

to Reid (for Reed) Amendment No. 1833 and the bill be at 4 p.m. on Monday, March 19, 2012.

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Nominations Confirmed: Senate confirmed the following nominations:

By 95 yeas to 2 nays (Vote No. EX. 49), Gina Marie Groh, of West Virginia, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of West Virginia. Pages S1711–14, S1762

By 91 yeas to 6 nays (Vote No. EX. 50), Michael Walter Fitzgerald, of California, to be United States District Judge for the Central District of California. Pages S1711–14, S1762

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Record Votes: Two record votes were taken today. (Total—50) Pages S1713–14

Adjournment: Senate convened at 9:30 a.m. and adjourned at 4:33 p.m., until 2 p.m. on Monday, March 19, 2012. (For Senate’s program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today’s Record on page S1761.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

RISK MANAGEMENT AND COMMODITIES

Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry: Committee concluded a hearing to examine risk management and commodities in the 2012 farm bill, after receiving testimony from Michael Scuse, Acting Under Secretary of Agriculture for Farm and Foreign Agricultural Services; Hope Hills, Spicebush Creek Farms, Bangor, Michigan; Bob Carden, Carden and Associates, Winter Haven, Florida; Steve Rutledge, Approved Insurance Providers, West Des Moines, Iowa; Steve Wellman, American Soybean Association, Syracuse, Nebraska; Pam Johnson, National Corn Growers Association, Floyd, Iowa; Erik Younggren, National Association of Wheat Growers, Hallock, Minnesota; Jimbo Grissom, Western Peanut Growers Association, Seminole, Texas; Travis

Henry Satterfield, U.S. Rice Producers Association, Benoit, Mississippi; Chuck Coley, National Cotton Council, Vienna, Georgia; Roger Johnson, National Farmers Union, and Bob Stallman, American Farm Bureau Federation, both of Washington, D.C.; Ryan W. Best, National FFA Organization, Portales, New Mexico; and Jarvis Garetson, Copeland, Kansas.

APPROPRIATIONS: DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Transportation, Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies concluded a hearing to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2013 for the Department of Transportation, after receiving testimony from Ray LaHood, Secretary of Transportation.

APPROPRIATIONS: DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Military Construction and Veterans Affairs, and Related Agencies concluded a hearing to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2013 for the Department of Veterans Affairs, after receiving testimony from Eric K. Shinseki, Secretary, Robert A. Petzel, Under Secretary for Health, Allison Hickey, Under Secretary for Benefits, Steve L. Muro, Under Secretary for Memorial Affairs, Roger W. Baker, Assistant Secretary for Information and Technology, and W. Todd Grams, Executive in Charge, Office of Management, and Chief Financial Officer, all of the Department of Veterans Affairs.

APPROPRIATIONS: FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies concluded open and closed hearings to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2013 for the Federal Bureau of Investigation, after receiving testimony from Robert S. Mueller III, Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation, Department of Justice.

APPROPRIATIONS: GOVERNMENT ACCOUNTABILITY OFFICE, GOVERNMENT PRINTING OFFICE, CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Legislative Branch concluded a hearing to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2013 for the Government Accountability Office, Government Printing Office, and the Congressional Budget Office, after receiving testimony from Gene L. Dodaro, Comptroller General of the United States, Government Accountability Office; Davita Vance-Cooks, Acting Public Printer, Government Printing Office;

and Douglas W. Elmendorf, Director, Congressional Budget Office.

DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION REQUEST AND FUTURE YEARS DEFENSE PROGRAM

Committee on Armed Services: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the Department of the Navy in review of the Defense Authorization request for fiscal year 2013 and the Future Years Defense Program, after receiving testimony from Ray Mabus, Secretary of the Navy, Admiral Jonathan Greenert, Chief of Naval Operations, and General James F. Amos, Commandant of the Marine Corps, all of the Department of Defense.

STRENGTHENING THE HOUSING MARKET

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: Subcommittee on Housing, Transportation and Community Development concluded a hearing to examine strengthening the housing market and minimizing losses to taxpayers, after receiving testimony from John C. Dilorio, 1st Alliance Lending, East Hartford, Connecticut; Mark A. Calabria, Cato Institute, Washington, D.C.; and Laurie S. Goodman, Amherst Securities Group, New York, New York.

ENHANCING NUCLEAR REACTOR SAFETY

Committee on Environment and Public Works: Committee with the Subcommittee on Clean Air and Nuclear Safety concluded a joint hearing to examine lessons from Fukushima one year later, focusing on the Nuclear Regulatory Commission's implementation of recommendations for enhancing nuclear reactor safety in the 21st century, after receiving testimony from Gregory B. Jaczko, Chairman, and Kristine L. Svinicki, George Apostolakis, William D. Magwood IV, and William C. Ostendorff, each a Commissioner, all of the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

RUSSIA'S WORLD TRADE ORGANIZATION ACCESSION—IMPLICATIONS

Committee on Finance: Committee concluded a hearing to examine Russia's World Trade Organization accession—implications for the United States, after receiving testimony from Samuel R. Allen, Deere and Company, Moline, Illinois; Ronald J. Pollett, GE Russia and CIS, Moscow, Russia; Watty Taylor, Montana Stockgrowers Association Inc., Helena; Paul Williams, American Society of Composers, Authors and Publishers, New York, New York; and Alan Larson, Covington and Burling LLP, Washington, D.C.

INDIAN WATER RIGHTS

Committee on Indian Affairs: Committee concluded an oversight hearing to examine Indian water rights, focusing on promoting the negotiation and implementation of water settlements in Indian country, after receiving testimony from David J. Hayes, Deputy Secretary, Mike Connor, Commissioner, Bureau of Reclamation, and Del Laverdure, Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary for Indian Affairs, all of the Department of the Interior; John Echohawk, Native American Rights Fund, Boulder, Colorado; Maria O'Brien, Western States Water Council, Albuquerque, New Mexico; Judith V. Royster, University of Tulsa College of Law Native American Law Center, Tulsa, Oklahoma; and Michael Bogert, Crowell and Moring, Washington, D.C.

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.