

controlled between the two Leaders, or their designees; and that the filing deadline for second-degree amendments be 9:30 a.m., on Wednesday, April 2, 2014. **Page S2041**

Message from the President: Senate received the following message from the President of the United States:

Transmitting, pursuant to law, the President’s report to Congress relative to the Secretary of the Interior’s certification under section 8 of the Fisherman’s Protective Act of 1967, as amended (the “Pelly Amendment”) (22 U.S.C. 1978) that nationals of Iceland have conducted whaling activities that diminish the effectiveness of the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora (CITES); which was referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation. (PM–37) **Pages S1918–19**

Malinowski, Wu and Birx Nominations—Agreement: A unanimous-consent-time agreement was reached providing that on Wednesday, April 2, 2014, at a time to be determined by the Majority Leader, in consultation with the Republican Leader, Senate begin consideration of the nominations of Tomasz P. Malinowski, of the District of Columbia, to be Assistant Secretary of State for Democracy, Human Rights, and Labor, Portia Y. Wu, of the District of Columbia, to be an Assistant Secretary of Labor, and Deborah L. Birx, of Maryland, to be Ambassador at Large and Coordinator of United States Government Activities to Combat HIV/AIDS Globally; that there be 2 minutes for debate equally divided in the usual form on each nomination; that upon the use or yielding back of time, Senate vote, without intervening action or debate, on confirmation of the nominations in the order listed; that all roll call votes after the first be 10 minutes in length; that no further motions be in order; and the Senate then resume legislative session. **Pages S1895, S2041**

Nominations Confirmed: Senate confirmed the following nominations:

By a unanimous vote of 99 yeas (Vote No. EX. 94), Kevin Whitaker, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Colombia. **Pages S1896, S2041–42**

By 99 yeas to 1 nay (Vote No. EX. 95), John P. Carlin, of New York, to be an Assistant Attorney General. **Pages S1897, S2042**

Christopher P. Lu, of Virginia, to be Deputy Secretary of Labor. **Pages S1897, S2042**

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Record Votes: Two record votes were taken today. (Total—95) **Pages S1896–97**

Adjournment: Senate convened at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 7:11 p.m., until 9 a.m. on Wednesday, April 2, 2014. (For Senate’s program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today’s Record on page S2041.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION REQUEST AND FUTURE YEARS DEFENSE PROGRAM

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Emerging Threats and Capabilities concluded opened and closed hearings to examine proliferation prevention programs at the Department of Energy and at the Department of Defense in review of the Defense Authorization Request for fiscal year 2015 and the Future Years Defense Program, after receiving testimony from Anne M. Harrington, Deputy Administrator for Defense Nuclear Nonproliferation, National Nuclear Security Administration, Department of Energy; Rebecca K. C. Hersman, Deputy Assistant Secretary for Countering Weapons of Mass Destruction, and Kenneth A. Myers III, Director of the Defense Threat Reduction Agency, and Director of the United States Strategic Command Center for Combating Weapons of Mass Destruction, both of the Department of Defense; Michael L. Lansdown, Deputy National Intelligence Officer for Weapons of Mass Destruction and Chemical Warfare, Office of the Director of National Intelligence; and Simon G. Limage, Deputy Assistant Secretary of State for Nonproliferation Programs, Bureau of International Security and Nonproliferation.

OPPORTUNITY, MOBILITY, AND INEQUALITY IN TODAY’S ECONOMY

Committee on the Budget: Committee concluded a hearing to examine opportunity, mobility, and inequality in today’s economy, after receiving testimony from Joseph E. Stiglitz, Columbia University, New York,

New York; Raj Chetty, Harvard University, Cambridge, Massachusetts; and Keith Hall, George Mason University Mercatus Center, Arlington, Virginia.

