

Makila James, of the District of Columbia, to be Ambassador to the Kingdom of Swaziland.

Derek H. Chollet, of Nebraska, to be an Assistant Secretary of Defense.

Kathleen H. Hicks, of Virginia, to be a Principal Deputy Under Secretary of Defense.

David J. Lane, of Florida, for the rank of Ambassador during his tenure of service as U.S. Representative to the United Nations Agencies for Food and Agriculture.

(Prior to this action, Committee on Foreign Relations was discharged from further consideration.)

6 Air Force nominations in the rank of general.

28 Army nominations in the rank of general.

10 Marine Corps nominations in the rank of general.

8 Navy nominations in the rank of admiral.

Routine lists in the Air Force, Army, Foreign Service, Marine Corps, and Navy.

Routine lists in the Public Health Service. (Prior to this action, Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions was discharged from further consideration.)

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

Jonathan Lippman, of New York, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the State Justice Institute for a term expiring September 17, 2012.

Jonathan Lippman, of New York, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the State Justice Institute for a term expiring September 17, 2015.

Allison M. Macfarlane, of Maryland, to be a Member of the Nuclear Regulatory Commission for the remainder of the term expiring June 30, 2013.

Greta Christine Holtz, of Maryland, to be Ambassador to the Sultanate of Oman.

Alexander Mark Laskaris, of Maryland, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Guinea.

Marcie B. Ries, of the District of Columbia, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Bulgaria.

Walter M. Shaub, Jr., of Virginia, to be Director of the Office of Government Ethics for a term of five years.

1 Army nomination in the rank of general.

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**Record Votes:** Nine record votes were taken today. (Total—113) Pages S3554, S3555, S3562, S3563, S3563–64, S3568, S3610–11, S3611–12

**Adjournment:** Senate convened at 9:30 a.m. and adjourned, as a further mark of respect to the memory of the late James Abdnor of South Dakota, former Senator and Representative from South Dakota, in accordance with S. Res. 475, at 7:21 p.m., until 2:30 p.m. on Friday, May 25, 2012. (For Senate’s program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today’s Record on page S3659.)

## Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

### BUSINESS MEETING

*Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry:* Committee ordered favorably reported an original bill entitled, “Agriculture, Reform, Food, and Jobs Act of 2012”, with clarifying modifications.

### BUSINESS MEETING

*Committee on Appropriations:* Committee ordered favorably reported an original bill (S. 3241) making appropriations for Department of State, Foreign Operations, and Related Agencies.

### AUTHORIZATION: DEFENSE

*Committee on Armed Services:* Committee ordered favorably reported the following bills:

An original bill entitled “National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2013”;

An original bill entitled “Department of Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2013”;

An original bill entitled “Military Construction Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2013”; and

An original bill entitled “Department of Energy National Security Act for Fiscal Year 2013”.

### RESPONSIBLE HOMEOWNER REFINANCING ACT

*Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine S. 3085, to provide for the expansion of affordable refinancing of mortgages held by the Federal National Mortgage Association and the Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corporation, after receiving testimony from Bill Emerson, Quicken Loans, Inc., Detroit, Michigan; Christopher Papagianis, e21, New York, New York;

Mark Zandi, Moody's Analytics, Malvern, Pennsylvania; and Moe Veissi, National Association of Realtors, Miami, Florida.

### POACHING IN AFRICA

*Committee on Foreign Relations:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine the global implications of poaching in Africa, focusing on ivory and insecurity, including S. 1483, to ensure that persons who form corporations in the United States disclose the beneficial owners of those corporations, in order to prevent wrongdoers from exploiting United States corporations in ways that threaten homeland security, to assist law enforcement in detecting, preventing, and punishing terrorism, money laundering, and other misconduct involving United States corporations, and S. 2318, to authorize the Secretary of State to pay a reward to combat transnational organized crime and for information concerning foreign nationals wanted by international criminal tribunals, after receiving testimony from Iain Douglas-Hamilton, Save the Elephants, Nairobi, Kenya; Tom Cardamone, Global Financial Integrity, Washington, DC.; and John E. Scanlon, Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora (CITES), Geneva, Switzerland.

### INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY SPENDING REFORM

*Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs:* Subcommittee on Federal Financial Management, Government Information, Federal Services, and International Security concluded a hearing to examine efforts to reform information technology spending, focusing on innovating with less, after receiving testimony from Steven VanRoekel, Federal Chief Information Officer, Administrator for E-Government and Information Technology, Office of Management and Budget; David A. Powner, Director, Information Technology Management Issues, Government Accountability Office; George DelPrete, Grant Thornton LLP, Alexandria, Virginia, on behalf

of TechAmerica; Molly O'Neill, CGI Federal Inc., Baltimore, Maryland; Nick Combs, EMC Corporation, San Antonio, Texas; and Jennifer Morgan, SAP Public Services, Arlington, Virginia.

### NATIVE VETERANS PROGRAMS AND SERVICES

*Committee on Indian Affairs:* Committee concluded an oversight hearing to examine programs and services for native veterans, after receiving testimony from Stephanie Elaine Birdwell, Director, Office of Tribal Government Relations, Office of Public and Intergovernmental Affairs, Department of Veterans Affairs; Randy Grinnell, Deputy Director, Indian Health Service, Department of Health and Human Services; Kevin Gover, Director, National Museum of the American Indian, Smithsonian Institution; Wayne Burke, Pyramid Lake Paiute Tribe of Nevada, Nixon; Kelly McKaughan, Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma, Durant; Cheryl A. Causley, National American Indian Housing Council, Washington, D.C.; and D. Noelani Kalipi, TiLeaf Group, Hilo, Hawaii.

### BUSINESS MEETING

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

S. 2076, to improve security at State and local courthouses, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 2370, to amend title 11, United States Code, to make bankruptcy organization more efficient for small business debtors; and

The nomination of Charles Thomas Massarone, of Kentucky, to be a Commissioner of the United States Parole Commission.

### 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.