

Statements on Introduced Bills/Resolutions:**Pages S7704–12****Additional Statements:****Pages S7698–99****Amendments Submitted:****Pages S7712–76****Notices of Intent:****Page S7776****Authorities for Committees to Meet:****Page S7776****Privileges of the Floor:****Page S7776**

Record Votes: One record vote was taken today. (Total—208)

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Adjournment: Senate convened at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 8:30 p.m., until 9 a.m. on Friday, November 18, 2011. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S7783.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

NOMINATIONS

Committee on Armed Services: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of Michael A. Sheehan, of New Jersey, to be Assistant Secretary for Special Operations and Low Intensity Conflict, Mark William Lippert, of Ohio, to be Assistant Secretary for Asian and Pacific Security Affairs, who was introduced by Senator Leahy, and Brad Carson, of Oklahoma, to be General Counsel of the Department of the Army, who was introduced by Senator Inhofe, all of the Department of Defense, and Kevin A. Ohlson, of Virginia, to be a Judge of the United States Court of Appeals for the Armed Forces, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

NOMINATIONS

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of Maurice A. Jones, of Virginia, to be a Deputy Secretary, who was introduced by Senator Warner, and Carol J. Galante, of Virginia, to be an Assistant Secretary, both of the Department of Housing and Urban Development, and Thomas Hoenig, to be a Member and Vice Chairperson of the Board of Directors of the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation, who was introduced by Senators McCaskill and Blunt, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

NASA HUMAN SPACE EXPLORATION

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Subcommittee on Science and Space concluded a hearing to examine NASA's human space exploration, focusing on direction, strategy and progress, after receiving testimony from Charles F. Bolden, Jr., Adminis-

trator, Robert D. Cabana, Director, Kennedy Space Center, Michael L. Coats, Director, Johnson Space Center, and Robert M. Lightfoot, Director, Marshall Space Flight Center, all of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration.

TOURISM IN AMERICA

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Subcommittee on Competitiveness, Innovation, and Export Promotion concluded a hearing to examine tourism in America, focusing on moving our economy forward, after receiving testimony from Ken Hyatt, Deputy Assistant Secretary of Commerce for Services; David T. Donahue, Deputy Assistant Secretary of State for Visa Services; James P. Evans, Brand USA, Washington, D.C.; John F. Edman, Explore Minnesota Tourism, St. Paul; Jonathan Zuk, Receptive Services Association of America (RSAA), Lexington, Kentucky; and Jonathan Tisch, Lowes Hotels, New York, New York.

OFFICE OF SURFACE MINING RECLAMATION AND ENFORCEMENT

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the Secretary of the Interior's Order No. 3315 to consolidate and establish the Office of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement within the Bureau of Land Management, after receiving testimony from David J. Hayes, Deputy Secretary of the Interior; Bradley C. Lambert, Virginia Department of Mines, Minerals and Energy Deputy Director, Big Stone Gap, on behalf of the Interstate Mining Compact Commission; John Corra, Wyoming Department of Environmental Quality Director, Cheyenne; Patrick C. McGinley, West Virginia University College of Law, Morgantown; Katie Sweeney, National Mining Association, Washington, D.C.; and DarAnne Dunning, Western Organization of Resource Councils, Helena, Montana.

SAFE CHEMICALS ACT

Committee on Environment and Public Works: Committee concluded a joint hearing with the Subcommittee on Superfund, Toxics and Environmental Health to examine S. 847, to amend the Toxic Substances Control Act to ensure that risks from chemicals are adequately understood and managed, after receiving testimony from Ted Sturdevant, Washington State Department of Ecology Director, Lacey; and Charlotte Brody, BlueGreen Alliance, Cal Dooley, American Chemistry Council, Robert A. Matthews, McKenna, Long and Aldridge, on behalf of The Consumer Specialty Products Association (CSPA), and Richard A. Denison, Environmental Defense Fund (EDF), all of Washington, D.C.

NOMINATIONS

Committee on Finance: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of Mary John Miller, of Maryland, to be an Under Secretary, and Alastair M. Fitzpayne, of Maryland, to be a Deputy Under Secretary, both of the Department of the Treasury, who were both introduced by Senator Cardin, Kathleen Kerrigan, of Massachusetts, to be a Judge of the United States Tax Court, who was introduced by Senator Kerry, and Henry J. Aaron, of the District of Columbia, to be a Member of the Social Security Advisory Board, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the Americans with Disabilities Act and accessible transportation, focusing on challenges and opportunities, after receiving testimony from David M. Capozzi, U.S. Access Board, and Jill Houghton, US Business Leadership Network, both of Washington, D.C.; Marca Bristo, Access Living, Chicago, Illinois; and Billy Altom, Association of Programs for Rural Independent Living, North Little Rock, Arkansas.

INTERNET GAMING

Committee on Indian Affairs: Committee concluded an oversight hearing to examine the future of internet gaming, focusing on what's at stake for tribes, after receiving testimony from Lawrence S. Roberts, National Indian Gaming Commission, Ernest Stevens, Jr., and Mark Van Norman, both of the National Indian Gaming Association, and former Senator Alfonse D'Amato, and John Pappas, both of the Poker Players Alliance, all of Washington, D.C.; Bruce Bozsum, Mohegan Tribe, Uncasville, Connecticut; Glen Gobin, Tulalip Tribes, Tulalip,

Washington; Penny Coleman, Coleman Indian Law, Arlington, Virginia; and Grant Eve, Joseph Eve, Great Falls, Montana.

BUSINESS MEETING

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

S. 1793, to amend title 28, United States Code, to clarify the statutory authority for the long-standing practice of the Department of Justice of providing investigatory assistance on request of State and local authorities with respect to certain serious violent crimes;

H.R. 2076, to amend title 28, United States Code, to clarify the statutory authority for the long-standing practice of the Department of Justice of providing investigatory assistance on request of State and local authorities with respect to certain serious violent crimes, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 1794, to correct and simplify the drafting of section 1752 (relating to restricted buildings or grounds) of title 18, United States Code, with amendments;

H.R. 347, to correct and simplify the drafting of section 1752 (relating to restricted buildings or grounds) of title 18, United States Code, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute; and

H.R. 2189, to encourage States to report to the Attorney General certain information regarding the deaths of individuals in the custody of law enforcement agencies.

INTELLIGENCE

Select Committee on Intelligence: Committee held closed hearings on intelligence matters, receiving testimony from officials of the intelligence community.

Committee recessed subject to the call.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 22 public bills, H.R. 3451–3472; and 2 resolutions, H.J. Res. 89 and H. Res. 471, were introduced.

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Additional Cosponsors:

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Report Filed: A report was filed today as follows: H. Res. 470, providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 3094) to amend the National Labor Relations

Act with respect to representation hearings and the timing of elections of labor organizations under that Act (H. Rept. 112–291).

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Speaker: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he appointed Representative Poe to act as Speaker pro tempore for today.

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Recess: The House recessed at 11:30 a.m. and reconvened at 12 noon.

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