

p.m., on Thursday, June 26, 2014, Senate begin consideration of the following nominations: Stuart E. Jones, of Virginia, a Career Member of the Senior Foreign Service, Class of Career Minister, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Iraq, Robert Stephen Beecroft, of California, a Career Member of the Senior Foreign Service, Class of Minister-Counselor, to be Ambassador to the Arab Republic of Egypt, Karen Dynan, of Maryland, to be an Assistant Secretary of the Treasury, Esther Puakela Kia'aina, of Hawaii, to be an Assistant Secretary of the Interior, Vincent G. Logan, of New York, to be Special Trustee, Office of Special Trustee for American Indians, Department of the Interior, and Jo Emily Handelsman, of Connecticut, to be an Associate Director of the Office of Science and Technology Policy; 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. **Page S4089**

Nominations Confirmed: Senate confirmed the following nominations:

Jessica Garfola Wright, of Pennsylvania, to be Under Secretary of Defense for Personnel and Readiness. **Pages S3991, S4092**

Jamie Michael Morin, of Michigan, to be Director of Cost Assessment and Program Evaluation, Department of Defense. **Pages S3991, S4092**

Thomas P. Kelly III, of California, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Djibouti. **Pages S3991, S4092**

4 Air Force nominations in the rank of general.
89 Army nominations in the rank of general.

11 Marine Corps nominations in the rank of general.

29 Navy nominations in the rank of admiral.
Routine lists in the Air Force, Army, and Navy.

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Record Votes: Three record votes were taken today. (Total—214) **Page S3982**

Adjournment: Senate convened at 9:30 a.m. and adjourned at 4:39 p.m., until 9:30 a.m. on Thursday, June 26, 2014. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today's Record on page S4092.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

U.S. NUCLEAR DETERRENCE POLICY

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Strategic Forces received a closed briefing on United States nuclear deterrence policy from Gary Samore, Harvard University John F. Kennedy School of Government Belfer Center for Science and International Affairs, Cambridge, Massachusetts; Keith B. Payne, National Institute for Public Policy, Fairfax, Virginia; and Paul J. Bracken, Yale School of Management, New Haven, Connecticut.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: Committee ordered favorably reported the nominations of Julian Castro, of Texas, to be Secretary of Housing and Urban Development, and Laura S. Wertheimer, of the District of Columbia, to be Inspector General of the Federal Housing Finance Agency.

FINANCIAL STABILITY OVERSIGHT COUNCIL ANNUAL REPORT TO CONGRESS

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the Financial Stability Oversight Council annual report to Congress, after receiving testimony from Jacob J. Lew, Secretary of the Treasury.

YOUNG WORKERS AND RECENT GRADUATES

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: Subcommittee on Economic Policy concluded a hearing to examine young workers and recent graduates in the United States economy, after receiving testimony from Emma Kallaway, Oregon Student Association, Portland; Rory O'Sullivan, Young Invincibles, Washington, D.C.; Heidi Shierholz, Economic Policy Institute, Silver Spring, Maryland; and Keith Hall, George Mason University Mercatus Center, Oakton, Virginia.

IMPROVING AVIATION SAFETY AND EFFICIENCY

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Subcommittee on Aviation Operations, Safety, and Security concluded a hearing to examine NextGen, focusing on a review of progress, challenges, and opportunities for improving aviation safety and efficiency, after receiving testimony from Michael G. Whitaker, Deputy Administrator, Federal Aviation Administration, and Matthew E. Hampton, Assistant Inspector General for Aviation Audits, both of the Department of Transportation; Paul Rinaldi, National Air Traffic Controllers Association, Washington, DC; and Gary Beck, Alaska Airlines, Seattle, Washington.

NEXUS OF ENERGY AND WATER FOR SUSTAINABILITY ACT

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Subcommittee on Water and Power concluded a hearing to examine S. 1971, to establish an interagency coordination committee or subcommittee with the leadership of the Department of Energy and the Department of the Interior, focused on the nexus between energy and water production, use, and efficiency, after receiving testimony from Jonathan Pershing, Principal Deputy Director, Office of Energy Policy and Systems Analysis, Department of Energy; Tom Iseman, Deputy Assistant Secretary of the Interior for Water and Science; Nicole T. Carter, Specialist in Natural Resources Policy, Congressional Research Service, Library of Congress; Anda Ray, Electric Power Research Institute, Palo Alto, California; and Mary Ann Dickinson, Alliance for Water Efficiency, Chicago, Illinois.

NOMINATIONS

Committee on Finance: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of D. Nathan Sheets, of Maryland, to be Under Secretary, and Ramin Toloui, of Iowa, to be Deputy Under Secretary, both of the Department of the Treasury, and Maria Cancian, of Wisconsin, to be Assistant Secretary of Health and Human Services for Family Support, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

TRADE ENFORCEMENT

Committee on Finance: Committee concluded a hearing to examine trade enforcement, focusing on using trade rules to level the playing field for United States companies and workers, after receiving testimony from Kevin J. Brosch, BroschTrade, LLC, Washington, D.C., on behalf of the National Chicken Council; Richard Wilkins, American Soybean Association, Greenwood, Delaware; Bart Peterson, Eli Lilly and Company, Indianapolis, Indiana; and Leo W. Gerard, United Steelworkers, and Mario Longhi,

United States Steel Corporation, both of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

U.S.-CHINA RELATIONS

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the future of United States-China relations, after receiving testimony from Daniel Russel, Assistant Secretary of State for East Asian and Pacific Affairs; J. Stapleton Roy, Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars, Washington, DC; and Aaron L. Friedberg, Princeton University, Princeton, New Jersey.

