

By 95 yeas 3 nays (Vote No. EX. 85), John D. Negroponte, of New York, to be Ambassador to Iraq.

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Scott H. DeLisi, of Minnesota, to be Ambassador to the State of Eritrea.

Aubrey Hooks, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Cote d'Ivoire.

Craig A. Kelly, of California, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Chile.

Thomas Bolling Robertson, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Slovenia.

Marc McGowan Wall, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Chad.

John Campbell, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to the Federal Republic of Nigeria.

Michael Christian Polt, of Tennessee, to be Ambassador to Serbia and Montenegro.

John M. Ordway, of California, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Kazakhstan.

Thomas Neil Hull III, of New Hampshire, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Sierra Leone.

Roger A. Meece, of Washington, to be Ambassador to the Democratic Republic of the Congo.

Lauren Moriarty, of Hawaii, a Career Member of the Senior Foreign Service, Class of Minister-Counselor, for the rank of Ambassador during her tenure of service as United States Senior Official to the Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation Forum.

Michele J. Sison, of Maryland, to be Ambassador to the United Arab Emirates.

Thomas Charles Krajewski, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Yemen.

Christopher R. Hill, of Rhode Island, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Korea.

Michael W. Marine, of Vermont, to be Ambassador to the Socialist Republic of Vietnam.

Jeffrey D. Feltman, of Ohio, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Lebanon.

Patricia M. Haslach, of Oregon, to be Ambassador to the Lao People's Democratic Republic.

Richard LeBaron, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to the State of Kuwait.

David Michael Satterfield, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan.

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Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

Ralph Leo Boyce, Jr., of Virginia, to be Ambassador to the Kingdom of Thailand.

John Marshall Evans, of the District of Columbia, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Armenia.

John D. Rood, of Florida, to be Ambassador to the Commonwealth of The Bahamas.

2 Air Force nominations in the rank of general.

6 Marine Corps nominations in the rank of general.

8 Navy nominations in the rank of admiral.

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Nominations Withdrawn: Senate received notification of withdrawal of the following nominations:

Fredrick W. Rohlfing III, of Hawaii, to be United States District Judge for the District of Hawaii, which was sent to the Senate on January 7, 2003.

Jose A. Fourquet, of New Jersey, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Inter-American Foundation for a term expiring September 20, 2004, which was sent to the Senate on January 9, 2003.

Jose A. Fourquet, of New Jersey, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Inter-American Foundation for a term expiring September 20, 2004, which was sent to the Senate on October 1, 2003.

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Record Votes: One record vote was taken today. (Total—85)

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Adjournment: Senate convened at 9:30 a.m., and adjourned at 8:09 p.m., until 9:30 a.m., on Friday, May 7, 2004. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today's Record on pages S5025–26.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

ENERGY PRODUCTION: BIOMASS

Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry: Committee concluded a hearing to examine new opportunities for agriculture, focusing on the use of biomass, which is any living matter that can be converted into usable energy through biological or chemical processes, and encompasses feedstocks such as agricultural crops and their residues, animal wastes, wood, wood residues and grasses, and municipal wastes use in energy production, after receiving testimony from former Representative Thomas Ewing, on

behalf of the Biomass Research and Development Technical Advisory Committee; Mark E. Rey, Under Secretary of Agriculture for Natural Resources and Environment; David Garman, Acting Under Secretary of Energy for Energy, Science and Environment, and Assistant Secretary of Energy for Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy; R. James Woolsey, McLean, Virginia, former Director of Central Intelligence; C. Boyden Gray, Energy Future Coalition, Washington, D.C.; Mark E. Zappi, Mississippi State University Dave C. Swalm School of Chemical Engineering, Mississippi State; Tom L. Richard, Iowa State University, Ames; Lee R. Lynd, Dartmouth College Thayer School of Engineering, Hanover, New Hampshire; and Samuel B. McLaughlin, University of Tennessee Oak Ridge National Laboratory, Oak Ridge.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Armed Services: Committee ordered favorably reported the following bills:

H.R. 3104, to provide for the establishment of separate campaign medals to be awarded to members of the uniformed services who participate in Operation Enduring Freedom and to members of the uniformed services who participate in Operation Iraqi Freedom;

An original bill entitled “National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2005”;

An original bill entitled “Department of Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2005”;

An original bill entitled “Military Construction Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2005”; and

An original bill entitled “Department of Energy National Security Act for Fiscal Year 2005”.

Also, committee received a report from the Select Committee on Intelligence on the proposed Intelligence Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2005.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: Committee ordered favorably reported an original bill to authorize the Secretary of Homeland Security to award grants to public transportation agencies to improve security.

CLIMATE CHANGE

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Committee held a hearing to examine impacts of climate change and states’ actions, focusing on public health, forests, heatwaves, geological records, recent changes in the ocean, temperatures, sea ice and glacial ice, and ecological responses, receiving testimony from Ken Colburn, Northeast States for Coordinated Air Use Management, and Paul R. Epstein, Harvard Medical School Center for Health and the Global Environment, both of Boston, Massachusetts; William B. Curry, Woods Hole Oceanographic Institution, Woods Hole, Massachusetts; William R. Fraser, Polar Oceans Research Group, Sheridan, Montana; and Philip Mote, University of Washington, Seattle.

Hearing recessed subject to call.

CARFA ACT

Committee on Governmental Affairs: Subcommittee on Oversight of Government Management, the Federal Workforce, and the District of Columbia concluded a hearing to examine S. 1668, to establish a commission to conduct a comprehensive review of Federal agencies and programs and to recommend the elimination or realignment of duplicative, wasteful, or outdated functions, after receiving testimony from Senator Brownback; former Representative Dick Arme, on behalf of Citizens for a Sound Economy; Clay Johnson III, Deputy Director for Management, Office of Management and Budget; and Paul Weinstein, Jr., Progressive Policy Institute, Washington, D.C.

NOMINATION

Committee on the Judiciary: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nomination of Jonathan W. Dudas, of Virginia, to be Under Secretary of Commerce for Intellectual Property and Director of the United States Patent and Trademark Office, after the nominee, who was introduced by Representative Hyde, testified and answered questions in his own behalf.