

Record Votes: Seven record votes were taken today. (Total—362) **Pages S11781–82, S11805–08, S11813**

Adjournment: Senate met at 9:30 a.m., and adjourned at 8:14 p.m., until 9:30 a.m., on Wednesday, September 24, 2003. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S11874.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

NOMINATION

Committee on Armed Services: Committee concluded a hearing on the nomination of Gordon England, of Texas, to be Secretary of the Navy, after the nominee testified and answered questions in his own behalf.

SARBANES-OXLEY ACT

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: Committee concluded a hearing on the implementation of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act (P.L. 107–204), designed to protect investors by improving accuracy and reliability of corporate disclosures made pursuant to the securities laws, focusing on reform of corporate governance, financial reporting and auditing, after receiving testimony from Samuel A. DiPiazza, Jr., PricewaterhouseCoopers, New York, New York; Edward Nusbaum, Grant Thornton, LLP, Chicago, Illinois; Sean Harrigan, California Public Employees' Retirement System (CalPERS) Board of Administration, Sacramento; and William J. McDonough, Public Company Accounting Oversight Board, and Sarah Teslik, Council of Institutional Investors, both of Washington, D.C.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: Committee ordered favorably reported the following bills:

An original bill to provide for an extension of the Federal transit program pending the reauthorization of the program;

An original bill to reauthorize the Defense Production Act of 1950; and

An original bill to amend the Fair Credit Reporting Act in order to prevent identity theft, to improve the use of and consumer access to consumer reports, to enhance the accuracy of consumer reports, to limit the sharing of certain consumer information, to improve financial education and literacy.

WATER RECLAMATION PROJECTS

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Subcommittee on Water and Power concluded hearings to examine S. 213, to clear title to certain real prop-

erty in New Mexico associated with the Middle Rio Grande Project, S. 1236, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to establish a program to control or eradicate tamarisk in the western States, S. 1516, to further the purposes of the Reclamation Projects Authorization and Adjustment Act of 1992 by directing the Secretary of the Interior, acting through the Commissioner of Reclamation, to carry out an assessment and demonstration program to assess potential increases in water availability for Bureau of Reclamation projects and other uses through control of salt cedar and Russian olive, H.R. 856, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to revise a repayment contract with the Tom Green County Water Control and Improvement District No. 1, San Angelo project, Texas, and H.R. 961, to promote Department of the Interior efforts to provide a scientific basis for the management of sediment and nutrient loss in the Upper Mississippi River Basin, after receiving testimony from Representatives Kind and Stenholm; A. Gordon Brown, Invasive Species Coordinator, Liaison to the National Invasive Species Council, Robert M. Hirsh, Associate Director for Water, U.S. Geological Survey, and Michael Gabaldon, Director, Policy, Management, and Technical Services, Bureau of Reclamation, all of the Department of the Interior; John Marshall, Colorado Department of Natural Resources, Denver; Tim Carlson, Tamarisk Coalition, Grand Junction, Colorado; Debra Hughes, New Mexico Association of Conservation Districts, Carlsbad; and Holly Stoerker, Upper Mississippi River Basin Association, St. Paul, Minnesota.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Environment and Public Works: Committee ordered favorably reported S. 1640, to provide an extension of highway programs funded out of the Highway Trust Fund pending enactment of a law reauthorizing the Transportation Equity Act for the 21st Century.

NOMINATION

Committee on Environment and Public Works: Committee concluded a hearing on the nomination of Michael O. Leavitt, of Utah, to be Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency, after the nominee, who was introduced by Senators Hatch and Bennett, testified and answered questions in his own behalf.

U.S.-MEXICO TRADE

Committee on Finance: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the impact of Mexican barriers to U.S. agricultural exports, after receiving testimony from Allen F. Johnson, Chief Agriculture Negotiator, Office of the US Trade Representative; Ron Litterer,

Iowa Corn Growers Association, Greene, on behalf of the National Corn Growers Association; Michael W. Jorgenson, Roquette America, Inc., Keokuk, Iowa, on behalf of the Corn Refiners Association; Sergio Sarmiento, TV AZTECA, D.F. Mexico; Jon Caspers, Swaledale, Iowa, on behalf of the National Pork Producers Council; Travis Satterfield, Benoit, Mississippi, on behalf of the Delta Council; and John Rice, Rice Fruit Company, Gettysburg, Pennsylvania, on behalf of the U.S. Apple Association and the Northwest Fruit Exporters.

