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Record Votes: One record vote was taken today. (Total—286) Pages S10373–74

Adjournment: Senate convened at 10:00 a.m. and adjourned at 9:31 p.m., until 9:30 a.m. on Wednesday, August 1, 2007. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S10529.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

NOMINATIONS

Committee on Armed Services: Committee concluded a hearing on the nominations of Admiral Michael G. Mullen, USN, for reappointment to the grade of admiral and to be Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, and General James E. Cartwright, USMC, for reappointment to the grade of general and to be Vice Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

NOMINATIONS

Committee on Armed Services: Committee ordered favorably reported 1,875 nominations in the Army, Navy, and Air Force.

SECURITIES MARKETS

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the state of the securities markets, including protecting investors, fostering efficient markets, and promoting capital formation, after receiving testimony from Christopher Cox, Chairman, U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission.

NOMINATIONS

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of Ronald Spoehel, of Virginia, to be Chief Financial Officer, National Aeronautics and Space Administration, William G. Sutton, Jr., of Virginia, to be an Assistant Secretary of Commerce, and Thomas J. Barrett, of Alaska, to be Deputy Secretary, who was introduced by Senator Murkowski, and Paul R. Brubaker, of Virginia, to be Administrator of the Research and Innovative Technology Administration, who was introduced by former Senator Cohen, both of the Department of Transportation, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

CREDIT REPAIR ORGANIZATION ACT

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Committee concluded an oversight hearing to examine telemarketing practices, focusing on H.R. 2885, to amend the Credit Repair Organizations Act to clarify the applicability of certain provisions to credit monitoring services, after receiving testimony from Lydia Parnes, Director, Bureau of Consumer Protection, Federal Trade Commission; Iowa Assistant Attorney General Steve St. Clair, Des Moines; Richard Johnson, AARP, and Jerry Cerasale, Direct Marketing Association, Inc., both of Washington, DC; Joanne S. Faulkner, National Association of Consumer Advocates, New Haven, Connecticut, on behalf of sundry organizations; and Robin Holland, Equifax Inc., Atlanta, Georgia.

RENEWABLE FUELS INFRASTRUCTURE

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Subcommittee on Energy concluded an oversight hearing to examine how to improve the renewable fuels infrastructure to accommodate the increasing volumes of renewable fuels in the transportation sector, after receiving testimony from Senator Klobuchar; Alexander Karsner, Assistant Secretary of Energy for Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy; David Terry, Governors' Ethanol Coalition, Lincoln, Nebraska; Charles T. Drevna, National Petrochemical and Refiners Association, Washington, DC; Jonathon Lehman, VeraSun Energy, Brookings, South Dakota; Deborah L. Morrissett, DaimlerChrysler Corporation, Auburn Hills, Michigan; and Phillip J. Lampert, National Ethanol Vehicle Coalition, Jefferson City, Missouri.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Environment and Public Works: Committee ordered favorably reported the following:

S. 742, to amend the Toxic Substances Control Act to reduce the health risks posed by asbestos-containing products, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 595, to amend the Emergency Planning and Community Right-to-Know Act of 1986 to strike a provision relating to modifications in reporting frequency;

S. 1785, to amend the Clean Air Act to establish deadlines by which the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency shall issue a decision on whether to grant certain waivers of preemption under that Act, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 775, to establish a National Commission on the Infrastructure of the United States, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

H.R. 50, to reauthorize the African Elephant Conservation Act and the Rhinoceros and Tiger Conservation Act of 1994;

S. 1429, to amend the Safe Drinking Water Act to reauthorize the provision of technical assistance to small public water systems, with amendments;

H.R. 465, to reauthorize the Asian Elephant Conservation Act of 1997;

S. 1498, to amend the Lacey Act Amendments of 1981 to prohibit the import, export, transportation, sale, receipt, acquisition, or purchase in interstate or foreign commerce of any live animal of any prohibited wildlife species, with an amendment; and

The nominations of R. Lyle Laverly, of Colorado, to be Assistant Secretary for Fish and Wildlife, Department of the Interior, and Robert Boldrey, of Michigan, to be a Member of the Board of Trustees of the Morris K. Udall Scholarship and Excellence in National Environmental Policy Foundation.

