

Gary Stephen Katzmann, of Massachusetts, to be a Judge of the United States Court of International Trade.

Dax Eric Lopez, of Georgia, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of Georgia.

John Milton Younge, of Pennsylvania, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania.

Darryl L. DePriest, of Illinois, to be Chief Counsel for Advocacy, Small Business Administration.

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Nominations Withdrawn: Senate received notification of withdrawal of the following nominations:

Derek Tai-Ching Kan, of California, to be a Director of the Amtrak Board of Directors for a term of five years, which was sent to the Senate on July 13, 2015.

Earl L. Gay, of the District of Columbia, to be Deputy Director of the Office of Personnel Management, which was sent to the Senate on January 8, 2015.

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Record Votes: Two record votes were taken today. (Total—261) **Pages S6160–61, S6165–66**

Adjournment: Senate convened at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 5:51 p.m., until 10 a.m. on Friday, July 31, 2015. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today's Record on page S6209.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS WHISTLEBLOWER CLAIMS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Military Construction and Veterans Affairs, and Related Agencies concluded a hearing to examine whistleblower claims at the Department of Veterans Affairs, after receiving testimony from Linda A. Halliday, Deputy Inspector General, Office of the Inspector

General, and Katherine L. Mitchell, Veterans Integrated Service Network 18, Veterans Healthcare Administration, both of the Department of Veterans Affairs; Carolyn Lerner, Special Counsel, Office of Special Counsel; and Danielle Brian, Project on Government Oversight, and Lisa M. Nee, both of Washington, D.C.

NOMINATION

Committee on Armed Services: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nomination of Admiral John M. Richardson, USN, to be Chief of Naval Operations, after the nominee testified and answered questions in his own behalf.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Committee ordered favorably reported the following business items:

An original bill to provide for the modernization of the energy policy of the United States;

An original bill to provide for reforms of the administration of the Outer Continental Shelf of the United States;

S. 720, to promote energy savings in residential buildings and industry, with an amendment;

S. 583, to establish certain wilderness areas in central Idaho and to authorize various land conveyances involving National Forest System land and Bureau of Land Management land in central Idaho;

S. 1240, to designate the Cerro del Yuta and Rio San Antonio Wilderness Areas in the State of New Mexico, with an amendment;

S. 145, to require the Director of the National Park Service to refund to States all State funds that were used to reopen and temporarily operate a unit of the National Park System during the October 2013 shutdown;

S. 403, to revise the authorized route of the North Country National Scenic Trail in northeastern Minnesota and to extend the trail into Vermont to connect with the Appalachian National Scenic Trail, with an amendment;

S. 521, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to conduct a special resource study of President Station in Baltimore, Maryland, with an amendment;

S. 593, to require the Secretary of the Interior to submit to Congress a report on the efforts of the Bureau of Reclamation to manage its infrastructure assets, with an amendment;

S. 610, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to conduct a special resource study of P.S. 103 in West Baltimore, Maryland and for other purposes;

S. 873, to designate the wilderness within the Lake Clark National Park and Preserve in the State of Alaska as the Jay S. Hammond Wilderness Area;

S. 1103, to reinstate and extend the deadline for commencement of construction of a hydroelectric project involving Clark Canyon Dam;

S. 1104, to extend the deadline for commencement of construction of a hydroelectric project involving the Gibson Dam;

S. 1305, to amend the Colorado River Storage Project Act to authorize the use of the active capacity of the Fontenelle Reservoir, with an amendment; and

S. 1483, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to study the suitability and feasibility of designating the James K. Polk Home in Columbia, Tennessee, as a unit of the National Park System, with an amendment.

SANCTIONS AND THE JCPOA

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee concluded a hearing to examine sanctions and the Joint Comprehensive Plan of Action, after receiving testimony from Juan C. Zarate, Foundation for Defense of Democracies Center on Sanctions and Illicit Finance, Washington, D.C.; and Richard Nephew, Columbia Center on Global Energy Policy, New York, New York.

NOMINATIONS

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of Lucy Tamlyn, of New York, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Benin, Jeffrey J. Hawkins, Jr., of California, to be Ambassador to the Central African Republic, David R. Gilmour, of Texas, to be Ambassador to the Togolese Republic, Daniel H. Rubinstein, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Tunisia, and Carolyn Patricia Alsup, of Florida, to be Ambassador to the Republic of The Gambia, all

of the Department of State, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

U.S. TAX CODE

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: Permanent Subcommittee on Investigations concluded a hearing to examine the impact of the United States tax code on the market for corporate control and jobs, after receiving testimony from Jim Koch, Boston Beer Company, Boston, Massachusetts; David E.I. Pyott, Allergan, Washington, D.C.; Walter J. Galvin, Emerson, St. Louis, Missouri; Howard B. Schiller, Valeant Pharmaceuticals International, Inc., Bridgewater, New Jersey; and Joshua Kobza, Restaurant Brands International, Miami, Florida.

CAMPUS SEXUAL ASSAULT

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: On July 29, 2015, Committee concluded a hearing to examine reauthorizing the Higher Education Act, focusing on combating campus sexual assault, including S. 590, to amend the Higher Education Act of 1965, after receiving testimony from Senators McCaskill, Heller, Gillibrand, and Ayotte; Janet Napolitano, University of California, Oakland; Dana Bolger, Know Your IX, and Mollie Benz Flounlacker, Association of American Universities, both of Washington, D.C.; and Dolores A. Stafford, D. Stafford and Associates, Rehoboth Beach, Delaware, on behalf of the National Association of Clery Compliance Officers and Professionals.

INTELLIGENCE

Select Committee on Intelligence: Committee met in closed session to receive a briefing on certain intelligence matters from officials of the intelligence community.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

The House was not in session today. The House is scheduled to meet in a Pro Forma session at 1 p.m. on Friday, July 31, 2015.

Committee Meetings

EXAMINATION OF FEDERAL AND STATE RESPONSE TO AVIAN INFLUENZA

Committee on Agriculture: Subcommittee on Livestock and Foreign Agriculture held a hearing entitled “Examination of Federal and State Response to Avian

Influenza”. Testimony was heard from David Swayne, Laboratory Director, Southeast Poultry Research Laboratory, Department of Agriculture Agricultural Research Services; John Clifford, Deputy Administrator, Veterinary Services, Department of Agriculture Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service; R. Douglas Meckes, State Veterinarian, North Carolina Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services; and Bill Hartmann, Executive Director, Minnesota Board of Animal Health.