

Office on the efficacy of strategies used by the Federal Aviation Administration and the Department of Transportation to address flight delays at airports in the United States. **Pages S11399–S11400, S11405**

Pending:

Coburn Amendment No. 2812, to remove an unnecessary earmark for the International Peace Garden in Dunseith, North Dakota. **Pages S11383, S11398–99**

Coburn Amendment No. 2813, to ensure that no funds made available under this Act shall be used to carry out any activity relating to the design or construction of the America's Wetland Center in Lake Charles, Louisiana, until the date on which the Secretary, in consultation with the Administrator of the Federal Emergency Management Agency and the State of Louisiana, certifies to Congress that all residents of the State of Louisiana who were displaced as a result of Hurricane Katrina or Rita in 2005 are no longer living in temporary housing. **Page S11383**

Coburn Amendment No. 2814, to prohibit the use of funds for the construction of a baseball facility in Billings, Montana, and to reduce the amounts made available for the Economic Development Initiative and the Community Development Fund.

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During consideration of this measure today, the Senate also took the following action:

Chair sustained a point of order that Cornyn/Inhofe Amendment No. 2808, to express the sense of the Senate that General David H. Petraeus, Commanding General, Multi-National Force-Iraq, deserves the full support of the Senate and strongly condemn personal attacks on the honor and integrity of General Petraeus and all the members of the United States Armed Senate, was not germane, and the amendment thus fell. **Pages S11356–64**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that the following be the only amendments, other than the managers' amendment which has been cleared by the managers and leaders, remaining in order, and that no second-degree amendment be in order prior to a vote on or in relation to the amendments: Coburn Amendment No. 2812, Coburn Amendment No. 2813, Coburn Amendment No. 2814 (all listed above), and a DeMint amendment relating to the Davis-Bacon Act; provided further, that there be 2 minutes for debate prior to each vote, with the time equally divided and controlled in the usual form; that after the first vote in the sequence, the remaining votes be limited to 10 minutes; that upon disposition of the listed amendments, Senate vote on passage of the bill; provided further, that when Senate continues consideration of the bill at 9 a.m., on Wednesday, September 12, 2007, that there be 20 minutes of debate with respect to the DeMint Amendment, with the time

equally divided and controlled between Senators DeMint and Kennedy, or their designees.

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Nominations Confirmed: Senate confirmed the following nominations:

Michael David Credo, of Louisiana, to be United States Marshal for the Eastern District of Louisiana for the term of four years.

Esteban Soto III, of Maryland, to be United States Marshal for the District of Puerto Rico for the term of four years.

Ronald Spoechel, of Virginia, to be Chief Financial Officer, National Aeronautics and Space Administration.

1 Marine Corps nomination in the rank of general.

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Record Votes: Four record votes were taken today. (Total—333) **Pages S11381, S11393–94, S11396**

Adjournment: Senate convened at 10:00 a.m. and adjourned at 9:41 p.m., until 9:00 a.m. on Wednesday, September 12, 2007. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S11460.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Defense approved for full Committee consideration H.R. 3222, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute, making appropriations for the Department of Defense for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2008.

IRAQ

Committee on Armed Services: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the situation in Iraq, focusing on the progress made by the Government of Iraq in meeting benchmarks, after receiving testimony from Ryan C. Crocker, United States Ambassador to Iraq, Department of State; and General David H. Petraeus, USA, Commander, Multi-National Force-Iraq.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Armed Services: On Friday, August, 3, 2007, Committee approved for reporting the following subcommittee assignments for the 110th Congress:

Subcommittee on Airland: Senators Lieberman (Chairman), Akaka, Bayh, Clinton, Pryor, Webb, McCaskill, Cornyn, Warner, Inhofe, Sessions, Chambliss, and Corker.

Subcommittee on Emerging Threats and Capabilities: Senators Reed (Chairman), Kennedy, Byrd, Nelson (FL), Nelson (NE), Bayh, Clinton, Dole, Warner, Collins, Graham, Cornyn, and Martinez.

Subcommittee on Personnel: Senators Nelson (NE) (Chairman), Kennedy, Lieberman, Webb, McCaskill, Graham, Collins, Chambliss, and Dole.

Subcommittee on Readiness and Management Support: Senators Akaka (Chairman), Byrd, Bayh, Clinton, Pryor, McCaskill, Thune, Inhofe, Chambliss, Dole, and Corker.

Subcommittee on Seapower: Senators Kennedy (Chairman), Lieberman, Reed, Akaka, Nelson (FL), Webb, Martinez, Warner, Sessions, Collins, and Cornyn.

Subcommittee on Strategic Forces: Senators Nelson (FL) (Chairman), Byrd, Reed, Nelson (NE), Pryor, Sessions, Inhofe, Graham, and Thune.

HEALTH CARE AND THE BUDGET

Committee on the Budget: Committee concluded a hearing to examine health care and the federal budget, focusing on options for achieving universal health coverage, after receiving testimony from Henry J. Aaron, Brookings Institution, Washington, D.C.; Sherry Glied, Columbia University Mailman School of Public Health, Department of Health Policy and Management, New York, New York; and Janet Stokes Trautwein, National Association of Health Underwriters, Arlington, Virginia.

LAND BILLS

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Subcommittee on National Parks concluded a hearing to examine S. 127, to amend the Great Sand Dunes National Park and Preserve Act of 2000 to explain the purpose and provide for the administration of the Baca National Wildlife Refuge, S. 327 and H.R.

