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Adjournment: Senate convened at 9:30 a.m. and adjourned at 7:26 p.m., until 9:30 a.m. on Thursday, July 31, 2014. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S5157.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Armed Services: Committee ordered favorably reported the nominations of Jessie Hill Roberson, of Alabama, and Daniel J. Santos, of Virginia, both to be a Member of the Defense Nuclear Facilities Safety Board, and 2,132 nominations in the Army, Navy, and Air Force.

UKRAINE

Committee on Armed Services: Committee received a closed briefing on the situation in Ukraine from Derek H. Chollet, Assistant Secretary for International Security Affairs, Don DeLeon, Senior Defense Intelligence Expert for Russia/Eurasia, Defense Intelligence Agency, and Vice Admiral Frank Pandolfe, Director, Strategic Plans and Policy, J–5, Joint Staff, all of the Department of Defense.

FLOOD INSURANCE CLAIMS

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: Subcommittee on Housing, Transportation and Community Development concluded a hearing to examine the flood insurance claims process in communities after Sandy, focusing on lessons learned and potential improvements, after receiving testimony from Craig Fugate, Administrator, Federal Emergency Management Agency, Department of Homeland Security; Donald L. Griffin, Property Casualty Insurers Association of America, Chicago, Illinois; and Maryann Flanigan, Legal Services of New Jersey Hurricane Sandy Legal Assistance Project, Edison.

WIRELESS PHONE BILLS

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Committee concluded a hearing to examine wireless phone bills, focusing on a review of consumer protection practices and gaps, after receiving testimony from Terrell McSweeney, Commissioner, Federal Trade Commission; Travis LeBlanc, Acting Chief, Enforcement Bureau, Federal Communications Commission; Vermont Attorney General William H. Sorrell, Montpelier; and Michael F. Altschul, CTIA—The Wireless Association, Washington, DC.

PUBLIC LANDS, FORESTS, AND MINING BILLS

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Subcommittee on Public Lands, Forests, and Mining concluded a hearing to examine S. 1049 and H.R. 2166, bills to direct the Secretary of the Interior and Secretary of Agriculture to expedite access to certain Federal lands under the administrative jurisdiction of each Secretary for good Samaritan search-and-recovery missions, S. 1437, to provide for the release of the reversionary interest held by the United States in certain land conveyed in 1954 by the United States, acting through the Director of the Bureau of Land Management, to the State of Oregon for the establishment of the Hermiston Agricultural Research and Extension Center of Oregon State University in Hermiston, Oregon, S. 1554, to direct the heads of Federal public land management agencies to prepare reports on the availability of public access and egress to Federal public land for hunting, fishing, and other recreational purposes, to amend the Land and Water Conservation Fund Act of 1965 to provide funding for recreational public access to Federal land, S. 1605, for the relief of Michael G. Faber, S. 1640, to facilitate planning, permitting, administration, implementation, and monitoring of pinyon-juniper dominated landscape restoration projects within Lincoln County, Nevada, S. 1888 and H.R. 1241, bills to facilitate a land exchange involving certain National Forest System lands in the Inyo National Forest, S. 2123, to authorize the exchange of certain Federal land and non-Federal land in the State of Minnesota, S. 2616, to require the Secretary of the Interior to convey certain Federal land to Idaho County in the State of Idaho, H.R. 1684, to convey certain property to the State of Wyoming to consolidate the historic Ranch A, and H.R. 3008, to provide for the conveyance of a small parcel of National Forest System land in Los Padres National Forest in California, after receiving testimony from Ed Roberson, Assistant Director, Resources and Planning, Bureau of Land Management, Department of the Interior; and Gregory Smith, Acting Associate

Deputy Chief, National Forest System, Forest Service, Department of Agriculture.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Environment and Public Works: Committee ordered favorably reported the following business items:

S. 1463, to amend the Lacey Act Amendments of 1981 to prohibit importation, exportation, transportation, sale, receipt, acquisition, and purchase in interstate or foreign commerce, or in a manner substantially affecting interstate or foreign commerce, of any live animal of any prohibited wildlife species;

Corps of Engineers Study Resolution relating to San Francisco Bay to Stockton Navigation Channels, California;

General Services Administration resolutions; and

The nominations of Jane Toshiko Nishida, of Maryland, and Ann Elizabeth Dunkin, of California, both to be an Assistant Administrator, both of the Environmental Protection Agency, and Manuel H. Ehrlich, Jr., of New Jersey, to be a Member of the Chemical Safety and Hazard Investigation.

THE AFRICAN GROWTH AND OPPORTUNITY ACT

Committee on Finance: Committee concluded a hearing to examine “The African Growth and Opportunity Act” at 14, focusing on the road ahead, after receiving testimony from Michael Froman, Ambassador, United States Trade Representative.

