

938, with no amendment in order to the amendment prior to the vote. **Page S4902**

Appointments:

Canada-U.S. Interparliamentary Group: The Chair, on behalf of the Vice President, pursuant to 22 U.S.C. 276d–276g, as amended, appointed the following Senator as a member of the Senate Delegation to the Canada-U.S. Interparliamentary Group conference during the first session of the 110th Congress: Senator Leahy. **Page S5007**

Canada-U.S. Interparliamentary Group: The Chair, on behalf of the Vice President, pursuant to 22 U.S.C. 276d–276g, as amended, appointed the following Senators as members of the Senate Delegation to the Canada-U.S. Interparliamentary Group during the First Session of the 110th Congress: Senators Grassley and Voinovich. **Page S5007**

Advisory Committee on the Records of Congress: The Chair announced, on behalf of the Republican Leader, pursuant to Public Law 101–509, the appointment of Terry Birdwhistell, of Kentucky, to the Advisory Committee on the Records of Congress. **Page S5007**

Nomination Confirmed: Senate confirmed the following nomination:

By unanimous vote of 95 yeas (Vote No. EX. 136), Halil Suleyman Ozerden, of Mississippi, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of Mississippi. **Pages S4877–79, S5012**

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Record Votes: Five record votes were taken today. (Total—140) **Pages S4879, S4880, S4897, S4899, S4900**

Adjournment: Senate convened at 10 a.m., and adjourned at 7:58 p.m., until 9:30 a.m. on Wednesday, April 25, 2007. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S5009.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

AMERICAN AGRICULTURAL PRODUCERS

Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry: Committee concluded a hearing to examine challenges and opportunities facing American agriculture producers, focusing on specialty crops, dairy, sugar, organic production and marketing, and honey, after receiving testimony from Tom Buis, National Farmers Union, David Beckmann, Bread for the World, and Larry Mitchell, American Corn Growers Association, all of Washington, D.C.; Bob Stallman, American Farm Bureau Federation, Columbus, Texas; Bill Flory, American Farmland Trust, Winchester, Idaho; John Hoffman, American Soybean Association, Waterloo, Iowa; John Pucheu, National Cotton Council, Tranquility, California; Ken McCauley, National Corn Growers Association, White Cloud, Kansas; Everett Tallman, National Association of Wheat Growers, Brandon, Colorado; Paul T. Combs, USA Rice Federation, Kennett, Missouri, on behalf of the U.S. Rice Producers Association; Evan Hayes, National Barley Growers Association, American Falls, Idaho; Dale Murden, National Sorghum Producers, Monte Alto, Texas; Armond Morris, Georgia Peanut Commission, Ocilla, on behalf of the Southern Peanut Farmers Federation; Lynn Rundle, 21st Century Grain Processing Cooperative, Manhattan, Kansas, on behalf of the North American Millers' Association; John Swanson, National Sunflower Association, Mentor, Minnesota, on behalf of the U.S. Canola Association; and Jim Evans, USA Dry Pea and Lentil Council, Genesee, Idaho.

BUDGET: DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION

Committee on Armed Services: Committee concluded a hearing to examine United States Pacific Command, United States Forces Korea, and United States Special Operations Command in review of the Defense Authorization Request for fiscal year 2008 and the Future Years Defense Program, after receiving testimony from Admiral Timothy J. Keating, USN, Commander, United States Pacific Command, Vice Admiral Eric T. Olson, USN, Deputy Commander, United States Special Operations Command, and General Burwell B. Bell, III, USA, Commander, United States Nations Command and Republic of Korea/United States Combined Forces Command, Commander, United States Forces Korea, all of the Department of Defense.

BUDGET: DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Readiness and Management Support concluded a hearing

to examine the readiness of United States ground forces in review of the Defense Authorization Request for fiscal year 2008 and the Future Years Defense Program, after receiving testimony from Colonel Michael F. Beech, USA, Commander, 4th Brigade Combat Team, 4th Infantry Division, Fort Hood, Texas, Colonel Lewis A. Craparotta, USMC, Commander, 1st Marine Regiment, Camp Pendleton, California, and Colonel Timothy E. Orr, USARNG, Commander, 2nd Brigade Combat Team, 34th Infantry Division, Iowa National Guard, all of the Department of Defense.

TELECOMMUNICATIONS

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Committee concluded a hearing to examine communications, broadband and competitiveness relating to the telecommunications industry in the United States, after receiving testimony from Brian R. Mefford, ConnectKentucky and Connected Nation, Inc., Ben Scott, Free Press, on behalf of Consumers Union and the Consumer Federation of America, Jeffrey A. Eisenach, George Mason University School of Law, and Scott Wallsten, Progress and Freedom Foundation, all of Washington, D.C.; Adam T. Drobat, Telcordia Technologies, Arlington, Virginia, on behalf of the Telecommunications Industry Association; and Jack Keil Wolf, University of California at San Diego.

CLEAN AIR ACT

Committee on Environment and Public Works: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the implications of the Supreme Court's decision regarding the Environmental Protection Agency authorities with respect to greenhouse gases under the Clean Air Act, after receiving testimony from Stephen L. Johnson, Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency; Carol M. Browner, Albright Group, LLC, William K. Reilly, Aqua International Partners, Ann R. Klee, Crowell and Moring, David Doniger, Natural Resources Defense Council Climate Center, and Peter Glaser, Troutman Sanders LLP, all of Washington, D.C.

