

Record Votes: Four record votes were taken today. (Total—158) **Pages S4428–30, S4434**

Adjournment: Senate convened at 2 p.m. and adjourned at 7:15 p.m., until 10 a.m. on Tuesday, April 21, 2009. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S4466.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: Committee ordered favorably reported the nomination of Ladda Tammy Duckworth, of Illinois, to be Assistant Secretary of Veterans Affairs for Public and Intergovernmental Affairs.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

The House was not in session today. The House is scheduled to meet at 2 p.m. on Tuesday, April 21, 2009, pursuant to the provisions of H. Con. Res. 93.

Committee Meetings

NATIONAL CAPITAL REGION DISASTER CAPACITY

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure: On April 3, the Subcommittee on Economic Development, Public Buildings, and Emergency Management held a hearing on Disaster Capacity in the National Capital Region: Experiences, Capabilities, and Weaknesses. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the District of Columbia: Peter Nickels, Attorney General; MG Errol R. Schwartz, USA, Commanding General, DC National Guard; and Jeff Delinski, Deputy Chief, Special Operations Bureau, Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority Police; the following officials of the Department of Homeland Security: Gabrielle Gallegos, Director, Law Enforcement Policy; Jonathan Sarubbi, Regional Administrator; and Kenneth Wall, Acting Director, Office of National Capital Region, both with FEMA; Daniel R. Nichols, Assistant Chief, U.S. Capitol Police Department; Vernon Herron, Deputy Chief Administrative Officer for Public Safety/Director of Homeland Security, Office of the County Executive, Prince George's County, Maryland; and public witnesses.

Joint Meetings

EMPLOYMENT

Joint Economic Committee: On Friday, April 3, 2009, committee concluded a hearing to examine the em-

ployment situation for March 2009, after receiving testimony from Keith Hall, Commissioner, Bureau of Labor Statistics, Department of Labor.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR TUESDAY, APRIL 21, 2009

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: to hold hearings to examine the nominations of Cameron Kerry, to be General Counsel, and April S. Boyd, of the District of Columbia, to be an Assistant Secretary, both of the Department of Commerce, Dana G. Gresham, of the District of Columbia, to be an Assistant Secretary, Robert Rivkin, to be General Counsel, Roy W. Kienitz, of Pennsylvania, to be Under Secretary for Policy, Peter Appel to be the Administrator of Research and Innovative Technology Administration, and Joseph C. Szabo, of Illinois, to be Administrator of the Federal Railroad Administration, all of the Department of Transportation; and Sherburne B. Abbott, of Texas, to be an Associate Director of the Office of Science and Technology Policy, Executive Office of the President, 2:30 p.m., SR-253.

Committee on Finance: to hold hearings to examine reforming America's health care delivery system; to include a business meeting to consider the nomination of Kathleen Sebelius, of Kansas, to be Secretary of Health and Human Services, 10 a.m., SH-216.

Committee on Foreign Relations: Subcommittee on African Affairs, to hold hearings to examine United States diplomatic capacity in Africa, 2:30 p.m., SD-419.

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: to hold hearings to examine empowering workers to rebuild America's economy and long-term competitiveness, focusing on green skills training for workers, 10:30 a.m., SD-430.

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: Ad Hoc Subcommittee on State, Local, and Private Sector Preparedness and Integration, to hold hearings to examine

counternarcotics enforcement, focusing on coordination at the federal, state, and local level, 10:30 a.m., SD-342.

Ad Hoc Subcommittee on Contracting Oversight, to hold hearings to examine improving the ability of inspectors general to detect, prevent, and prosecute contracting fraud, 2:30 p.m., SD-342.

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Terrorism and Homeland Security, to hold hearings to examine protecting national security and civil liberties, focusing on strategies for terrorism information sharing, 2:30 p.m., SD-226.

Select Committee on Intelligence: to hold closed hearings to examine certain intelligence matters, 2:30 p.m., S-407, Capitol.

House

No committee meetings are scheduled.

Joint Meetings

Joint Economic Committee: to hold hearings to examine the systemic threats of large financial institutions, 9:30 a.m., 210 Cannon Building.

