

Matthew T. Harrington, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to the Kingdom of Lesotho.

Anne W. Patterson, of Virginia, to be Assistant Secretary of State (Near Eastern Affairs).

Pamela K. Hamamoto, of Hawaii, to be Representative of the United States of America to the Office of the United Nations and Other International Organizations in Geneva, with the rank of Ambassador.

Sarah Sewall, of Massachusetts, to be an Under Secretary of State (Civilian Security, Democracy, and Human Rights).

Richard F. Griffin, Jr., of the District of Columbia, to be General Counsel of the National Labor Relations Board for a term of four years.

Stevan Eaton Bunnell, of the District of Columbia, to be General Counsel, Department of Homeland Security.

Patrick Pizzella, of Virginia, to be a Member of the Federal Labor Relations Authority for a term of five years expiring July 1, 2015.

Suzanne Eleanor Spaulding, of Virginia, to be Under Secretary, Department of Homeland Security.

Peter Joseph Kadzik, of New York, to be an Assistant Attorney General.

Linda A. Schwartz, of Connecticut, to be Assistant Secretary of Veterans Affairs.

Dwight L. Bush, Sr., of the District of Columbia, to be Ambassador to the Kingdom of Morocco.

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Nomination Withdrawn: Senate received notification of withdrawal of the following nomination:

Lafe E. Solomon, of Maryland, to be General Counsel of the National Labor Relations Board for a term of four years, which was sent to the Senate on May 23, 2013.

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Record Votes: Three record votes were taken today. (Total—200) Page S6154, S6155, S6161

Adjournment: Senate convened at 9:30 a.m. and adjourned at 8:45 p.m., until 11:45 a.m. on Friday,

August 2, 2013. (For Senate’s program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today’s Record on page S6260.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Appropriations: Committee ordered favorably reported an original bill (S. 1429) making appropriations for the Department of Defense for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2014.

POLITICAL STATUS OF PUERTO RICO

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the November 6, 2012 referendum on the political status of Puerto Rico and the Administration’s response, after receiving testimony from Representative Pierluisi; Commonwealth of Puerto Rico Governor Alejandro Garcia-Padilla, Popular Democratic Party, and Ruben Berrios Martinez, Puerto Rican Independence Party, both of San Juan, Puerto Rico.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee ordered favorably reported the following business items:

S. 1386, to provide for enhanced embassy security, with amendments; and

The nominations of Steve A. Linick, of Virginia, to be Inspector General, Matthew Winthrop Barzun, of Kentucky, to be Ambassador to the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, David Hale, of New Jersey, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Lebanon, Liliana Ayalde, of Maryland, to be Ambassador to the Federative Republic of Brazil, Evan Ryan, of Virginia, to be Assistant Secretary for Educational and Cultural Affairs, Kirk W.B. Wagar, of Florida, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Singapore, Daniel A. Sepulveda, of Florida, to be Deputy Assistant Secretary for International Communications and Information Policy in the Bureau of Economic, Energy, and Business Affairs and U.S. Coordinator for International Communications and Information Policy, Terence Patrick McCulley, of Washington, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Cote d’Ivoire, James C. Swan, of California, to be Ambassador to the Democratic Republic of the Congo, John R. Phillips, of the District of Columbia, to be Ambassador to the Italian Republic, and to serve concurrently and without additional compensation as Ambassador to the Republic of San Marino, Kenneth Francis Hackett, of Maryland, to be Ambassador to the Holy See, and Alexa Lange Wesner, of Texas, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Austria, all of the Department of State, and Ryan

Clark Crocker, of Washington, Matthew C. Armstrong, of Illinois, and Jeffrey Shell, of California, to be Chairman, all to be a Member of the Broadcasting Board of Governors.

POW/MIA ACCOUNTING

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: Subcommittee on Financial and Contracting Oversight concluded a hearing to examine Prisoner of War (POW) and Missing in Action (MIA) accounting, after receiving testimony from Major General Kelly McKeague, Commander, Joint POW/MIA Accounting Command, Major General W. Montague Winfield, USA (Ret.), Deputy Assistant Secretary for Prisoner of War/Missing Personnel Affairs, and John A. Goines, III, Chief, Life Sciences Equipment Laboratory, Wright-Patterson AFB, all of the Department of Defense.

BUSINESS MEETING

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

S. 933, to amend title I of the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968 to extend the authorization of the Bulletproof Vest Partnership Grant Program through fiscal year 2018; and

The nominations of Patricia Ann Millett, of Virginia, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Dis-

trict of Columbia Circuit, Gregory Howard Woods, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of New York, Elizabeth A. Wolford, to be United States District Judge for the Western District of New York, and Debra M. Brown, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of Mississippi.

Also, committee began markup of S. 987, to maintain the free flow of information to the public by providing conditions for the federally compelled disclosure of information by certain persons connected with the news media but did not complete action thereon, and will meet again on Thursday, September 12, 2013.

HUMAN COST OF REGULATORY PARALYSIS

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Oversight, Federal Rights and Agency Action concluded a hearing to examine the human cost of regulatory paralysis, after receiving testimony from Rena Steinzor, University of Maryland Carey School of Law, Baltimore; Sam Batkins, American Action Forum, and Peg Seminario, AFL-CIO, both of Washington, D.C.; Patrick K. McLaughlin, George Mason University Mercatus Center, Arlington, Virginia; and Janette E. Fennell, KidsAndCars.org, Bala Cynwyd, Pennsylvania.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 78 public bills, 2900–2977; and 9 resolutions, H.J. Res. 55–57; H. Con. Res. 48–50; and H. Res. 323–325 were introduced. **Pages H5341–45**

Additional Cosponsors: **Pages H5347–49**

Reports Filed: There were no reports filed today.

Speaker: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he appointed Representative Huizenga to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. **Page H5265**

Recess: The House recessed at 10:55 a.m. and reconvened at 12 noon. **Page H5271**

Energy Consumers Relief Act of 2013: The House passed H.R. 1582, to protect consumers by prohibiting the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency from promulgating as final certain energy-related rules that are estimated to cost more than \$1 billion and will cause significant adverse effects to the economy, by a recorded vote of 232 ayes

to 181 noes, Roll No. 432. Consideration of the measure began yesterday, July 31st. **Pages H5285–93**

Rejected the Capps motion to recommit the bill to the Committee on Energy and Commerce with instructions to report the same back to the House forthwith with an amendment, by a recorded vote of 188 ayes to 221 noes, Roll No. 431. **Pages H5291–92**

Agreed to:

Woodall amendment (No. 4 printed in part B of H. Rept. 113–174) that requires EPA to make publicly available all data and documents relied upon by the Agency to develop estimates under the bill and

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Murphy (PA) amendment (No. 6 printed in part B of H. Rept. 113–174) that prohibits the EPA from using the “social cost of carbon” valuation affected by this bill (by a recorded vote of 234 ayes to 178 noes, Roll No. 430). **Pages H5286–88, H5290–91**

Rejected:

Waxman amendment (No. 1 printed in part B of H. Rept. 113–174) that was debated on July 31st