CARRIED INTEREST (PART II)

Committee on Finance: Committee concluded a hearing to examine carried interest, the right to receive a percentage of private equity, venture capital, hedge funds, or similar investment profits without an obligation to contribute capital to the fund, (Part II), after receiving testimony from Joseph Bankman, Stanford Law School, Stanford, California; Charles I. Kingson, University of Pennsylvania Law School, Philadelphia; Darryll K. Jones, Stetson University School of Law, Gulfport, Florida; Adam Ifshin, DLC Management Corporation, Tarrytown, New York, on behalf of the International Council of Shopping Centers and the Real Estate Roundtable; John B. Frank, Oaktree Capital Management, L.P., Los Angeles, California; Bruce Rosenblum, Private Equity Council, Washington, D.C.; and William D. Stanfill, Trailhead Ventures, L.P., Denver, Colorado.

SAFEGUARDING NUCLEAR FUEL

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee concluded a hearing to examine nuclear energy and non-proliferation challenges, focusing on nuclear fuel safeguards and assurances, after receiving testimony from Senator Bayh; Andrew Semmel, Acting Deputy Assistant Secretary of State for Nuclear Nonproliferation Policy and Negotiations; and Henry Sokolski, Nonproliferation Policy Education Center, Fred McGoldrick, Bengelsdorf, McGoldrick and Associates, LLC., and Lawrence Scheinman, Monterey Institute of International Affairs James Martin Center for Nonproliferation Studies, all of Washington, D.C.

LEEGIN DECISION

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Antitrust, Competition Policy and Consumer Rights concluded a hearing to examine the impact of the

Leegin Decision relating to consumer discounts and antitrust policy, after receiving testimony from Pamela Jones Harbour, Commissioner, Federal Trade Commission; Robery Pitofsky, Georgetown University Law School, and Janet L. McDavid, Hogan and Hartson, on behalf of the American Bar Association, both of Washington, D.C.; Stephen Bolerjack, Dykema Gossett PLLC, Detroit, Michigan, on behalf of the National Association of Manufacturers; and Marcy Syms, Syms Corp, Secaucus, New Jersey.

OXYCONTIN SETTLEMENT

Committee on the Judiciary: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the propriety and adequacy of the Oxycontin criminal settlement, after receiving testimony from John L. Brownlee, United States Attorney for the Western District of Virginia, and Jay P. McCloskey, former United States Attorney for Maine, both of the Department of Justice; Virginia Pagano, Philadelphia Police Department, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania; Vikramaditya S. Khanna, University of Michigan Law School, Ann Arbor; Sidney M. Wolfe, Public Citizen, Washington, D.C.; James N. Campbell, Johns Hopkins University Blaustein Pain Treatment Center, Baltimore, Maryland; and Marianne Skolek, Myrtle Beach, South Carolina.

RETURNING SERVICE MEMBERS

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: Committee concluded a hearing to examine Department of Veterans Affairs and Department of Defense cooperation on the educational needs of returning service members, including S. 22, to amend title 38, United States Code, to establish a program of educational assistance for members of the Armed Forces who serve in the Armed Forces after September 11, 2001, after receiving testimony from Major General Ronald Young, Director, Manpower and Personnel, National Guard Bureau, United States Army, Tom Bush, Principal Director, Manpower and Personnel, and Curt Gilroy, Director, Accession Policy, all of the Department of Defense; Keith Wilson, Director of Education Service, Veterans Benefits Administration, and Dean Gallin, Deputy Counsel, Office of General Counsel, both of the Department of Veterans Affairs; G. Kim Wincup, former Vice Chairman, Congressional Commission on Servicemembers and Veterans Transition Assistance; James Bombard, Veterans Advisory Committee on Education, Albany, New York; Allison G. Jones, California State University Academic Affairs Student Academic Support, Ronald F. Chamrin, American Legion, Eric A. Hilleman, Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States, and Patrick Campbell, Iraq and Afghanistan Veterans of America, all of Washington, D.C.; and Colonel Robert F. Norton, USA (Ret.), Military Officers Association of America, Alexandria, Virginia.

