

Nomination—Joint Referral: A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that the nomination of Franklin L. Lavin, of Ohio, to be Under Secretary of Commerce for International Trade, be referred jointly to the Committee on Finance and the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

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

Transmitting, pursuant to law, a notification regarding the proposed use of public safety funds provided to the District of Columbia pursuant to title I of the District of Columbia Appropriations Act, 2005, Public Law 108-335; which was referred to the Committee on Appropriations. (PM-24)

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Nominations Confirmed: Senate confirmed the following nomination:

By 78 yeas 22 nays (Vote No. EX. 245), John G. Roberts, Jr., of Maryland, to be Chief Justice of the United States.

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Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

Gigi Hyland, of Virginia, to be a Member of the National Credit Union Administration Board for a term expiring August 2, 2011.

J. Thomas Rosch, of California, to be a Federal Trade Commissioner for the term of seven years from September 26, 2005.

Margaret Spellings, of Texas, to be a Representative of the United States of America to the Thirty-third Session of the General Conference of the United Nations Educational, Scientific, and Cultural Organization.

James Hardy Payne, of Oklahoma, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Tenth Circuit.

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Record Votes: One record vote was taken today. (Total—245)

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Adjournment: Senate convened at 9:30 a.m., and adjourned at 8:26 p.m., until 9:30 on Friday, September 30, 2005. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today's Record on page S10771.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

IRAQ

Committee on Armed Services: Committee concluded a hearing to examine United States military strategy and operations in Iraq, after receiving testimony from Donald H. Rumsfeld, Secretary, General Richard B. Myers, USAF, Chairman, Joint Chiefs of Staff, General John P. Abizaid, USA, Commander, U.S. Central Command, and General George W. Casey, USA, Commanding General, Multi-National Force-Iraq, all of the Department of Defense.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Armed Services: Committee ordered favorably reported 3,979 military nominations in the Army, Navy, Air Force, and Marine Corps.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: Committee ordered favorably reported the nominations of Emil W. Henry, Jr., of New York, to be Assistant Secretary for Financial Institutions, and Patrick M. O'Brien, of Minnesota, to be Assistant Secretary for Terrorist Financing, both of the Department of the Treasury, Keith E. Gottfried, of California, to be General Counsel, and Kim Kendrick, of the District of Columbia, to be Assistant Secretary, Keith A. Nelson, of Texas, to be Assistant Secretary, and Darlene F. Williams, of Texas, to be Assistant Secretary, all of the Department of Housing and Urban Development, and Israel Hernandez, of Texas, to be Assistant Secretary and Director General of the United States and Foreign Commercial Service, Darryl W. Jackson, of the District of Columbia, to be Assistant Secretary, Franklin L. Lavin, of Ohio, to be Under Secretary for International Trade, and David H. McCormick, of Pennsylvania, to be Under Secretary for Export Administration, all of the Department of Commerce.

COMMUNICATIONS INTEROPERABILITY IN A DISASTER

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Committee held a hearing to examine communications for first responders in disaster, focusing on

damage wrought by Hurricane Katrina to the communications industry and the Federal Communications Commission's efforts to assist consumers, the industries the agency regulates, and other Federal Agencies during this difficult crisis, including efforts to address public safety interoperability issues, receiving testimony from Kenneth P. Moran, Director, Office of Homeland Security, Enforcement Bureau, Federal Communications Commission; David G. Boyd, Director, Office for Interoperability and Compatibility, Systems Engineering and Development, Directorate of Science and Technology, Department of Homeland Security; Dereck Orr, Program Manager, Public Safety Communications Systems, National Institute of Standards and Technology, Technology Administration, Department of Commerce; and Willis Carter, Shreveport Fire Department, Shreveport, Louisiana, on behalf of the Association of Public-Safety Communications Officials-International.

Hearings recessed subject to the call.

TREATIES

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the Protocol of 1997 Amending MARPOL Convention (Treaty Doc. 108-7), Agreement with Canada on Pacific Hake/Whiting (Treaty Doc. 108-24), Convention Concerning Migratory Fish Stock in the Pacific Ocean (Treaty Doc. 109-1), Convention Strengthening Inter-American Tuna Commission (Treaty Doc. 109-2), and the Convention on Supplementary Compensation on Nuclear Damage (Treaty Doc. 107-21), after receiving testimony from David A. Balton, Deputy Assistant Secretary for Oceans and Fisheries, Bureau of Oceans and International Environmental and Scientific Affairs, Warren M. Stern, Senior Coordinator for Nuclear Safety, both of the Department of State; Bryan C. Wood-Thomas, Senior Advisor, Office of International Environmental Policy, Environmental Protection Agency; and James Bennett McRae, Assistant General Counsel for Civilian Nuclear Programs, Department of Energy.

U.S.-JAPAN RELATIONS

Committee on Foreign Relations: Subcommittee on East Asian and Pacific Affairs concluded a hearing to examine United States-Japan relations and future policies, after receiving testimony from Christopher R. Hill, Assistant Secretary of State for East Asian and Pacific Affairs; Richard P. Lawless, Deputy Under Secretary of Defense for Asian and Pacific Affairs; Amelia Porges, Sidley, Austin Brown & Wood LLP, Washington, D.C.; Stephen P. MacMillan, Stryker Corporation, Kalamazoo, Michigan, on behalf of the Advanced Medical Technology Association; and Ger-

ald Curtis, Columbia University Department of Political Science, New York, New York.

