

Statements on Introduced Bills/Resolutions:**Pages S6129–35****Additional Statements:****Pages S6110–12****Amendments Submitted:****Pages S6135–37****Authorities for Committees to Meet: Page S6137****Privileges of the Floor: Page S6137**

Record Votes: Three record votes were taken today. (Total—197) **Pages S6094, S6100**

Adjournment: Senate convened at 9:30 a.m. and adjourned at 8:17 p.m., until 9:30 a.m. on Thursday, August 1, 2013. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on pages S6139–40.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: Committee ordered favorably reported S. 1376, to improve the Federal Housing Administration and to ensure the solvency of the Mutual Mortgage Insurance Fund, with amendments.

ENERGY DRINKS

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Committee concluded a hearing to examine energy drinks, focusing on exploring concerns about marketing to youth, after receiving testimony from Senator Durbin; Marcie Beth Schneider, American Academy of Pediatrics, Elk Grove Village, Illinois; Jennifer L. Harris, Yale University Rudd Center for Food Policy and Obesity, New Haven, Connecticut; William R. Spencer, Suffolk County Legislator, Centerport, New York; Amy Taylor, Red Bull North America, Inc., Santa Monica, California; Rodney Sacks, Monster Beverage Corporation, Corona, California; Janet Weiner, Rockstar, Inc., Las Vegas, Nevada; and James R. Coughlin, Aliso Viejo, California.

NATIONAL PARKS BILLS

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Subcommittee on National Parks concluded a hearing to examine S. 398, to establish the Commission to Study the Potential Creation of a National Women's History Museum, S. 524, to amend the National Trails System Act to provide for the study of the Pike National Historic Trail, S. 618, to require the Secretary of the Interior to conduct certain special resource studies, S. 702, to designate the Quinebaug and Shetucket Rivers Valley National Heritage Corridor as "The Last Green Valley National Heritage Corridor", S. 781, to modify the boundary of Yo-

semitic National Park, S. 782, to amend Public Law 101–377 to revise the boundaries of the Gettysburg National Military Park to include the Gettysburg Train Station, S. 869, to establish the Alabama Black Belt National Heritage Area, S. 925, to improve the Lower East Side Tenement National Historic Site, S. 995, to authorize the National Desert Storm Memorial Association to establish the National Desert Storm and Desert Shield Memorial as a commemorative work in the District of Columbia, S. 974, to provide for certain land conveyances in the State of Nevada, S. 1044, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to install in the area of the World War II Memorial in the District of Columbia a suitable plaque or an inscription with the words that President Franklin D. Roosevelt prayed with the United States on D-Day, June 6, 1944, S. 1071, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to make improvements to support facilities for National Historic Sites operated by the National Park Service, S. 1138, to reauthorize the Hudson River Valley National Heritage Area, S. 1151, to reauthorize the America's Agricultural Heritage Partnership in the State of Iowa, S. 1157, to reauthorize the Rivers of Steel National Heritage Area, the Lackawanna Valley National Heritage Area, the Delaware and Lehigh National Heritage Corridor, and the Schuylkill River Valley National Heritage Area, S. 1186, to reauthorize the Essex National Heritage Area, S. 1252, to amend the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act to designate segments of the Missisquoi River and the Trout River in the State of Vermont, as components of the National Wild and Scenic Rivers System, S. 1253, to amend the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act to designate certain segments of the Farmington River and Salmon Brook in the State of Connecticut as components of the National Wild and Scenic Rivers System, S. 1328, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to conduct a special resource study of the archeological site and surrounding land of the New Philadelphia town site in the State of Illinois, S. 1339, to reauthorize the Ohio & Erie Canal National Heritage Canalway, H.R. 674, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to study the suitability and feasibility of designating prehistoric, historic, and limestone forest sites on Rota, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, as a unit of the National Park System, H.R. 885, to expand the boundary of the San Antonio Missions National Historical Park, H.R. 1033 and S. 916, bills to authorize the acquisition and protection of nationally significant battlefields and associated sites of the Revolutionary War and the War of 1812 under the American Battlefield Protection Program, and H.R. 1158, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to continue stocking fish in certain lakes in the North Cascades National Park,

Ross Lake National Recreation Area, and Lake Chelan National Recreation Area, after receiving testimony from Stephanie Toothman, Associate Director, Cultural Resources, Partnerships, and Science, National Park Service, Department of the Interior.

