

Transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on the continuation of the national emergency that was declared on March 15, 1995, with respect to Iran; which was referred to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs. (PM-41) **Pages S1874-75**

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

William Clifford Smith, of Louisiana, to be a Member of the Mississippi River Commission for a term of nine years.

Rear Admiral Jonathan W. Bailey, NOAA, to be a Member of the Mississippi River Commission.

Mimi Alemayehou, of the District of Columbia, to be United States Director of the African Development Bank for a term of five years.

Kiyo A. Matsumoto, of New York, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of New York.

Cathy Seibel, of New York, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of New York.

1 Army nomination in the rank of general.

5 Navy nominations in the rank of admiral.

Routine lists in the Air Force, Army, Navy.

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**Adjournment:** Senate convened at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 8:52 p.m., until 9:30 a.m. on Wednesday, March 12, 2008. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S1893.)

## Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

### IRAQ

*Committee on Appropriations:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine the effectiveness of the United States efforts to combat corruption, waste, fraud, and

abuse in Iraq, after receiving testimony from David M. Walker, Comptroller General, Government Accountability Office; Claude M. Kicklighter, Inspector General, and Stuart W. Bowen, Jr., Special Inspector General for Iraq Reconstruction, both of the Department of Defense; and Radhi Hamza al-Radhi, Commission on Public Integrity, Republic of Iraq.

### DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION REQUEST

*Committee on Armed Services:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine the defense authorization request for fiscal year 2009 for the United States Pacific Command and United States Forces in Korea, and the future years defense program, after receiving testimony from Admiral Timothy J. Keating, USN, Commander, United States Pacific Command, and General B.B. Bell, Commander, United Nations Command (UNC), Commander, Republic of Korea—United States Combined Forces Command (CFC), and Commander, United States Forces Korea (USFK), both of the Department of Defense.

### NATION'S INFRASTRUCTURE

*Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine the condition of the nation's infrastructure, focusing on proposals for needed improvements, including S. 1926, to establish the National Infrastructure Bank to provide funding for qualified infrastructure projects, after receiving testimony from David G. Mongan, American Society of Civil Engineers, Baltimore, Maryland; Felix G. Rohatyn, Center for Strategic and International Studies, and Tracy Wolstencroft, Goldman, Sachs, and Co., both of New York, New York; and Ron Blackwell, American Federation of Labor and Congress of Industrial Organizations (AFL-CIO), and Janet F. Kavinoky, United States Chamber of Commerce, both of Washington, D.C.

### U.S. BASIC RESEARCH BUDGET

*Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation:* Subcommittee on Science, Technology, and Innovation concluded a hearing to examine the President's proposed budget request for fiscal year 2009 to support basic research in the United States, after receiving testimony from John Marburger III, Director, Office of Science and Technology Policy, Executive Office of the President; James M. Turner, Acting Director, National Institute of Standards and Technology, Department of Commerce; and Arden L. Bement, Jr., Director, National Science Foundation.

### CROSS-BORDER TRUCK PILOT PROGRAM

*Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation:* Committee concluded an oversight hearing to examine the Department of Transportation's Cross-Border Truck pilot program, after receiving testimony from

Mary E. Peters, Secretary, and Calvin L. Scovel III, Inspector General, both of the Department of Transportation; and Jacqueline S. Gillan, Advocates for Highway and Auto Safety, and Paul D. Cullen, Sr., Owner-Operator Independent Drivers Association, Inc., both of Washington, D.C.

#### U.S. ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS BUDGET

*Committee on Environment and Public Works:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine the President's proposed budget request for fiscal year 2009 for the United States Army Corps of Engineers Civil Works Program, and the implementation of the Water Resources Development Act (WRDA) of 2007 (Public Law 110-114), after receiving testimony from John Paul Woodley, Jr., Assistant Secretary of the Army for Civil Works; and Lieutenant General Robert Van Antwerp, Chief of Engineers, United States Army Corps of Engineers.

#### HORN OF AFRICA

*Committee on Foreign Relations:* Committee concluded a hearing evaluating United States policy options on the Horn of Africa, after receiving testimony from Jendayi Frazer, Assistant Secretary of State for African Affairs; Katherine J. Almquist, Assistant Administrator for Africa, United States Agency for International Development; Theresa Whelan, Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense for African Affairs; David H. Shinn, George Washington University Elliott School of International Affairs, and Lynn Fredriksson, Amnesty International USA, both of Washington, D.C.; and Colonel Thomas A. Dempsey, USA (Ret.), United States Army War College, Carlisle Barracks, Pennsylvania.

#### NATO

*Committee on Foreign Relations:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine the North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO), focusing on enlargement and effectiveness, after receiving testimony from Daniel Fried, Assistant Secretary of State for European and Eurasian Affairs; General John Craddock, U.S. European Command and Supreme Allied Commander, Europe, NATO Headquarters, Mons, Belgium; Ronald D. Asmus, German Marshall Fund, Brussels, Belgium; and Philip H. Gordon, Brookings Institution, Bruce Pitcairn Jackson, Project on Transitional Democracies, and James J. Townsend, Jr., Atlantic Council, all of Washington, D.C.

#### LIFE SCIENCES

*Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine funding of the National Institutes of Health, focusing on opportunities in the life sciences and biomedical research, after receiving testimony from Drew Gilpin Faust, Harvard University, Cambridge, Massachusetts; Jill A. Rafael-Fortney, The Ohio State University College of Medicine, Columbus; Edward D. Miller, Johns Hopkins Medicine, Baltimore, Maryland; Samuel M. Rankin III, American Mathematical Society, Washington, D.C.; and Dana Lewis, Huntsville, Alabama.

#### NOMINATION

*Committee on the Judiciary:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nomination of Grace C. Becker, of New York, to be Assistant Attorney General for the Civil Rights Division, Department of Justice, after the nominee, who was introduced by Senator Hatch, testified and answered questions in her own behalf.

#### FAMILIES OF WOUNDED WARRIORS

*Committee on Veterans' Affairs:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine Department of Veterans Affairs and Department of Defense cooperation and collaboration, focusing on caring for the families of wounded warriors, after receiving testimony from Lynda C. Davis, Deputy Assistant Secretary of the Navy for Military Personnel Policy, Department of Defense; Kristen Day, Chief Consultant, Care Management and Social Work, Office of Patient Care Services, Veterans Health Administration, and Steven L. Sayers, Clinical Research Psychologist, Philadelphia Medical Center, both of the Department of Veterans Affairs; Jane Dulin, United States Army Wounded Warrior Program, Elkins Park, Pennsylvania; Colonel Peter J. Bunce, USAF (Ret.), Arlington, Virginia; Robert Verbeke, Exton, Pennsylvania; and Jackie McMichael, Franklinton, North Carolina.

#### INTELLIGENCE

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

Committee recessed subject to the call.