359, bills to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to conduct a special resource study of sites associated with the life of Cesar Estrada Chavez and the farm labor movement, S. 868, to amend the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act to designate segments of the Taunton River in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts as a component of the National Wild and Scenic Rivers System, S. 1051, to authorize National Mall Liberty Fund D.C. to establish a memorial on Federal land in the District of Columbia at Constitution Gardens previously approved to honor free persons and slaves who fought for independence, liberty, and justice for all during the American Revolution, S. 1184 and H.R. 1021, bills to direct the Secretary of the Interior to conduct a special resources study regarding the suitability and feasibility of designating certain historic buildings and areas in Taunton, Massachusetts, as a unit of the National Park System, S. 1247, to amend the Weir Farm National Historic Site Establishment Act of 1990 to limit the development of any property acquired by the Secretary of the Interior for the development of visitor and administrative facilities for the Weir Farm National Historic Site, S. 1304, to amend the National Trails System Act to designate the Arizona National Scenic Trail, S. 1329, to extend the Acadia National Park Advisory Commission, to provide improved visitor services at the park, H.R. 807, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to conduct a special resource study to determine the feasibility and suitability of establishing a memorial to the Space Shuttle *Columbia* in the State of Texas and for its inclusion as a unit of the National Park System, and H.R. 759, to redesignate the Ellis Island Library on the third floor of the Ellis Island Immigration Museum, located on Ellis Island in New York Harbor, as the “Bob Hope Memorial Library”, after receiving testimony from Representative Engel; Daniel N. Wenk, Deputy Director, National Park Service, Department of the Interior; Maurice A. Barboza, National Mall Liberty Fund D.C., Washington, D.C.; and David Hicks, Arizona Trail Association, Phoenix.

U.S.-PERU TRADE PROMOTION AGREEMENT

Committee on Finance: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the United States-Peru Trade Promotion Agreement, after receiving testimony from Michael Kantor, Mayer Brown, Thea Mei Lee, American Federation of Labor and Congress of Industrial Organizations (AFL-CIO), and Patricia A. Forkan, Humane Society International, all of Washington, D.C.; David Winkles, South Carolina Farm Bureau, Oswego, on behalf of the American Farm Bureau Federation; and Thomas F. Catania, Whirlpool Corporation, Benton Harbor, Michigan.

CROCKER-PETRAEUS REPORT ON IRAQ

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee concluded a hearing to examine Iraq, focusing on the Crocker-Petraeus report, after receiving testimony from Ryan C. Crocker, United States Ambassador to the Republic of Iraq, Department of State; and General David H. Petraeus, USA, Commander, Multi-National Force-Iraq.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee ordered favorably reported the following:

S. 805, to amend the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961 to assist countries in sub-Saharan Africa in the effort to achieve internationally recognized goals in the treatment and prevention of HIV/AIDS and other major diseases and the reduction of maternal and child mortality by improving human health care capacity and improving retention of medical health professionals in sub-Saharan Africa, with amendments;

S. 968, to amend the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961 to provide increased assistance for the prevention, treatment, and control of tuberculosis, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 1839, to require periodic reports on claims related to acts of terrorism against Americans perpetrated or supported by the Government of Libya;

S. 2020, to reauthorize the Tropical Forest Coral Conservation Reauthorization Act of 2007;

H.R. 1678, to amend the Torture Victims Relief Act of 1998 to authorize appropriations to provide assistance for domestic and foreign programs and centers for the treatment of victims of torture;

Patent Law Treaty and Regulations Under the Patent Law Treaty (the "Treaty"), done at Geneva on

June 1, 2000, between the Governments of 53 countries including the United States of America (Treaty Doc. 109–12), with one reservation;

The Geneva Act of the Hague Agreement Concerning the International Registration of Industrial Designs (the "Agreement"), adopted in Geneva on July 2, 1999, and signed by the United States on July 6, 1999 (Treaty Doc. 109–21), with nine declarations;

The Singapore Treaty on the Law of Trademarks (Treaty Doc. 110–2), with one condition;

Protocol to the 1951 Treaty of Friendship, Commerce, and Navigation between the United States and Denmark (Treaty Doc. 108–8); and

The nominations of Margaret Spellings, of Texas, to be designated a Representative of the United States of America to the Thirty-fourth Session of the General Conference of the United Nations Educational, Scientific, and Cultural Organization, Paula J. Dobriansky, of Virginia, for the rank of Ambassador during her tenure of service as Special Envoy for Northern Ireland, Harry K. Thomas, Jr., of New York, to be Director General of the Foreign Service, Nancy Goodman Brinker, of Florida, to be Chief of Protocol, and to have the rank of Ambassador during her tenure of service, and Ned L. Siegel, of Florida, to be Ambassador to the Commonwealth of The Bahamas.

INTELLIGENCE

Select Committee on Intelligence: Committee met in closed session to consider pending intelligence matters.

Committee recessed subject to the call.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 2 public bills, H.R. 3523–3524; and 1 resolution, H.J. Res. 49, were introduced. **Page H10366**

Additional Cosponsors: **Page H10366**

Reports Filed: There were no reports filed today.

Chaplain: The prayer was offered by the guest Chaplain, Rev. William Hegedusich, St. Peter's Catholic Church, Washington, DC. **Page H10365**

Moment of Silence: The House observed a moment of silence in honor of the victims of the terrorist attacks on September 11, 2001. **Page H10365**

Quorum Calls—Votes: There were no Yea-and-Nay votes, and there were no Recorded votes. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 10:30 a.m. and adjourned at 10:36 a.m.

Program for Friday: To be announced.