

to close further debate on the motion to proceed to consideration of the bill. **Pages S557–59**

Senator Salazar Farewell Remarks—Agreement:

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that on Friday, January 16, 2009, Senator Salazar be recognized to speak in order to give his farewell remarks. **Page S631**

Messages from the President: Senate received the following messages from the President of the United States:

Transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on the continuation of the national emergency that was originally declared on January 23, 1995, with respect to foreign terrorists who threaten to disrupt the Middle East peace process; which was referred to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs. (PM–3) **Page S597**

Transmitting, pursuant to law, the 2009 National Drug Control Strategy; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary. (PM–4) **Page S597**

Transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on the continuation of the national emergency relating to Cuba and of the emergency authority relating to the regulation of the anchorage and movement of vessels; which was referred to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs. (PM–5) **Page S597**

Transmitting, pursuant to law, the Agreement Between the Government of the United States of America and the Government of the Russian Federation on Mutual Fisheries Relations; which was referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations. (PM–6) **Pages S597–98**

Removal of Injunction of Secrecy: The injunction of secrecy was removed from the following treaty:

Tax Convention with Malta (Treaty Doc. No. 111–1).

The treaty was transmitted to the Senate today, considered as having been read for the first time, and referred, with accompanying papers, to the Committee on Foreign Relations and ordered to be printed. **Pages S630–31**

Additional Cosponsors: **Pages S598–99**

Statements on Introduced Bills/Resolutions: **Pages S599–S628**

Additional Statements: **Pages S596–97**

Amendments Submitted: **Pages S628–29**

Authorities for Committees to Meet: **Pages S629–30**

Privileges of the Floor: **Page S630**

Record Votes: Three record votes were taken today. (Total—5) **Pages S430, S559, S587**

Adjournment: Senate convened at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 8:32 p.m., until 10 a.m. on Friday, January 16, 2009. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today's Record on page S631.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

NOMINATIONS

Committee on Armed Services: Committee concluded hearings to examine the nominations of William J. Lynn III, to be Deputy Secretary, who was introduced by Senator Reed, Robert F. Hale, to be Under Secretary (Comptroller) and Chief Financial Officer, Michele Flournoy, to be Under Secretary for Policy, who was introduced by Representative Skelton, and Jeh Charles Johnson, to be General Counsel, who was introduced by Senator Menendez, all of the Department of Defense, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

NOMINATIONS

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of Mary Schapiro, of New York, to be Chairman of the Securities and Exchange Commission, who was introduced by Senators Reed and Schumer, Christina Romer, of California, to be Chair of the Council of Economic Advisors, Austan Goolsbee, of Illinois, who was introduced by Senator Durbin, and Cecilia Rouse, of New Jersey, who was introduced by Senator Menendez, each to be a Member of the Council of Economic Advisors, and Daniel Tarullo, of Maryland, to be a Member of the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, who was introduced by Senator Dodd, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

DEBT OUTLOOK

Committee on the Budget: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the debt outlook and its implications for policy, after receiving testimony from Richard Berner, Morgan Stanley, and Allen Sinai, Decision Economics, Inc., both of New York, New York; and Douglas Holtz-Eakin, DHE Consulting, LLC, of Arlington, Virginia.

NOMINATION

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nomination of Ken Salazar, to be Secretary of the Interior, after the nominee, who was introduced by Senator Mark Udall and Representative John Salazar, testified and answered questions in his own behalf.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Finance: Committee ordered favorably reported an original bill to reauthorize the Children's Health Insurance Program.

Also, committee adopted its rules of procedure for the 111th Congress.

NOMINATION

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nomination of Susan E. Rice, to be Representative to the United Nations, with the rank and status of Ambassador, and the Representative in the Security Council of the United Nations, and to be Representative to the Sessions of the General Assembly of the United Nations during her tenure of service as Representative to the United Nations, after the nominee, who was introduced by Senators Bayh and Collins, testified and answered questions in her own behalf.

NOMINATION

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee ordered favorably reported the nomination of Hillary R. Clinton, to be Secretary of State.

NOMINATION

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nomination of Janet A. Napolitano, to be Secretary of Homeland Security, after the nominee, who was introduced by Senators McCain and Kyl, testified and answered questions in her own behalf.

HEALTH INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: Committee concluded a hearing to examine investing

in health information technology (IT), focusing on stimulus for a healthier America, after receiving testimony from Valerie C. Melvin, Director, Human Capital and Management Information Systems Issues, Government Accountability Office; John H. Cochran, The Permanente Foundation, Oakland, California, on behalf of the Kaiser Permanente Medical Care Program; Janet Corrigan, The National Quality Forum, and Mary R. Greal, Healthcare Leadership Council, both of Washington, D.C.

ECONOMIC STIMULUS

Committee on Indian Affairs: Committee concluded a hearing to examine job creation and economic stimulus in Indian country, after receiving testimony from Robert Middleton, Director, Office of Indian Energy and Economic Development, Bureau of Indian Affairs, and Jack Rever, Director, Facilities Management and Improvement, both of the Department of the Interior; Jackie Johnson-Pata, National Congress of American Indians, Robin Butterfield, National Indian Education Association, and Reno Franklin, National Indian Health Board, all of Washington, D.C.; and Julie Kitka, Alaska Federation of Natives, Anchorage, on behalf of the National Indian Health Board.

NOMINATION

Committee on the Judiciary: Committee held a hearing to examine the nomination of Eric H. Holder, to be Attorney General of the United States, the nominee, who was introduced by former Senator John Warner and Representative Norton, testified and answered questions in his own behalf.

Hearings recessed subject to the call and will meet again on Friday, January 16, 2009.