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**Adjournment:** Senate convened at 9:30 a.m. and adjourned at 7:06 p.m., until 9 a.m. on Friday, July 13, 2007. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S9186.)

## Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

### BUSINESS MEETING:

*Committee on Appropriations:* Committee ordered favorably reported the following:

An original bill making appropriations for the Departments of Transportation and Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies, for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2008; and

H.R. 2829, making appropriations for financial services and general government for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2008, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute.

### CROSS-BORDER EXCHANGE MERGERS

*Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs:* Subcommittee on Securities, Insurance and Investment concluded a hearing to examine cross-border exchange mergers, focusing on the global view, after receiving testimony from Erik Sirri, Director, Division of Market Regulation, and Ethiopis Tafara, Director, Office of International Affairs, both of the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission; Noreen Culhane, New York Stock Exchange (NYSE) Group, and Adena Friedman, National Association of Securities Dealers Automated Quotations (NASDAQ) Stock Market, Inc., both of New York, New York; Allen Ferrell, Harvard Law School, Cambridge, Massachusetts; and Damon A. Silvers, AFL–CIO, Washington, D.C.

### TELEPHONE NUMBER PORTABILITY

*Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine telephone number portability, including S. 1769, to amend the Communications Act of 1934 to facilitate

number portability in order to increase consumer choice of voice service provider, after receiving testimony from Tony Clark, North Dakota Public Service Commission, Bismarck, on behalf of the National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners; Ted Schremp, Charter Communications, Inc., St. Louis, Missouri; Jonathan Banks, United States Telecom Association, and Christopher Guttman-McCabe, CTIA—The Wireless Association, both of Washington, D.C.

### NOMINATIONS

*Committee on Energy and Natural Resources:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of Clarence H. Albright, of South Carolina, to be Under Secretary, who was introduced by Senator DeMint, and Lisa E. Epifani, of Texas, to be Assistant Secretary for Congressional and Intergovernmental Affairs, both of the Department of Energy, and James L. Caswell, of Idaho, to be Director of the Bureau of Land Management, who was introduced by Senators Craig and Crapo, and Brent T. Wahlquist, of Pennsylvania, to be Director of the Office of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement, both of the Department of the Interior, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

### LAND BILLS

*Committee on Energy and Natural Resources:* Subcommittee on National Parks concluded a hearing to examine S. 488 and H.R. 1100, bills to revise the boundary of the Carl Sandburg Home National Historic Site in the State of North Carolina, S. 617, to make the National Parks and Federal Recreational Lands Pass available at a discount to certain veterans, S. 824 and H.R. 995, bills to amend Public Law 106–348 to extend the authorization for establishing a memorial in the District of Columbia or its environs to honor veterans who became disabled while serving in the Armed Forces of the United States, S. 955, to establish the Abraham Lincoln National Heritage Area, S. 1148, to establish the Champlain Quadricentennial Commemoration Commission and the Hudson-Fulton 400th Commemoration Commission, S. 1380, to designate as wilderness certain land within the Rocky Mountain National Park and to adjust the boundaries of the Indian Peaks Wilderness and the Arapaho National Recreation Area of the Arapaho National Forest in the State of Colorado, and S. 1182, to amend the Quinebaug and Shetucket Rivers Valley National Heritage Corridor Act of 1994 to increase the authorization of appropriations and modify the date on which the authority of the Secretary of the Interior terminates under the Act, and S. 1728, to amend the National Parks and Recreation Act of 1978 to reauthorize the Na Hoa Pili O Kaloko-Honokohau Advisory Commission,

after receiving testimony from Senators Allard, Dole, and Thune; Representatives Mark Udall and Musgrave; Katherine H. Stevenson, Acting Assistant Director, Business Services, National Park Service, Department of the Interior; Mayor Judy Burke, Grand Lake, Colorado; Dennis Harmon, Water Supply and Storage Company, Fort Collins, Colorado; Dean Stoline, American Legion, Washington, D.C.; Heather Baker-Sullivan, Hudson Fulton Champlain Quadracentennial Commission, Katonah, New York; Tom Martin, Looking for Lincoln Heritage Coalition, Mt. Pulaski, Illinois; and Charlene Perkins Cutler, Quinebaug-Shetucket Heritage Corridor, Inc., Putnam, Connecticut.

#### AVIATION FINANCING

*Committee on Finance:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine the Airport Airways Trust Fund, focusing on the future of aviation financing, the extent to which the current funding structure can support the Federal Aviation Administration's activities, including the Next Generation Air Transportation System (NextGen), and issues that could affect the overall cost of NextGen, the implications of selected provisions of proposals to fund aviation activities, after receiving testimony from Marion C. Blakey, Administrator, Federal Aviation Administration; Peter R. Orszag, Director, Congressional Budget Office; Gerald L. Dillingham, Director, Physical Infrastructure Issues, Government Accountability Office; and Mark M. Hansen, University of California Institute of Transportation Studies, Berkeley.

#### DIRTY BOMB VULNERABILITIES (PART 1)

*Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs:* Permanent Subcommittee on Investigations concluded a hearing to examine certain vulnerabilities in the government's procedures for licensing radiological materials, focusing on the effectiveness of the Nuclear Regulatory Commission's materials licensing policies and procedures, and the vulnerability of those licenses to counterfeiting, after receiving testimony from Gene Aloise, Director, Natural Resources and Environment, and Gregory D. Kutz, Managing Director, and John W. Cooney, Assistant Director, both of Forensic Audits and Special Investigations, all of the Government Accountability Office; and Edward McGaffigan, Jr., Commissioner, United States Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

#### PRIVATE SECTOR PREPAREDNESS

*Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs:* Ad Hoc Subcommittee on State, Local, and Private Sector Preparedness and Integration concluded hearings to examine the state of public-private collaboration in preparing for and responding to national catastrophes, after receiving testimony from Colonel Robert B. Stephan, Assistant Secretary of Homeland Security for the Office of Infrastructure Protection; Eileen R. Larence, Director, Homeland Security and Justice Issues, Government Accountability Office; and Kenneth C. Watson, Cisco Systems, Inc., San Jose, California, on behalf of the Partnership for Critical Infrastructure Security.

#### NOMINATION

*Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nomination of James W. Holsinger, Jr., of Kentucky, to be Medical Director in the Regular Corps of the Public Health Service, subject to qualifications therefor as provided by law and regulations, and to be Surgeon General of the Public Health Service, Department of Health and Human Services, after the nominee, who was introduced by Senators Bunning and McConnell, testified and answered questions in his own behalf.

#### TRANSPORTATION ISSUES IN INDIAN COUNTRY

*Committee on Indian Affairs:* Committee concluded an oversight hearing to examine transportation issues in Indian country, after receiving testimony from Jerry Gidner, Deputy Bureau Director, Office of Indian Services, Department of the Interior; John R. Baxter, Associate Administrator for Federal Lands, Federal Highway Administration, Department of Transportation; Don Kashevaroff, Seldovia Village Tribe, Seldovia, Alaska; Pete Red Tomahawk, Standing Rock Sioux Tribe, Ft. Yates, North Dakota; Erin S. Forrest, Hualapai Tribe, Peach Springs, Arizona; and James Garrigan, Red Lake Band of Chippewa Indians, Red Lake, Minnesota.

#### BUSINESS MEETING

*Committee on the Judiciary:* Committee began consideration of S. 1145, to amend title 35, United States Code, to provide for patent reform, but did not complete action thereon, and recessed subject to the call of the Chair.