STRENGTHENING PUBLIC HEALTH PROTECTIONS BY ADDRESSING TOXIC CHEMICAL THREATS

Committee on Environment and Public Works: Committee concluded a hearing to examine strengthening public health protections by addressing toxic chemical threats, including S. 1009, to reauthorize and modernize the Toxic Substances Control Act, after receiving testimony from Michael A. Troncoso, Senior Counsel to the Attorney General of California, Nancy Buermeyer, Breast Cancer Fund, and Susan Vickers, Dignity Health, all of San Francisco, California; H. Michael Dorsey, West Virginia Department of Environmental Protection Homeland Security and Emergency Response Chief, Charleston; Ken Zarker, Washington State Department of Ecology Pollution Prevention and Regulatory Assistance Section Manager, Lacey; Daniel Rosenberg, Natural Resources Defense Council, Linda J. Fisher, DuPont, Mark N. Duvall, Beveridge and Diamond, PC, Kenneth A. Cook, Environmental Working Group, and Andrew R. Hackman, Toy Industry Association, all of Washington, DC; Thomas O. McGarity, University of Texas School of Law, Austin; Stephen A. Owens, Squire Sanders (US) LLP, Phoenix, Arizona; Linda Reinstein, Asbestos Disease Awareness Organization, Redondo Beach, California; Robin L. Greenwald, Weitz and Luxenberg, Cecil D. Corbin-Mark, WE ACT for Environmental Justice, and Ansje Miller, Center for Environmental Health, all of New York, New York; Maureen F. Gorsen, Alston and Bird, LLP, Sacramento, California; Jonathan Borak, Yale School of Medicine, New Haven, Connecticut, on behalf of the American College of Occupational and Environmental Medicine; and Dorothy Felix, Mossville Environmental Action Now, Westlake, Louisiana.

PRINCIPLES FOR ENERGY TAX REFORM

Committee on Finance: Subcommittee on Energy, Natural Resources, and Infrastructure concluded a hearing to examine principles for energy tax reform, after receiving testimony from Senators Coons and Moran; Phyllis Cuttino, The Pew Charitable Trusts, and Margo Thorning, American Council for Capital Formation, both of Washington, DC; Dan W. Reicher, Stanford University Steyer-Taylor Center for Energy Policy and Finance, Stanford, California; and Will Coleman, OnRamp Capital, San Francisco, California.

TURKEY

Committee on Foreign Relations: Subcommittee on European Affairs concluded a hearing to examine where Turkey is headed, focusing on Gezi Park, Taksim Square, and the future of the Turkish model, after receiving testimony from former Representative Robert Wexler, S. Daniel Abraham Center for Middle East Peace, Kurt Volker, Arizona State University McCain Institute for International Leadership, and James F. Jeffrey, The Washington Institute for Near East Policy, all of Washington, DC; and Jenny White, Boston University, Boston, Massachusetts.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: Committee ordered favorably reported the following business items:

S. 1398, to require the Federal Government to expedite the sale of underutilized Federal real property;

S. 1360, to amend the Improper Payments Elimination and Recovery Improvement Act of 2012, including making changes to the Do Not Pay initiative, for improved detection, prevention, and recovery of improper payments to deceased individuals;

S. 1276, to increase oversight of the Revolving Fund of the Office of Personnel Management, strengthen the authority to terminate or debar employees and contractors involved in misconduct affecting the integrity of security clearance background investigations, enhance transparency regarding the criteria utilized by Federal departments and agencies to determine when a security clearance is required, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

H.R. 1162, to amend title 31, United States Code, to make improvements in the Government Accountability Office;

S. 1348, to reauthorize the Congressional Award Act;

H.R. 1171, to amend title 40, United States Code, to improve veterans service organizations access to Federal surplus personal property;

S. 233, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 815 County Road 23 in Tyrone, New York, as the "Specialist Christopher Scott Post Office Building";

S. 668, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 14 Main Street in Brockport, New York, as the "Staff Sergeant Nicholas J. Reid Post Office Building";

