

Chair be authorized to appoint conferees on the part of the Senate. **Page S8474**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the bill at approximately 10:30 a.m. on Wednesday, July 20, 2005. **Page S8501**

SIGNING AUTHORITY—AGREEMENT: A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that during this adjournment of the Senate, the Majority Leader and Majority Whip, be authorized to sign duly enrolled bills or joint resolutions. **Page S8499**

Dorr Nomination—Cloture: Senate began consideration of the nomination of Thomas C. Dorr, of Iowa, to be Under Secretary of Agriculture for Rural Development. **Page S8498**

A motion was entered to close further debate on the nomination and, in accordance with the provisions of Rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, a vote on cloture will occur on Thursday, July 21, 2005. **Page S8498**

Messages From the President: Senate received the following messages from the President of the United States:

Transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on the continuation of the national emergency blocking property of certain persons and prohibiting the importation of certain goods from Liberia that was established in Executive Order 13348 on July 22, 2004; which was referred to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs. (PM-18) **Page S8487**

Transmitting, pursuant to law, the District of Columbia's Fiscal Year 2006 Budget Request Act; which was referred to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs. (PM-19) **Page S8487**

Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

3 Army nominations in the rank of general.

A routine list in the Air Force. **Page S8501**

Messages From the House: **Page S8487**

Executive Communications: **Page S8487**

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Additional Statements: **Pages S8486-87**

Amendments Submitted: **Pages S8491-98**

Authority for Committees to Meet: **Page S8498**

Privilege of the Floor: **Page S8498**

Record Votes: Four record votes were taken today. (Total-194) **Pages S8446, S8468, S8469, S8469-70**

Adjournment: Senate convened at 11 a.m., and adjourned at 8:56 p.m. until 9:30 a.m., on Wednesday, July 20, 2005. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today's Record on page S8501.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

APPROPRIATIONS: MILITARY CONSTRUCTION/VA

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Military Construction and Veterans' Affairs and Related Agencies approved for full Committee consideration H.R. 2528, making appropriations for military quality of life functions of the Department of Defense, military construction, the Department of Veterans Affairs, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2006, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute.

APPROPRIATIONS: DOT

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Transportation, Treasury, The Judiciary, Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies approved for full Committee consideration 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, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute.

DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY REORGANIZATION

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Committee concluded a hearing to examine modifications to the organizational structure and operations of the Department of Homeland Security as part of an effort to make it more efficient and effective, focusing on preparedness, borders and immigration, transportation security, and information sharing, after receiving testimony from Michael Chertoff, Secretary of Homeland Security.

FAA's AGE 60 RULE

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Subcommittee on Aviation concluded a hearing to examine the Federal Aviation Administration's Age-60 Rule, which provides that a pilot may not engage in what are known as part 121 operations if the pilot has reached his 60th birthday, including operations of large commercial passenger aircraft, smaller propeller aircraft with 10 or more passenger seats, and common carriage operations of all-cargo aircraft with a payload capacity of 7500 pounds, after receiving

testimony from Senator Inhofe and Representative Gibbons; Jon L. Jordan, Federal Air Surgeon, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation; Russell B. Rayman, Aerospace Medical Association, Alexandria, Virginia; Duane E. Woerth, Air Line Pilots Association, International, Washington, D.C.; Joseph Eichelkraut, Southwest Airlines Pilots' Association, Dallas, Texas; Ralph Hunter, Allied Pilots Association, Fort Worth, Texas; and Al Spain, Jet Blue Airways Corporation, Salt Lake City, Utah.

NUCLEAR TESTING ON MARSHALL ISLANDS

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Committee concluded an oversight hearing to examine the effects of the United States nuclear testing program on the Marshall Islands, focusing on the development of baseline cancer and radiation-related illness rates relating to the testing, after receiving testimony from American Samoa Delegate Faleomavaega; Howard M. Krawitz, Acting Assistant Secretary of State for East Asia and Pacific Affairs; Thomas Lum, Specialist in Asian Affairs, Congressional Research Service, Library of Congress; Kiyohiko Mabuchi, Division of Cancer Epidemiology and Genetics, National Cancer Institute, National Institutes of Health, Department of Health and Human Services; Gerald M. Zackios, Minister of Foreign Affairs, and James H. Plasman, Nuclear Claims Tribunal, both of Republic of the Marshall Islands, Majuro; Neal A. Palafox, University of Hawaii John A. Burns School of Medicine, Manoa; and Steven L. Simon, Washington, D.C.

IRAQI POLITICAL DEVELOPMENT

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee concluded a hearing to examine advancing Iraqi political development, focusing on the development of a constitution, after receiving testimony from Phebe Marr, United States Institute of Peace, and Judy Van Rest, International Republican Institute, both of Washington, D.C.; and Noah Feldman, New York University School of Law, New York.

SECURING CYBERSPACE

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: Subcommittee on Federal Financial Management, Government Information, and International Security concluded a hearing to examine efforts to protect national information infrastructures, focusing on challenges in protecting United States critical infrastructures from cybersecurity threats, after receiving testimony from Donald Purdy, Jr., Acting Director, National Cyber Security Division, Department of Homeland Security; David A. Powner, Director, Information Technology, Management Issues, Gov-

ernment Accountability Office; Thomas M. Jarrett, Delaware Department of Technology and Information, Dover; and Paul M. Skare, Siemens Power Transmission and Distribution, Inc., Minnetonka, Minnesota.

VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN ACT REAUTHORIZATION

Committee on the Judiciary: Committee concluded a hearing to examine S. 1197, to reauthorize the Violence Against Women Act of 1994, focusing on the Family Justice Center Initiative, the sexual assault forensic exam protocol, and other efforts to eradicate crimes of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, and stalking, after receiving testimony from Diane M. Stuart, Director, Office on Violence Against Women, Department of Justice; Sheriff Edmund M. Sexton, Sr., Tuscaloosa County, Alabama, on behalf of the National Sheriffs' Association; Lynn Rosenthal, National Network to End Domestic Violence, and Mary Lou Leary, National Center for Victims of Crime, both of Washington, D.C.; M.L. Carr, WARM2Kids, San Francisco, California, on behalf of the Family Violence Prevention Fund; and Salma Hayek, Avon Foundation, New York, New York.

FEDERAL CONSENT DECREE FAIRNESS ACT

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Administrative Oversight and the Courts concluded a hearing to conduct a review of Federal consent decrees, focusing on S. 489, to amend chapter 111 of title 28, United States Code, to limit the duration of Federal consent decrees to which State and local governments are a party, after receiving testimony from Senator Alexander; Representative Berman; Lois J. Schiffer, Baach, Robinson, and Lewis, PLLC, former Assistant Attorney General, Department of Justice, and Michael S. Greve, American Enterprise Institute, both of Washington, D.C.; Alabama Attorney General Troy King, Montgomery; Judge Nathaniel R. Jones (Ret.), Blank and Rome, LLP, Cincinnati, Ohio; Ross Sandler, New York University School of Law, New York, New York; and Timothy Stoltzfus Jost, Washington and Lee University School of Law, Lexington, Virginia.

NOMINATION

Select Committee on Intelligence: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nomination of Benjamin A. Powell, of Florida, to be General Counsel of the Office of the Director of National Intelligence, after the nominee, who was introduced by Senator Martinez, testified and answered questions in his own behalf.