BUSINESS MEETING

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

H.R. 4007, to recodify and reauthorize the Chemical Facility Anti-Terrorism Standards Program, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 1618, to enhance the Office of Personnel Management background check system for the granting, denial, or revocation of security clearances or access to classified information of employees and contractors of the Federal Government, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 1347, to provide transparency, accountability, and limitations of Government sponsored conferences, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 2640, to amend title 44, United States Code, to require information on contributors to Presidential library fundraising organizations;

S. 2323, to amend chapter 21 of title 5, United States Code, to provide that fathers of certain permanently disabled or deceased veterans shall be included with mothers of such veterans as preference eligibles for treatment in the civil service;

S. 2651, to repeal certain mandates of the Department of Homeland Security Office of Inspector General, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

H.R. 4197, to amend title 5, United States Code, to extend the period of certain authority with respect to judicial review of Merit Systems Protection Board decisions relating to whistleblowers;

S. 2665, to amend the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act to provide eligibility for broadcasting facilities to receive certain disaster assistance;

S. 1898, to require adequate information regarding the tax treatment of payments under settlement agreements entered into by Federal agencies, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

H.R. 606, 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”;

H.R. 1671, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 6937 Village Parkway in Dublin, California, as the “James ‘Jim’ Kohnen Post Office”;

H.R. 2291, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 450 Lexington Avenue in New York, New York, as the “Vincent R. Sombrotto Post Office”;

H.R. 3472, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 13127 Broadway Street in Alden, New York, as the “Sergeant Brett E. Gorniewicz Memorial Post Office”;

H.R. 3765, 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 nominations of Joseph L. Nimmich, of Maryland, to be Deputy Administrator, Federal Emergency Management Agency, Department of Homeland Security, Anne E. Rung, of Pennsylvania, to be Administrator for Federal Procurement Policy, and James C. Miller, III, of Virginia, Stephen Crawford, of Maryland, David Michael Bennett, of North Carolina, and Victoria Reggie Kennedy, of Massachusetts, all to be a Governor of the United States Postal Service.

PAID FAMILY LEAVE

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: Subcommittee on Children and Families concluded a hearing to examine paid family leave, focusing on the benefits for businesses and working families, after receiving testimony from Jeannine Sato, Durham Connects, Durham, North Carolina; Victoria S.

Shabo, National Partnership for Women and Families, Washington, DC; Kevin Trapani, The Redwoods Group, Morrisville, North Carolina; and Maryella Gockel, Ernst and Young LLP, Secaucus, New Jersey.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Indian Affairs: Committee ordered favorably reported the following business items:

S. 1948, to promote the academic achievement of American Indian, Alaska Native, and Native Hawaiian children with the establishment of a Native American language grant program, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 2299, to amend the Native American Programs Act of 1974 to reauthorize a provision to ensure the survival and continuing vitality of Native American languages, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 2442, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to take certain land and mineral rights on the reservation of the Northern Cheyenne Tribe of Montana and other culturally important land into trust for the benefit of the Northern Cheyenne Tribe, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 2465, to require the Secretary of the Interior to take into trust 4 parcels of Federal land for the benefit of certain Indian Pueblos in the State of New Mexico, with an amendment;

S. 2479, to provide for a land conveyance in the State of Nevada, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 2480, to require the Secretary of the Interior to convey certain Federal land to Elko County, Nevada, and to take land into trust for certain Indian tribes, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute; and

H.R. 4002, to revoke the charter of incorporation of the Miami Tribe of Oklahoma at the request of that tribe.

NATURAL DISASTERS IN INDIAN COUNTRY

Committee on Indian Affairs: Committee concluded an oversight hearing to examine responses to natural disasters in Indian country, after receiving testimony from Elizabeth Zimmerman, Deputy Associate Administrator, Office of Response and Recovery, Federal Emergency Management Agency, Department of Homeland Security; Governor J. Michael Chavarria,

Santa Clara Pueblo, Espanola, New Mexico; Ronda Metcalf, Sauk-Suiattle Indian Tribal Council, Darrington, Washington; Matt Gregory, Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma, Durant; Mary David, Kawerak, Inc., Nome, Alaska; and Jake Heflin, Tribal Emergency Management Association, Reno, Nevada.

VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN ACT

Committee on the Judiciary: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the next steps for the “Violence Against Women Act” (VAWA), focusing on protecting women from gun violence, including S. 1290, to protect victims of stalking from gun violence, and S. 2483, to amend title 18, United States Code, to protect more victims of domestic violence by preventing their abusers from possessing or receiving firearms, after receiving testimony from Seamus McCaffery, Supreme Court of Pennsylvania Justice, Harrisburg; Jacquelyn Campbell, Johns Hopkins University School of Nursing, Baltimore, Maryland; Joyce Lee Malcolm, George Mason University School of Law, Arlington, Virginia; Christopher Schmaling, Racine County Sheriff, Racine, Wisconsin; and Elvin Daniel, McHenry, Illinois.

CONTACT LENS INDUSTRY

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Antitrust, Competition Policy and Consumer Rights concluded a hearing to examine pricing policies and competition in the contact lens industry, after receiving testimony from R. Joe Zeidner, 1-800 CONTACTS, Draper, Utah; Millicent L. Knight, Johnson and Johnson Vision Care Inc., Jacksonville, Florida; David A. Cockrell, American Optometric Association, Stillwater, Oklahoma; and George Slover, Consumers Union, Washington, DC.

MEDICARE OBSERVATION STATUS ON SENIORS

Special Committee on Aging: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the impact of Medicare observation status on seniors, after receiving testimony from Ann M. Sheehy, University of Wisconsin School of Medicine and Public Health, Madison, on behalf of the Society of Hospital Medicine; Bob Armstrong, St. Mary’s Health System, Lewiston, Maine; Marna Borgstrom, Yale-New Haven Health System, New Haven, Connecticut; Toby S. Edelman, Center for Medicare Advocacy, Inc., Boston, Massachusetts; and Sylvia C. Engler, Framingham, Massachusetts.