DEFENSE TRAVEL SYSTEM

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: Permanent Subcommittee on Investigations concluded a hearing to examine the effectiveness and cost of the Defense Travel System (DTS) of the Department of Defense, focusing on whether DTS can deliver on the increased efficiency and cost savings that were anticipated when the program was established, after receiving testimony from Senator Grassley; Thomas F. Gimble, Acting Inspector General, Scott A. Comes, Director, Strategic and Information Programs Division, Program Analysis and Evaluation, and Zack E. Gaddy, Director, Defense Finance and Accounting Service, all of the Department of Defense; McCoy Williams, Director, Financial Management and Assurance, Government Accountability Office; Thomas A. Schatz, Citizens Against Government Waste, Washington, D.C.; and Robert Langsfeld, The Corporate Solutions Group, Menlo Park, California.

PROCUREMENT PROCESS

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: Subcommittee on Federal Financial Management, Government Information, and International Security concluded an oversight hearing to examine certain activities of the General Services Administration, focusing on the procurement process, which includes acquisition of workspace, equipment, technology, furniture, supplies, vehicles, and professional services, after receiving testimony from Stephen A. Perry, Administrator, General Services Administration.

NOMINATIONS

Committee on Veterans Affairs: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of William F. Tuerk, of Virginia, to be Under Secretary for Memorial Affairs, who was introduced by Senator Specter, Robert Joseph Henke, of Virginia, to be Assistant Secretary for Management, John M. Molino, of Virginia, to be Assistant Secretary for Policy and Planning, Lisette M. Mondello, of Texas, to be Assistant Secretary for Public and Intergovernmental Affairs, who was introduced by Senator Hutchison, and George J. Opfer, of Virginia, to be Inspector General, all of Department of Veterans Affairs, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

DRUG ADVERTISING

Special Committee on Aging: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the impact of direct-to-consumer drug advertising on seniors' health and health care

costs, after receiving testimony from Rachel E. Behrman, Deputy Director, Office of Medical Policy, Center for Drug Evaluation and Research, Public Health Service, Food and Drug Administration, Department of Health and Human Services; Paul Antony, Pharmaceutical Research and Manufacturers

of America, Donna Sweet, American College of Physicians, and Peter Lurie, Public Citizen, all of Washington, D.C.; and Richard L. Kravitz, University of California Center for Health Services Research in Primary Care Davis Medical Center, Sacramento, California.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 29 public bills, H.R. 3938–3966; and 7 resolutions, H. Con. Res. 256–257; and H. Res. 472–473, 475–477 were introduced. **Pages H8642–43**

Additional Cosponsors: **Pages H8643–45**

Reports Filed: Reports were filed today as follows:

Conference Report on H.R. 2360, making appropriations for the Department of Homeland Security for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2006 (Rept. 109–241);

H. Res. 474, waiving points of order against the conference report to accompany the bill (H.R. 2360) making appropriations for the Department of Homeland Security for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2006 (Rept. 109–242); and

H.J. Res. 65, disapproving the recommendations of the Defense Base Closure and Realignment Commission, adversely (Rept. 109–243).

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Chaplain: The prayer was offered today by Rev. Kevin Gormley, Pastor, St. Peter Church, Marshall, Missouri. **Page H8515**

Suspensions: The House agreed to suspend the rules and pass the following measures which were debated on Wednesday, September 28:

Expressing the sense of the House of Representatives regarding the July, 2005, measures of extreme repression on the part of the Cuban Government: H. Res. 388, to express the sense of the House of Representatives regarding the July, 2005, measures of extreme repression on the part of the Cuban Government against members of Cuba's pro-democracy movement, calling for the immediate release of all political prisoners, the legalization of political parties and free elections in Cuba, urging the European Union to reexamine its policy toward Cuba, and calling on the representative of the United States to the 62d session of the United Nations Commission on Human Rights to ensure a resolution calling upon the Cuban regime to end its

human rights violations, by a yea-and-nay vote of 393 yeas to 31 nays, Roll No. 503; **Pages H8529–30**

Expressing the sense of Congress that the United States Supreme Court should speedily find the use of the Pledge of Allegiance in schools to be consistent with the Constitution of the United States: H. Con. Res. 245, to express the sense of Congress that the United States Supreme Court should speedily find the use of the Pledge of Allegiance in schools to be consistent with the Constitution of the United States, by a yea-and-nay vote of 383 yeas to 31 nays with 8 voting "present", Roll No. 504; and **Pages H8530–31**

Recognizing the need to pursue research into the causes, a treatment, and an eventual cure for idiopathic pulmonary fibrosis, supporting the goals and ideals of National Idiopathic Pulmonary Fibrosis Awareness Week: H. Con. Res. 178, as amended, to recognize the need to pursue research into the causes, a treatment, and an eventual cure for idiopathic pulmonary fibrosis, supporting the goals and ideals of National Idiopathic Pulmonary Fibrosis Awareness Week, by a yea-and-nay vote of 401 yeas with none voting "nay", Roll No. 508.

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Continuing Appropriations for the Fiscal Year 2006: The House agreed to H.J. Res. 68, making continuing appropriations for the fiscal year 2006, by a yea-and-nay vote of 348 yeas to 65 nays, Roll No. 507. **Pages H8531–35, H8584**

Point of Order sustained against:

Obey motion that sought to recommit the bill to the Committee on Appropriations with instructions to report the resolution back to the House forthwith with amendments. **Pages H8534–35**

H. Res. 469, the rule providing for consideration of the resolution, was agreed to by voice vote.

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Threatened and Endangered Species Recovery Act of 2005: The House passed H.R. 3824, to amend and reauthorize the Endangered Species Act