

John O. Agwunobi, of Florida, to be an Assistant Secretary of Health and Human Services.

1 Air Force nomination in the rank of general

5 Army nominations in the rank of general.

2 Navy nominations in the rank of admiral.

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**Nominations Withdrawn:** Senate received notification of withdrawal of the following nominations:

Ronald E. Meisburg, of Virginia, to be a Member of the National Labor Relations Board for the term of five years expiring August 27, 2008, which was sent to the Senate on January 24, 2005.

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**Record Votes:** Nine record votes were taken today. (Total—169)

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**Adjournment:** Senate convened at 9:30 a.m., and adjourned at 9:41 p.m. until 9 a.m., on Thursday, June 30, 2005. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today's Record on pages S7644–45.)

## Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

### APPROPRIATIONS: DEPARTMENT OF STATE

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on State, Foreign Operations, and Related Programs approved for full Committee consideration proposed legislation making appropriations for the Department of State and foreign operations for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2006.

### NOMINATIONS

*Committee on Armed Services:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of General Peter Pace, USMC, for reappointment to the grade of gen-

eral and to be Chairman, Joint Chiefs of Staff, who was introduced by Senator Nelson (FL), Admiral Edmund P. Giambastiani, Jr., USN, for reappointment to the grade of admiral and to be Vice Chairman, Joint Chiefs of Staff, who was introduced by Senator Clinton, General T. Michael Moseley, USAF, for reappointment to the grade of general and to be Chief of Staff of the Air Force, who was introduced by Senator Cornyn, Eric S. Edelman, of Virginia, to be Under Secretary of Defense for Policy, who was introduced by Senator Allen, Daniel R. Stanley, of Kansas, to be Assistant Secretary of Defense for Legislative Affairs, who was introduced by Senator Roberts and former Senator Bob Dole, and James A. Rispoli, of Virginia, to be Assistant Secretary of Energy for Environmental Management, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

### GUANTANAMO BAY

*Committee on Armed Services:* Committee met in closed session to receive a briefing regarding detention operations and interrogation procedures at Guantanamo Bay from Brigadier General Jay Hood, USA, Commanding General, Joint Task Force—Guantanamo Bay.

### SEVERE WEATHER

*Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation:* Subcommittee on Disaster Prevention and Prediction concluded a hearing to examine national weather service issues, focusing on the Federal role in researching, forecasting, and warning the public about hurricanes and tornadoes, after receiving testimony from Max Mayfield, Director, Tropical Prediction Center/National Hurricane Center, and Dennis McCarthy, Director, Office of Climate, Water, and Weather Services, both of the National Weather Service, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, Department of Commerce; Asbury H. Sallenger, Jr., Oceanographer, U.S. Geological Survey, Department of the Interior; Doug Ahlberg, Lancaster County Emergency Management, Lincoln, Nebraska; Bill Walsh, WCSC Live 5 News, Charleston, South Carolina; Marc L. Levitan, Louisiana State University Hurricane Center, Baton Rouge, on behalf of the American Association for Wind Engineering; and Timothy A. Reinhold, Institute for Business and Home Safety, Tampa, Florida.

### BUSINESS MEETING

*Committee on Finance:* Committee ordered favorably reported the following measures:

S. 1307, to implement the Dominican Republic-Central America-United States Free Trade Agreement; and

S.J. Res. 18, approving the renewal of import restrictions contained in the Burmese Freedom and Democracy Act of 2003.

## MEDICAID

*Committee on Finance:* Committee held hearings to examine problems that threaten the long term sustainability of Medicaid, focusing on the incidence of Medicaid waste, fraud and abuse, including pharmaceutical pricing schemes perpetrated against state Medicaid programs, receiving testimony from Timothy J. Coleman, Senior Counsel to the Deputy Attorney General, Department of Justice; Robert A. Vito, Regional Inspector General for Evaluation and Inspections, Philadelphia, Office of the Inspector General, Department of Health and Human Services; Patrick J. O'Connell, Texas Office of the Attorney General, Austin; Paul J. Pickerell, Oregon Department of Human Services, Eugene; Julie Stone-Axelrad, Analyst in Social Legislation, Domestic Social Policy Division, Congressional Research Service, Library of Congress; Marjorie E. Powell, Pharmaceutical Research Manufacturers of America, and Judith Feder, Georgetown University Public Policy Institute, both of Washington, D.C.; Joyce Ruddock, MetLife Insurance, Westport, Connecticut, on behalf of the American Council of Life Insurers; Daniel K. O'Brien, Erickson Retirement Communities, and Ruth C. Pundt, both of Parkville, Maryland; and Beatrice Manning, Stow, Massachusetts.

Hearings recessed subject to the call.

## U.S. PASSPORT FRAUD

*Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine vulnerabilities in the United States passport system, focusing on how passport fraud is committed, what key fraud detection challenges the State Department faces, and what effect new passport examiner performance standards could have on fraud detection, after receiving testimony from Jess T. Ford, Director, International Affairs and Trade, Government Accountability Office; Michael L. Johnson, Former Special Agent in Charge (Miami Field Office), Diplomatic Security Service, and Frank E. Moss, Deputy Assistant Secretary for Passport Services, Bureau of Consular Affairs, both of the Department of State; Donna A. Bucella, Director, Terrorist Screening Center, Transportation Security Administration, Department of Homeland Security; and Thomas E. Bush III, Assistant Director, Criminal Justice Information Services Division, Federal Bureau of Investigation, Department of Justice.