FEDERAL DISASTER HOUSING PROGRAM

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: Ad Hoc Subcommittee on Disaster Recovery concluded a hearing to examine trailers, focusing on creating a more flexible, efficient, and cost-effective Federal Disaster Housing Program, after receiving testimony from David E. Garratt, Acting Assistant Administrator, Disaster Assistance Directorate, Gil H. Jamieson, Associate Deputy Administrator for Gulf Coast Recovery, and Major General John R. D'Araujo, (Ret.) United States Army, former Primary Selecting Official, Alternative Housing Pilot

Program, all of the Federal Emergency Management Agency, and Matt A. Jadacki, Deputy Inspector General for Disaster Assistance Oversight, all of the Department of Homeland Security; Robert P. Hebert, Charlotte County Administration, Port Charlotte, Florida; Sheila Crowley, National Low Income Housing Coalition, Washington, D.C.; William J. Croft, Shaw Group, Inc., Baton Rouge, Louisiana; Andres Duany, Duany Plater-Zyberk and Company, Charlotte, North Carolina; John Badman, III, RE: Formed Systems, Greenwich, Connecticut.

TRANSIT BENEFITS

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: Permanent Subcommittee on Investigations concluded a hearing to examine the Federal Transit Benefit Program, focusing on determining if benefits are being misused, program rules are being violated, and whether agency oversight requires strengthening, after receiving testimony from Gregory D. Kutz, Managing Director, and John J. Ryan, Assistant Director, both of Forensic Audits and Special Investigations, Government Accountability Office; Calvin L. Scovel III, Inspector General, and Linda J. Washington, Acting Assistant Secretary for Administration, both of the Department of Transportation; Thomas F. Gimble, Acting Inspector General, and Michael L. Rhodes, Director, Washington Headquarters Services, both of the Department of Defense.

NO CHILD LEFT BEHIND REAUTHORIZATION

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: Committee concluded a hearing to examine No Child Left Behind Reauthorization, focusing on modernizing middle and high schools for the twenty-first century, after receiving testimony from Robert Balfanz, Johns Hopkins University Center for Social Organization of Schools, Baltimore, Maryland; former West Virginia Governor Bob Wise, Alliance for Excellent Education, and John Podesta, Center for American Progress, both of Washington, D.C.; Tony Habit, North Carolina New Schools Project, Raleigh; and Edna E. Varner, Hamilton County Public Education Foundation, Chattanooga, Tennessee.

CASUALTIES OF WAR

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Human Rights and the Law concluded a hearing to examine the casualties of war focusing on child soldiers and the law, including S. 1175, to end the use of child soldiers in hostilities around the world, after receiving testimony from Joseph Mettimano, World Vision, Washington, D.C.; Kenneth Roth, Human Rights Watch, Anwen Hughes, Human Rights

First, and Ishmael Beah, all of New York, New York.

NATIONAL GUARD

Committee on the Judiciary: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the Insurrection Act rider and the state control of the National Guard, including the proposed John Warner National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2007, S. 513, to amend title 10, United States Code, to revive previous authority on the use of the Armed Forces and the militia to address interference with State or Federal law, H.R. 1591, making emergency supplemental appropriations for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2007, and S. 430, to amend title 10, United States Code, to enhance the national defense through empowerment of the Chief of the National Guard Bu-

reau and the enhancement of the functions of the National Guard Bureau, after receiving testimony from North Carolina Governor Michael F. Easley, Raleigh, on behalf of the National Governors Association; Lieutenant General H. Steven Blum, USA, Chief, National Guard Bureau; Major General Timothy J. Lowenberg, USAF, Adjutant General, Washington National Guard; and Sheriff Ted G. Kamatchus, Marshall County, Marshalltown, Iowa, on behalf of the National Sheriffs' Association.

INTELLIGENCE

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

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 15 public bills, H.R. 2010–2014; and 5 resolutions, H. Con. Res. 127; and H. Res. 333–336 were introduced. **Page H4050**

Additional Cosponsors: **Pages H4051–52**

Reports Filed: Reports were filed today as follows:

Conference Report to accompany H.R. 1591, making emergency supplemental appropriations for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2007 (H. Rept. 110–107);

H. Res. 330, providing for consideration of H.R. 1332, to improve the access to capital programs of the Small Business Administration (H. Rept. 110–108);

H. Res. 331, providing for consideration of H.R. 249, to restore the prohibition on the commercial sale and slaughter of wild free-roaming horses and burros (H. Rept. 110–109); and

H. Res. 332, providing for consideration of the conference report to accompany H.R. 1591, making emergency supplemental appropriations for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2007 (H. Rept. 110–110). **Pages H3823–H4012, H4049**

Speaker: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein she appointed Representative Engel to act as Speaker Pro Tempore for today. **Page H3779**

Recess: The House recessed at 11:15 a.m. and reconvened at noon. **Page H3784**

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

Preservation Approval Process Improvement Act of 2007: H.R. 1675, to suspend the requirements of the Department of Housing and Urban Development regarding electronic filing of previous participation certificates and regarding filing of such certificates with respect to certain low-income housing investors; **Pages H3787–88**

Native American Home Ownership Opportunity Act of 2007: H.R. 1676, to reauthorize the program of the Secretary of Housing and Urban Development for loan guarantees for Indian housing; **Pages H3788–90**

Expressing the sense of the House of Representatives that Congress should increase public awareness of child abuse and neglect and should continue to work with the States to reduce the incidence of child abuse and neglect through such programs as the Child Welfare Services and Promoting Safe and Stable Families programs: H. Res. 299, to express the sense of the House of Representatives that Congress should increase public awareness of child abuse and neglect and should continue to work with the States to reduce the incidence of child abuse and neglect through such programs as the Child Welfare Services and Promoting Safe and Stable Families programs, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ yeas-and-nay vote of 411 yeas with none voting “nay”, Roll No. 250; and **Pages H3790–92, H3804–05**