

considered expired, and Senate vote on confirmation of the nominations in the order listed; and that there be two minutes for debate prior to each vote, and all roll call votes after the first vote in each sequence be 10 minutes in length. **Pages S6295–96**

Orr and Hezir Nominations—Agreement: A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that all post-cloture time on the nominations of Franklin M. Orr, Jr., of California, to be Under Secretary for Science, Department of Energy, and Joseph S. Hezir, of Virginia, to be Chief Financial Officer, Department of Energy, be considered expired; and that the votes on confirmation of those nominations occur at 10 a.m., on Thursday, December 4, 2014. **Page S6293**

Nominations Confirmed: Senate confirmed the following nominations:

By 93 yeas to 2 nays (Vote No. EX. 301), Charlotte A. Burrows, of the District of Columbia, to be a Member of the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission for a term expiring July 1, 2019. **Pages S6313, S6273–75**

By 53 yeas to 43 nays (Vote No. EX. 302), P. David Lopez, of Arizona, to be General Counsel of the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission for a term of four years. **Pages S6313, S6275–77**

David J. Hale, of Kentucky, to be United States District Judge for the Western District of Kentucky. **Pages S6313, S6277, S6292**

During consideration of this nomination today, Senate also took the following action:

By 65 yeas to 31 nays (Vote No. 303), Senate agreed to the motion to close further debate on the nomination. **Page S6277**

Mark A. Kearney, of Pennsylvania, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania. **Pages S6277–78, S6313, S6278, S6292**

During consideration of this nomination today, Senate also took the following action:

By 60 yeas to 36 nays (Vote No. 304), Senate agreed to the motion to close further debate on the nomination. **Pages S6277–78**

Gerald J. Pappert, of Pennsylvania, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania. **Pages S6313, S6278–92**

During consideration of this nomination today, Senate also took the following action:

By 67 yeas to 28 nays (Vote No. 305), Senate agreed to the motion to close further debate on the nomination. **Page S6278**

Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

Routine lists in the Air Force, Army, and Navy. **Pages S6308–13**

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Record Votes: Seven record votes were taken today. (Total—307) **Pages S6275–78, S6292–93**

Adjournment: Senate convened at 9:30 a.m. and adjourned at 7:44 p.m., until 9:30 a.m. on Thursday, December 4, 2014. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S6308.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

FARMERS AND FRESH WATER

Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry: Committee concluded a hearing to examine farmers and fresh water, focusing on voluntary conservation to protect our land and waters, after receiving testimony from Jason Weller, Chief, Natural Resources Conservation Service, Department of Agriculture; Trudy D. Fisher, Mississippi Department of Environmental Quality former Executive Director, Ridgeland; Mayor D. Michael Collins, Toledo, Ohio; Kristin Weeks Duncanson, Duncanson Growers, Mapleton, Minnesota; Marty D. Matlock, University of Arkansas Office for Sustainability, Fayetteville; and Sean McMahon, Iowa Agriculture Water Alliance, Ankeny.

NOMINATIONS

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of Mark R. Rosekind, of California, to be Administrator of the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, and Carlos A. Monje, Jr., of Louisiana, to be Assistant Secretary for Transportation Policy, both of the Department of Transportation, and Tho Dinh-Zarr, of Texas, to be a Member of the National Transportation Safety Board, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

FUKUSHIMA NEAR-TERM TASK FORCE RECOMMENDATIONS

Committee on Environment and Public Works: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the Nuclear Regulatory Commission's (NRC) implementation of the Fukushima Near-Term Task Force recommendations and other actions to enhance and maintain nuclear safety, after receiving testimony from Representative Capps; Allison M. MacFarlane, Chairman, and Kristine L. Svinicki, William C. Ostendorff, Jeff Baran, and Stephen G. Burns, each a Commissioner, all of the Nuclear Regulatory Commission; former California State Senator Sam Blakeslee, former Seismic Safety Commissioner, San Luis Obispo; Daniel Hirsch, University of California, Santa Cruz; and Tony Pietrangelo, Nuclear Energy Institute, Washington, DC.

NATURAL GAS VEHICLES

Committee on Finance: Subcommittee on Energy, Natural Resources, and Infrastructure concluded a hearing to examine natural gas vehicles, focusing on fueling American jobs, enhancing energy security, and achieving emissions benefits, after receiving testimony from Robert Carrick, Daimler Trucks North America, Portland, Oregon; Mike Whitlatch, United Parcel Service, Atlanta, Georgia; Joseph A. Calabrese, Greater Cleveland Regional Transit Authority, Cleveland, Ohio; Ron Jibson, Questar, Salt Lake City, Utah; Rich Kassel, Gladstein, Neandross and Associates, New York, New York; and Harrison Clay, Clean Energy Renewable Fuels, Newport Beach, California.

UMBRELLA MOVEMENT

Committee on Foreign Relations: Subcommittee on East Asian and Pacific Affairs concluded a hearing to examine evaluating the impact of the "Umbrella Movement", after receiving testimony from Daniel Russel, Assistant Secretary of State for East Asian and Pacific Affairs; and Richard C. Bush, The

Brookings Institution, and Sophie Richardson, Human Rights Watch, both of Washington, DC.

DISMANTLING IRAN'S NUCLEAR WEAPONS PROGRAM

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee concluded a hearing to examine dismantling Iran's nuclear weapons program, focusing on the next steps to achieve a comprehensive deal, after receiving testimony from David Albright, Institute for Science and International Security, and Michael Doran, Hudson Institute, both of Washington, DC; and Gary Samore, Harvard Kennedy School Belfer Center for Science and International Affairs, Cambridge, Massachusetts.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on the Judiciary: Committee ordered favorably reported the nomination of Sarah R. Saldana, of Texas, to be an Assistant Secretary of Homeland Security.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Rules and Administration: Committee ordered favorably reported the nominations of Matthew Vincent Masterson, of Ohio, and Christy A. McCormick, of Virginia, both to be a Member of the Election Assistance Commission.

HIGH COST OF TREATING VETERANS WITH HEPATITIS C

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the high cost of treating veterans with the Hepatitis C virus and the impact of the disease on the VA health care system, after receiving testimony from Michael Valentino, Veterans Health Administration Chief Consultant for Pharmacy Benefits Management, Department of Veterans Affairs; and John Rother, National Coalition on Health Care, and Robert Weissman, Public Citizen, both of Washington, DC.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 8 public bills, H.R. 5783–5790; and 1 resolution, H. Con. Res. 120, were introduced. **Page H8365**

Additional Cosponsors: **Pages H8365–66**

Reports Filed: Reports were filed today as follows:

H.R. 4971, to direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to conduct annual surveys of veterans on experiences obtaining hospital care and medical services from medical facilities of the Department of Veterans Affairs, and for other purposes, with an amendment (H. Rept. 113–645) and

H. Res. 770, providing for consideration of the Senate amendment to the bill (H.R. 3979) to amend