## BUSINESS MEETING

*Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions:* Committee ordered favorably reported the following business items:

S. 1317, to provide for the collection and maintenance of cord blood units for the treatment of patients and research, and to amend the Public Health Service Act to authorize the Bone Marrow and Cord Blood Cell Transplantation Program to increase the number of transplants for recipients suitable matched to donors of bone marrow and cord blood, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute; and

The nomination of Tom Luce, of Texas, to be Assistant Secretary of Education for Planning, Evaluation, and Policy Development.

## BUSINESS MEETING

*Committee on Indian Affairs:* Committee ordered favorably reported the following bills:

S.J. Res. 15, to acknowledge a long history of official depredations and ill-conceived policies by the United States Government regarding Indian tribes and offer an apology to all Native Peoples on behalf of the United States;

S. 374, to provide compensation to the Lower Brule and Crow Creek Sioux Tribes of South Dakota for damage to tribal land caused by Pick-Sloan projects along the Missouri River;

S. 113, to modify the date as of which certain tribal land of the Lytton Rancheria of California is deemed to be held in trust;

S. 881, to provide for equitable compensation to the Spokane Tribe of Indians of the Spokane Reservation for the use of tribal land for the production of hydropower by the Grand Coulee Dam;

S. 449, to facilitate shareholder consideration of proposals to make Settlement Common Stock under the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act available to missed enrollees, eligible elders, and eligible persons born after December 18, 1971;

H.R. 797, to amend the Native American Housing Assistance and Self-Determination Act of 1996 and other Acts to improve housing programs for Indians;

H.R. 680, to direct the Secretary of Interior to convey certain land held in trust for the Paiute Indian Tribe of Utah to the City of Richfield, Utah;

S. 598, to reauthorize provisions in the Native American Housing Assistance and Self-Determination Act of 1996 relating to Native Hawaiian low-income housing and Federal loan guarantees for Native Hawaiian housing;

S. 1291, to provide for the acquisition of subsurface mineral interests in land owned by the Pascua Yaqui Tribe and land held in trust for the Tribe;

S. 1295, to amend the Indian Gaming Regulatory Act to provide for accountability and funding of the National Indian Gaming Commission;

S. 1239, to amend the Indian Health Care Improvement Act to permit the Indian Health Service, an Indian tribe, a tribal organization, or an urban Indian organization to pay the monthly part D premium of eligible Medicare beneficiaries;

S. 1231, to amend the Indian Self-Determination and Education Assistance Act to modify provisions relating to the National Fund for Excellence in American Indian Education, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 1312, to amend a provision relating to employees of the United States assigned to, or employed by, an Indian tribe, and

S. 731, to recruit and retain more qualified individuals to teach in Tribal Colleges or Universities, with an amendment.

## INTELLIGENCE

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

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# House of Representatives

## Chamber Action

**Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced:** 26 public bills, H.R. 3100–3125; 1 private bill, H.R. 3126; and 3 resolutions, H.J. Res. 56; H. Con. Res. 195; and H. Res. 344, were introduced.

Pages H5434–35, H5478–79

**Additional Cosponsors:** Pages H5435, H5479–80

**Reports Filed:** Reports were filed today as follows:

H. Res. 345, providing for consideration of motions to suspend the rules (H. Rept. 109–159); and

H. Res. 346, providing for consideration of H.R. 2864, to provide for the conservation and development of water and related resources, to authorize the Secretary of the Army to construct various projects for improvements to rivers and harbors of the United States (H. Rept. 109–160). Pages H5434, H5478

**Speaker:** Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he appointed Representative Latham to act as speaker pro tempore for today. Page H5365

**Chaplain:** The prayer was offered today by Rev. Michael O. Canady, Director, Missions and Ministries Division, Louisiana Baptist Convention in Alexandria, Louisiana. Page H5365

**Private Calendar:** On the call of the Private calendar, the House passed H.R. 432, to require the Secretary of the Interior to permit continued occupancy and use of certain lands and improvements within Rocky Mountain National Park.

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**Amending the Communications Satellite Act of 1962:** S. 1282, to amend the Communications Satellite Act of 1962 to strike the privatization criteria for INTELSAT separated entities, remove certain re-

strictions on separated and successor entities to INTELSAT—clearing the measure for the President.

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**Suspensions:** The House agreed to suspend the rules and pass the following measure:

*TANF Extension Act of 2005:* H.R. 3021, amended, to reauthorize the Temporary Assistance for Needy Families block grant program through September 30, 2005. Pages H5372–76

**Departments of Transportation, Treasury, and Housing and Urban Development, The Judiciary, District of Columbia, and Independent Agencies Appropriations Act for FY 2006:** The House began consideration of H.R. 3058, making appropriations for the Departments of Transportation, Treasury, and Housing and Urban Development, the Judiciary, District of Columbia, and independent agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2006. Further consideration will continue tomorrow, June 30.

Pages H5376–H5433, H5437–40, H5441–69

Agreed in the House to the Knollenberg amendment correcting an error in the dollar amount on page 176 line 26 of the bill. Page H5376

Agreed to:

Knollenberg amendment that increases funding for the Office of the Secretary of Transportation; increases funding for Tax Law Enforcement for the IRS; and increases funding for the Community Development Fund; Pages H5386–87

LaTourette amendment that increases funding for Grants to the National Railroad Passenger Corporation (agreed to limit the time for debate);

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