SATELLITE TELEVISION EXTENSION AND LOCALISM ACT

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Subcommittee on Communications, Technology, and the Internet concluded a hearing to examine reauthorization of the “Satellite Television Extension and Localism Act”, after receiving testimony from William Lake, Bureau Chief, Media Bureau, Federal Communications Commission; Gordon Smith, National Association of Broadcasters, Michael K. Powell, National Cable and Telecommunications Association, and Matthew F. Wood, Free Press, all of Washington, D.C.; Michael W. Palkovic, DIRECTV, El Segundo, California; and Tom Rogers, TiVo Inc., New York, New York.

BUSINESS MEETING

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

Protocol Amending the Convention between the United States of America and the Swiss Confederation for the Avoidance of Double Taxation With Respect to Taxes on Income, signed at Washington October 2, 1996, signed September 23, 2009, at Washington, with a related agreement effected by an exchange of notes September 23, 2009, as corrected by an exchange of notes effected November 16, 2010 (Treaty Doc. 112–1);

Protocol Amending the Convention between the Government of the United States of America and the Government of the Grand Duchy of Luxembourg for the Avoidance of Double Taxation and the Prevention of Fiscal Evasion with Respect to Taxes on Income and Capital, signed at Luxembourg May 20, 2009, with a related agreement effected by exchange of notes May 20, 2009 (Treaty Doc. 111–8);

Convention between the Government of the United States of America and the Government of the Republic of Hungary for the Avoidance of Double Taxation and the Prevention of Fiscal Evasion with Respect to Taxes on Income, signed at Budapest February 4, 2010, with a related agreement effected by exchange of notes February 4, 2010 (Treaty Doc. 111–7);

Convention Between the Government of the United States of America and the Government of the Republic of Chile for the Avoidance of Double Taxation and the Prevention of Fiscal Evasion with Respect to Taxes on Income and Capital, signed at Washington February 4, 2010, with a Protocol and a related agreement effected by exchange of notes February 4, 2010, as corrected by exchanges of notes

effected February 25, 2011, and February 10 and 21, 2012 (Treaty Doc. 112–8);

Protocol Amending the Convention on Mutual Administrative Assistance in Tax Matters, done at Paris May 27, 2010 (Treaty Doc. 112–5); and

S. Res. 384, expressing the sense of the Senate concerning the humanitarian crisis in Syria and neighboring countries, resulting humanitarian and development challenges, and the urgent need for a political solution to the crisis.

CATERPILLAR OFFSHORE TAX STRATEGY

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: Permanent Subcommittee on Investigations concluded a hearing to examine Caterpillar’s offshore tax strategy, after receiving testimony from Bret Wells, University of Houston Law Center, Houston, Texas; Reuven S. Avi-Yonah, University of Michigan Law School International Tax Master of Law Program, Ann Arbor; Thomas F. Quinn, Chicago, Illinois, James Bowers, Dallas, Texas, and Steven Williams, McLean, Virginia, all of PricewaterhouseCoopers LLC; and Julie A. Lagacy, Robin D. Beran, and Rodney Perkins, all of Caterpillar Inc., Peoria, Illinois.

PAYCHECK FAIRNESS ACT

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: Committee concluded a hearing to examine S. 84, to amend the Fair Labor Standards Act of 1938 to provide more effective remedies to victims of discrimination in the payment of wages on the basis of sex, after receiving testimony from Deborah Thompson Eisenberg, University of Maryland Francis King Carey School of Law, Baltimore; ReShonda Young, Alpha Express, Inc, Waterloo, Iowa; Camille A. Olson, Seyfarth Shaw LLP, Chicago, Illinois, on behalf of the U.S. Chamber of Commerce; and Kerri Sleeman, Hancock, Michigan.

NOMINATIONS

Committee on the Judiciary: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of Beth Bloom, and Darrin P. Gayles, both to be a United States District Judge for the Southern District of Florida, and Paul G. Byron, and Carlos Eduardo Mendoza, both to be a United States District Judge for the Middle District of Florida, after the nominees, who were all introduced by Senators Nelson and Rubio, testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

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.