

the continuation of the national emergency with respect to the blocking of property of certain persons and prohibiting the exportation and reexportation of certain goods to Syria as declared in Executive Order 13338 of May 11, 2004; which was referred to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs. (PM 12) **Page S5866**

**Nomination Confirmed:** Senate confirmed the following nomination:

By a unanimous vote of 91 yeas (Vote No. EX. 158), Debra Ann Livingston, of New York, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Second Circuit.

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**Nominations Received:** Senate received the following nominations:

- 2 Air Force nominations in the rank of general.
- 2 Army nominations in the rank of general.
- 1 Marine Corps nomination in the rank of general.
- Routine lists in the Air Force, Army, Navy.

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**Record Votes:** Eight record votes were taken today. (Total—161) **Pages S5772–73, S5837, S5861–62**

**Adjournment:** Senate convened at 9:30 a.m., and adjourned at 8:38 p.m., until 9:30 a.m. on Thursday, May 10, 2007. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S5878.)

## Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

### RURAL DEVELOPMENT

*Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine farm bill policy proposals relating to farm and energy issues and rural development, after receiving testimony from Glenn English, National Rural Electric Cooperative Association, Arlington, Virginia; Jimmy Matthews,

Georgia Rural Water Association, Barnesville, on behalf of the National Rural Water Association; Robert Grabarski, National Council of Farmer Cooperatives, Arkdale, Wisconsin; Steven A. Slack, Ohio State University Ohio Agricultural Research and Development Center, Wooster; Lee R. Lynd, Dartmouth College Thayer School of Engineering, Hanover, New Hampshire; Daniel G. De La Torre Ugarte, University of Tennessee Department of Agricultural Economics, Knoxville; Howard A. Learner, Environmental Law and Policy Center, Chicago, Illinois; and Neil Rich, Riksch Biofuels, Crawfordsville, Iowa.

### APPROPRIATIONS: DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Defense concluded a hearing to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2008 for the Department of Defense, after receiving testimony from Robert M. Gates, Secretary, and General Peter Pace, USMC, Chairman, Joint Chiefs of Staff, both of the Department of Defense.

### APPROPRIATIONS: IRS

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Financial Services and General Government concluded a hearing to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2008 for the Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, after receiving testimony from Kevin Brown, Acting Commissioner of Internal Revenue, J. Russell George, Inspector General for Tax Administration, and Nina E. Olson, National Taxpayer Advocate, all of the Department of the Treasury; and James R. White, Director, Strategic Issues, and David A. Powner, Director, Information Technology Management Issues, both of the Government Accountability Office.

### ATV SAFETY

*Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation:* Subcommittee on Consumer Affairs, Insurance, and Automotive Safety concluded a hearing to examine All-Terrain Vehicle (ATV) safety, after receiving testimony from Rachel Weintraub, Consumer Federation of America, and David P. Murray, Willkie Farr and Gallagher LLP, both of Washington, D.C.

### REDUCING GREENHOUSE GAS EMISSIONS

*Committee on Environment and Public Works:* Subcommittee on Private Sector and Consumer Solutions to Global Warming and Wildlife Protection concluded a hearing to examine emerging technologies and practices for reducing greenhouse gas emissions, after receiving testimony from Yet-Ming Chiang, Massachusetts Institute of Technology Department of Materials Science and Engineering, Watertown; Mark M. Little, GE Global Research, Niskayuna,

New York; James W. Stanway, Wal-Mart Stores, Inc., Bentonville, Arkansas; Michael W. Rencheck, American Electric Power, Columbus, Ohio; and John A. Fees, Babcock and Wilcox Companies, Lynchburg, Virginia.

#### NATIONAL SECURITY THREATS

*Committee on Foreign Relations:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine climate change relative to national security threats, focusing on the report entitled "National Security and the Threat of Climate Change", after receiving testimony from Admiral Joseph W. Prueher, (Ret.) USN, former Commander-in-Chief, United States Pacific Command, General Charles F. Wald, (Ret.) USAF, former Deputy Commander, United States European Command, and Vice Admiral Richard H. Truly, (Ret.) USN, former Administrator, National Aeronautics and Space Administration, all of the CNA Corporation Military Advisory Board, Alexandria, Virginia.

#### NOMINATIONS

*Committee on Foreign Relations:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of Dell L. Dailey, of South Dakota, to be Coordinator for Counterterrorism, with the rank and status of Ambassador at Large, and Mark P. Lagon, of Virginia, to be Director of the Office to Monitor and Combat Trafficking, with the rank of Ambassador at Large, after the nominees, who were introduced by Senator Reed, testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

#### VETERANS BENEFITS LEGISLATION

*Committee on Veterans' Affairs:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine benefits legislation, after receiving testimony from Senator Cantwell; Daniel L. Cooper, Under Secretary for Benefits, and John H. Thompson, Deputy General Counsel, both of the Department of Veterans Affairs; Meredith Beck, Wounded Warrior Project, New York, New York; Carl Blake, Paralyzed Veterans of America, Eric A. Hilleman, Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States, and Brian E. Lawrence, Disabled American Veterans, all of Washington, D.C.; Kimo S. Hollingsworth, American Veterans (AMVETS), Lanham, Maryland; Colonel Robert F. Norton (Ret.) USA, Military Officers Association of America, Alexandria, Virginia; and Alec S. Petkoff, American Legion, Indianapolis, Indiana.

#### THE FUTURE OF MEDICARE

*Special Committee on Aging:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine the future of Medicare, focusing on recognizing the need for chronic care coordination, after receiving testimony from Todd P. Semla, Clinical Pharmacy Specialist, Pharmacy Benefits Management and Strategic Health Group, Department of Veterans Affairs, on behalf of the American Geriatrics Society; Gerard F. Anderson, Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health, Health Policy and Management, Baltimore, Maryland; David A. Dorr, Oregon Health and Science University, Portland; Stuart Guterman, Commonwealth Fund, and Stephen McConnell, Alzheimer's Association, both of Washington, D.C.; and Ann Bowers, Fort Smith, Arkansas.

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## House of Representatives

### *Chamber Action*

**Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced:** 32 public bills, H.R. 2228–2259; and 6 resolutions, H. Con. Res. 146; and H. Res. 385–386, 389–391 were introduced. **Pages H4751–53**

**Additional Cosponsors:** **Pages H4753–54**

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

H.R. 1469, to establish the Senator Paul Simon Study Abroad Foundation under the authorities of the Mutual Educational and Cultural Exchange Act of 1961 (H. Rept. 110–138);

H.R. 692, to amend title 4, United States Code, to authorize the Governor of a State, territory, or

possession of the United States to order that the National flag be flown at half-staff in that State, territory, or possession in the event of the death of a member of the Armed Forces from that State, territory, or possession who dies while serving on active duty, with an amendment (H. Rept. 110–139);

H.R. 1593, to reauthorize the grant program for reentry of offenders into the community in the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968, to improve reentry planning and implementation (H. Rept. 110–140);

H.R. 401, to amend the National Capital Transportation Act of 1969 to authorize additional Federal contributions for maintaining and improving the transit system of the Washington Metropolitan Area