IRAQ RECONSTRUCTION

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee concluded a hearing on how to internationalize Iraq and organize the U.S. government to administer reconstruction efforts, focusing on the President's proposed supplemental funding request for sustaining U.S. military forces and supporting Iraq reconstruction efforts, after receiving testimony from J. Brian Atwood, Hubert H. Humphrey Institute of Public Affairs, University of Minnesota, Minneapolis; James Dobbins, RAND International Security and Defense Policy Center, Arlington, Virginia; and John Hamre, Center for Strategic and International Studies, Washington, D.C.

TERRORIST FINANCING

Committee on Governmental Affairs: Committee concluded a closed hearing to examine certain issues relative to combatting terrorist financing, after receiving testimony from J. Cofer Black, Coordinator for Counterterrorism, Department of State; David Aufhauser, General Counsel, Department of the Treasury; and John S. Pistole, Assistant Director, Counterterrorism Division, Federal Bureau of Investigation, Department of Justice.

HEALTH TECHNOLOGY

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: Committee concluded a hearing to examine health technology, focusing on nanotechnology, including the dangers and societal implications, market barriers and challenges of interdisciplinary research, and the Federal role of funding, coordination, and priority setting, after receiving testimony from Patricia M. Dehmer, Director, Office of Basic Energy Sciences, Department of Energy; Jeffrey A. Schloss, National Human Genome Research Institute, Washington, D.C.; Samuel I. Stupp, Northwestern University Institute for Bioengineering and Nanoscience in Medicine, Chicago, Illinois; and Todd Lizotte, NanoVia, LP, Londonderry, New Hampshire.

BORDER SECURITY

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Immigration and Border Security concluded a hearing on

information sharing and coordination for visa issuance in relation to homeland security, focusing on the ongoing cooperation between the Federal Bureau of Investigation, the State Department, and Department of Homeland Security as it relates to accessing and using information to make visa determinations a part of antiterrorism and border protection efforts, after receiving testimony from John O. Brennan, Director, Terrorist Threat Integration Center, Central Intelligence Agency; Larry A. Mefford, Executive Assistant Director, Counterterrorism/Counterintelligence Division, Federal Bureau of Investigation, Department of Justice; and William Parrish, Acting Assistant Secretary of Homeland Security for Information Analysis, Information Analysis and Infrastructure Protection Directorate.

VETERANS ELIGIBILITY

Committee on Veterans Affairs: Committee concluded a hearing to examine proposals to limit eligibility for veterans' compensation to veterans with disabilities directly related to "performance of duty" injuries only, after receiving testimony from Anthony J. Principi, Secretary, and Tim S. McClain, General Counsel, both of the Department of Veterans Affairs; Cynthia A. Bascetta, Director, Education, Workforce, and Income Security Issues, General Accounting Office; Dennis W. Snook, Domestic Social Policy Division, Congressional Research Service; Mark H. Olanoff, American Legion, Dennis Cullinan, Veterans of Foreign Wars, Rick Surratt, Disabled American Veterans, Carl Blake, Paralyzed Veterans of America, and Rick Weidman, Vietnam Veterans of America, all of Washington, D.C.; and Richard Jones, AMVETS, Lanham, Maryland.

MEDICAL PRIVACY

Special Committee on Aging: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the implementation of the Office of the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA) medical privacy and transaction rules, focusing on patient consent, notice of privacy practices, The Health Privacy Project, and regulatory implementation repercussions, after receiving testimony from Richard Campanelli, Director, Office for Civil Rights, and Jared Adair, Director, Office of HIPAA Standards, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, both of the Department of Health and Human Services; Cathy Treadway, The Woman's Clinic, Boise, Idaho, on behalf of the Medical Group Management Association; Mary R. Grealy, Healthcare Leadership Council, Allisa Fox, BlueCross BlueShield Association, and Janlori Goldman, Health Privacy Project, all of Washington, D.C.