INTELLIGENCE

Committee recessed subject to the call.

Select Committee on Intelligence: Committee held closed hearings on intelligence matters, receiving testimony from officials of the intelligence community.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 38 public bills, H.R. 3232–3269; 6 resolutions, H. Res. 588–593 were introduced. **Pages H9274–76**

Additional Cosponsors: **Pages H9276–77**

Reports Filed: Reports were filed today as follows:

Conference report on H.R. 1495, to provide for the conservation and development of water and related resources and to authorize the Secretary of the Army to construct various projects for improvements to rivers and harbors of the United States (H. Rept. 110–280);

H.R. 3056, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to repeal the authority of the Internal Revenue Service to use private debt collection companies, to delay implementation of withholding taxes on government contractors and to revise the tax rules on expatriation, with an amendment (H. Rept. 110–281);

H.R. 3159, to mandate minimum periods of rest and recuperation for units and members of the regular and reserve components of the Armed Forces between deployments for Operation Iraqi Freedom or Operation Enduring Freedom, with an amendment (H. Rept. 110–282);

H.R. 3087, to require the President, in coordination with the Secretary of State, the Secretary of Defense, the Joint Chiefs of Staff, and other senior military leaders, to develop and transmit to Congress a comprehensive strategy for the redeployment of United States Armed Forces in Iraq, with amendments (H. Rept. 110–283); [Filed on August 1 (legislative day, July 31), 2007]

H.R. 3162, to amend titles XVIII, XIX, and XXI of the Social Security Act to extend and improve the children's health insurance program, to improve beneficiary protections under the Medicare, Medicaid, and the CHIP program, with an amendment (H. Rept. 110–284 Pt. I);

H. Res. 594, providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 3162) to amend titles XVIII, XIX, and XXI of the Social Security Act to extend and improve the children's health insurance program, to

improve beneficiary protections under the Medicare, Medicaid, and CHIP program (H. Rept. 110–285);

H. Res. 595, A resolution waiving a requirement of clause 6(a) of rule XIII with respect to consideration of certain resolutions from the Committee on Rules (H. Rept. 110–286);

H. Res. 596, providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 3222) making appropriations for the Department of Defense for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2008 (H. Rept. 110–287); and

H. Res. 597, providing for consideration of the conference report to accompany the bill (H.R. 1495) to provide for the conservation and development of water and related resources, to authorize the Secretary of the Army to construct various projects for improvements to rivers and harbors of the United States (H. Rept. 110–288). **Pages H9058–H9188, H9274**

Speaker: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein she appointed Representative McNerney to act as Speaker Pro Tempore for today. **Page H9055**

Recess: The House recessed at 9:25 a.m. and reconvened at 10:06 a.m. **Page H9057**

Chaplain: The prayer was offered by the guest Chaplain, Rev. Richard D. Turpin, Second Baptist Church, Catskill, New York. **Pages H9057–58**

Journal: The House agreed to the Speaker's approval of the Journal by a yea-and-nay vote of 214 yeas to 210 nays, Roll No. 774. **Pages H9058, H9230–31**

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

Providing greater transparency in the legislative process: S. 1, amended, to provide greater transparency in the legislative process, by a 2/3 yea-and-nay vote of 411 yeas to 8 nays, Roll No. 763—clearing the measure for the President. **Pages H9192–H9210**

Suspensions: The House agreed to suspend the rules and pass the following measures which were debated on Monday, July 30th:

Darfur Accountability and Divestment Act of 2007: H.R. 180, amended, to require the identification of companies that conduct business operations in Sudan and to prohibit United States Government