S. 796, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 302 East Green Street in Champaign, Illinois, as the "James R. Burgess Jr. Post Office Building";

S. 885, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 35 Park Street in

Danville, Vermont, as the “Thaddeus Stevens Post Office”;

S. 1093, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 130 Caldwell Drive in Hazlehurst, Mississippi, as the “First Lieutenant Alvin Chester Cockrell, Jr. Post Office Building”; and

The nominations of John H. Thompson, of the District of Columbia, to be Director of the Census, Department of Commerce, and Katherine Archuleta, of Colorado, to be Director of the Office of Personnel Management.

NATIONAL CAPITAL REGION EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: Subcommittee on Emergency Management, Intergovernmental Relations, and the District of Columbia concluded a hearing to examine how prepared the National Capital Region is for the next disaster, after receiving testimony from Representative Norton; Christopher T. Geldart, District of Columbia Homeland Security and Emergency Management Agency Director, Washington, DC; Kenneth J. Mallette, Maryland Department of the Military Emergency Management Agency Executive Director, Reisterstown; and Barbara Donnellan, Arlington County Manager, on behalf of the Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments Chief Administrative Officers Committee Homeland Security Executive Committee, and James H. Schwartz, Arlington County Fire Department Chief, both of Arlington County, Virginia.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: Committee ordered favorably reported the following business items:

S. 1356, to amend the Workforce Investment Act of 1998 to strengthen the United States workforce development system through innovation in, and alignment and improvement of, employment, training, and education programs in the United States, and to promote individual and national economic growth, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute; and

The nominations of Robert F. Cohen, Jr., of West Virginia, and William Ira Althen, of Virginia, both to be a Member of the Federal Mine Safety and Health Review Commission, and Catherine Elizabeth Lhamon, of California, to be Assistant Secretary of Education for Civil Rights.

INDIAN AFFAIRS LEGISLATION

Committee on Indian Affairs: Committee concluded a hearing to examine S. 235, to provide for the conveyance of certain property located in Anchorage, Alaska, from the United States to the Alaska Native Tribal Health Consortium, S. 920, to allow the Fond du Lac Band of Lake Superior Chippewa in the State of Minnesota to lease or transfer certain land, and S. 1352, the Native American Housing Assistance and Self-determination Reauthorization Act of 2013, after receiving testimony from Robert McSwain, Deputy Director for Management Operations, Indian Health Service, Department of Health and Human Services; Sarah Harris, Chief of Staff, Assistant Secretary—Indian Affairs, Department of the Interior; Sandra B. Henriquez, Public and Indian Housing, Department of Housing and Urban Development; Andy Teuber, Alaska Native Tribal Health Consortium, Anchorage; and Jefferson Keel, National Congress of American Indians, Washington, DC.

STRENGTHENING PRIVACY RIGHTS AND NATIONAL SECURITY

Committee on the Judiciary: Committee concluded a hearing to examine strengthening privacy rights and national security, focusing on oversight of the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act (FISA) surveillance programs, after receiving testimony from James M. Cole, Deputy Attorney General, and Sean M. Joyce, Deputy Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation, both of the Department of Justice; John C. Inglis, Deputy Director, National Security Agency; Robert S. Litt, General Counsel, Office of the Director of National Intelligence; James G. Carr, Senior United States District Judge for the Northern District of Ohio; Jameel Jaffer, American Civil Liberties Union Foundation, New York, New York; and Stewart A. Baker, Steptoe and Johnson LLP, Washington, DC.

PRESERVING RIGHTS IN THE FINANCIAL MARKETPLACE

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: Committee concluded a hearing to examine preserving the rights of servicemembers, veterans, and their families in the financial marketplace, after receiving testimony from Hollister K. Petraeus, Assistant Director, Office of Servicemember Affairs, Consumer Financial Protection Bureau; Colonel Paul Kantwill, Director, Office of Legal Policy, Office of the Under Secretary of Defense for Personnel and Readiness; Eric Halperin, Acting Deputy Assistant Attorney General, Civil Rights Division, Department of Justice; and Paul M. Leonard, Financial Services Roundtable Housing Policy Council, Washington, DC.