testimony from Cindy McKim, California Department of Transportation Director, Sacramento; Paul D. Degges, Tennessee Department of Transportation Chief Engineer, Nashville; Isiah Leggett, Montgomery County Executive, Rockville, Maryland;

William Kennedy, Yellowstone County Commissioner, Billings, Montana; Thomas K. Wright, Regional Plan Association (RPA), Princeton, New Jersey; and Mike Malone, Northwest Arkansas Council, Fayetteville.

PERSPECTIVES ON THE CRISIS IN LIBYA

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee concluded a hearing to examine perspectives on the crisis in Libya, after receiving testimony from Richard N. Haass, Council on Foreign Relations, New York, New York; Tom Malinowski, Human Rights Watch, Washington, D.C.; and Dirk Vandewalle, Dartmouth College, Hanover, New Hampshire.

NOMINATIONS

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of David Bruce Shear, of New York, to be Ambassador to the Socialist Republic of Vietnam, and Kurt Walter Tong, of Maryland, for the rank of Ambassador during his tenure of service as United States Senior Official for the Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC) Forum, both of the Department of State, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

NOMINATION

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nomination of Rafael Borrás, of Maryland, to be Under Secretary of Homeland Security for Management, after the nominee, who was introduced by Senator Akaka, testified and answered questions in his own behalf.

THE 2010 CENSUS AND PLANNING FOR 2020

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 census, focusing on learning lessons from 2010 and planning for 2020, including preliminary lessons learned that highlight the need for funda-

mental reforms, after receiving testimony from Robert M. Groves, Director, U.S. Census Bureau, and Todd J. Zinser, Inspector General, both of the Department of Commerce; Robert Goldenkoff, Director, Strategic Issues, Government Accountability Office; Daniel Castro, Information Technology and Innovation Foundation (ITIF), Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania; Thomas M. Cook, The National Academies, Houston, Texas; and Arturo Vargas, National Association of Latino Elected and Appointed Officials (NALEO) Education Fund, Los Angeles, California.

ELECTRONIC COMMUNICATIONS PRIVACY ACT

Committee on the Judiciary: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the Electronic Communications Privacy Act, focusing on government perspectives on protecting privacy in the digital age, after receiving testimony from Cameron F. Kerry, General Counsel, Department of Commerce; and James A. Baker, Associate Deputy Attorney General, Department of Justice.

NOMINATIONS

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of Allison A. Hickey, of Virginia, to be Under Secretary for Benefits, and Steve L. Muro, of California, to be Under Secretary for Memorial Affairs, both of the Department of Veterans Affairs, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

SYNTHETIC CANNABINOIDS AND STIMULANTS

United States Senate Caucus on International Narcotics Control: Caucus concluded a hearing to examine the dangers of synthetic cannabinoids and stimulants, including S. 605, to amend the Controlled Substances Act to place synthetic drugs in Schedule I, and S. 409, to ban the sale of certain synthetic drugs, after receiving testimony from Joe Rannazzisi, Deputy Assistant Administrator, Office of Diversion Control, Drug Enforcement Administration; Erica Leary, North Coastal Prevention Coalition, Vista, California; and Mike Rozga, Indianola, Iowa.