CONGRESSIONAL PROGRAM AHEAD

Week of April 21 through April 25, 2009

Senate Chamber

On *Tuesday*, at 10:00 a.m., Senate will continue consideration of the nomination of Christopher R. Hill, of Rhode Island, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Iraq.

During the balance of the week, Senate may consider any cleared legislative and executive business.

Senate Committees

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Committee on Appropriations: April 23, Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies, to hold an oversight hearing to examine the funding of the Department of Commerce, 10 a.m., SD-192.

April 23, Subcommittee on Legislative Branch, to hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2010 for the Office of the Secretary of the Senate, the Office of the Sergeant at Arms, and the Office of the U.S. Capitol Police, 2:30 p.m., SD-138.

Committee on Armed Services: April 22, Subcommittee on Strategic Forces, to hold hearings to examine environmental management stimulus funding, 9:30 a.m., SR-222.

April 22, Subcommittee on Readiness and Management Support, to hold hearings to examine the current readiness of United States ground forces, with the possibility of a closed session following in SVC-217, 10 a.m., SR-232A.

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: April 23, to hold hearings to examine the nominations of Ronald C. Sims, of Washington, to be Deputy Secretary, and Peter A. Kovar, of Maryland, to be an Assistant Secretary,

both of the Department of Housing and Urban Development, and David S. Cohen, of Maryland, to be Assistant Secretary for Terrorist Financing, of the Treasury, 10 a.m., SD-538.

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: April 21, to hold hearings to examine the nominations of Cameron Kerry, to be General Counsel, and April S. Boyd, of the District of Columbia, to be an Assistant Secretary, both of the Department of Commerce, Dana G. Gresham, of the District of Columbia, to be an Assistant Secretary, Robert Rivkin, to be General Counsel, Roy W. Kienitz, of Pennsylvania, to be Under Secretary for Policy, Peter Appel to be the Administrator of Research and Innovative Technology Administration, and Joseph C. Szabo, of Illinois, to be Administrator of the Federal Railroad Administration, all of the Department of Transportation; and Sherburne B. Abbott, of Texas, to be an Associate Director of the Office of Science and Technology Policy, Executive Office of the President, 2:30 p.m., SR-253.

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: April 22, to hold hearings to examine S. 548, to amend the Public Utility Regulatory Policies Act of 1978 to establish a Federal energy efficiency resource standard for retail electricity and natural gas distributors, 10 a.m., SD-366.

April 23, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine the nominations of Kristina M. Johnson, of Maryland, to be Under Secretary, Steven Elliot Koonin, of California, to be Under Secretary for Science, Ines R. Triay, of New Mexico, to be Assistant Secretary for Environmental Management, and Scott Blake Harris, of Virginia, to be General Counsel, all of the Department of Energy, and Hilary Chandler Tompkins, of New Mexico, to be Solicitor of the Department of the Interior, 2 p.m., SD-366.

Committee on Environment and Public Works: April 22, to hold an oversight hearing to examine the General Services Administration and energy efficiency in public buildings, 10 a.m., SD-406.

April 23, Full Committee, business meeting to consider the nomination of Regina McCarthy, of Massachusetts, to be an Assistant Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency, 10:30 a.m., SD-406.

Committee on Finance: April 21, to hold hearings to examine reforming America's health care delivery system; to include a business meeting to consider the nomination of Kathleen Sebelius, of Kansas, to be Secretary of Health and Human Services, 10 a.m., SH-216.

April 23, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine technology neutrality in energy tax, focusing on issues and options, 10 a.m., SD-215.

Committee on Foreign Relations: April 21, Subcommittee on African Affairs, to hold hearings to examine United States diplomatic capacity in Africa, 2:30 p.m., SD-419.

April 22, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine global climate change, focusing on United States leadership for a new global agreement, 9:30 a.m., SD-419.

April 22, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine the nominations of Susan Flood Burk, of Virginia, to be Special Representative of the President, with the rank of Ambassador, and Ivo H. Daalder, of Virginia, to be United States Permanent Representative on the Council