BUSINESS MEETING

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

S. 2521, Federal Information Security Modernization Act of 2014;

S. 2519, National Cybersecurity and Communications Integration Center Act of 2014, with an amendment;

H.R. 1232, to amend titles 40, 41, and 44, United States Code, to eliminate duplication and waste in information technology acquisition and management, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 1691, to amend title 5, United States Code, to improve the security of the United States border and to provide for reforms and rates of pay for border patrol agents, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

H.R. 4194, to provide for the elimination or modification of Federal reporting requirements, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 2061, to prevent conflicts of interest relating to contractors providing background investigation fieldwork services and investigative support services, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 231, to reauthorize the Multinational Species Conservation Funds Semipostal Stamp;

S. 1214, to require the purchase of domestically made flags of the United States of America for use by the Federal Government;

S. 2117, to amend title 5, United States Code, to change the default investment fund under the Thrift Savings Plan, S. 1347, to provide transparency, accountability, and limitations of Government sponsored conferences;

H.R. 1376, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 369 Martin Luther King Jr. Drive in Jersey City, New Jersey, as the "Judge Shirley A. Tolentino Post Office Building";

H.R. 1813, to redesignate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 162 Northeast Avenue in Tallmadge, Ohio, as the “Lance Corporal Daniel Nathan Deyarmin, Jr., Post Office Building”;

S. 2056, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 13127 Broadway Street in Alden, New York, as the “Sergeant Brett E. Gornewicz Memorial Post Office”;

S. 2057, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 198 Baker Street in Corning, New York, as the “Specialist Ryan P. Jayne Post Office Building”; and

The nomination of Shaun L. S. Donovan, of New York, to be Director of the Office of Management and Budget.

BUSINESS MEETING

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

S. 2449, to reauthorize certain provisions of the Public Health Service Act relating to autism, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute; and

The nominations of William D. Adams, of Maine, to be Chairperson of the National Endowment for the Humanities, and Robert M. Gordon, of the District of Columbia, to be Assistant Secretary of Education for Planning, Evaluation, and Policy Development.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Committee on Indian Affairs: Committee concluded an oversight hearing to examine economic development, focusing on encouraging investment in Indian country, after receiving testimony from Dennis Nolan, Acting Director, Community Development Financial Institutions Fund, Department of the Treasury; Gary Davis, The National Center for American Indian Enterprise Development, Mesa, Arizona; William M. Lettig, KeyBank, Bellevue, Washington; Gerald Sherman, Native CDFI Network, Roscoe, Montana; Kevin J. Allis, Native American Contractors Associa-

tion and Potawatomi Business Development Corporation, Washington, DC; and Sherry L. Rupert, American Indian Alaska Native Tourism Association, Albuquerque, New Mexico.

VOTING RIGHTS ACT

Committee on the Judiciary: Committee concluded a hearing to examine S. 1945, to amend the Voting Rights Act of 1965 to revise the criteria for determining which States and political subdivisions are subject to section 4 of the Act, focusing on updating the “Voting Rights Act” in response to *Shelby County v. Holder*, after receiving testimony from Texas State Senator Sylvia R. Garcia, Houston; Michael A. Carvin, Jones Day, Abigail Thernstrom, American Enterprise Institute, and Sherrilyn Ifill, NAACP Legal Defense and Educational Fund, Inc., all of Washington, DC; and Francys Johnson, Georgia NAACP, Statesboro.

EARLY AND ABSENTEE VOTING

Committee on Rules and Administration: Committee concluded a hearing to examine how early and absentee voting can benefit citizens and administrators, focusing on election administration, after receiving testimony from Kate Brown, Oregon Secretary of State, Salem; John C. Fortier, Bipartisan Policy Center, Washington, DC; Rhonda Whiting, Western Native Voice Board of Directors, Missoula, Montana; and Larry Lomax, former Clark County Registrar, Las Vegas, Nevada.

BRAIN INJURIES AND DISEASES

Special Committee on Aging: Committee concluded a hearing to examine brain injuries and diseases of aging, after receiving testimony from Christopher Nowinski, Sports Legacy Institute, and Robert A. Stern, Boston University School of Medicine, both of Boston, Massachusetts; Jacob W. VanLandingham, Tallahassee Memorial HealthCare and Florida State University College of Medicine, Tallahassee; and Ben Utecht, Minneapolis, Minnesota.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 19 public bills, H.R. 4957–4975; and 11 resolutions, H. Con. Res. 104; and H. Res. 642–650 were introduced.

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Additional Cosponsors:

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Reports Filed: There were no reports filed today.

Speaker: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he appointed Representative Ros-Lehtinen to act as Speaker pro tempore for today.

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Recess: The House recessed at 10:49 a.m. and reconvened at 12 noon.

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