

at approximately 3:00 p.m., on Monday, September 21, 2009. **Page S9572**

### Appointments:

**National Museum of the American Latino:** The Chair announced, on behalf of the Majority Leader, pursuant to Public Law 110–229, the appointment of the following to be members of the Commission to Study the Potential Creation of a National Museum of the American Latino: Dr. Emma Sepulveda, of Nevada, and Katherine Archuleta, of Colorado.

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**Senate National Security Working Group:** The Chair announced, on behalf of the Minority Leader, pursuant to the provisions of S. Res. 105 (adopted April 13, 1989), as amended by S. Res. 149 (adopted October 5, 1993), as amended by Public Law 105–275 (adopted October 21, 1998), further amended by S. Res. 75 (adopted March 25, 1999), amended by S. Res. 383 (adopted October 27, 2000), and amended by S. Res. 355 (adopted November 13, 2002), and further amended by S. Res. 480 (adopted November 21, 2004), the appointment of the following Senator as a member of the Senate National Security Working Group for the 111th Congress: Senator Graham (co-chairman). **Page S9572**

**Southers Nomination—Nomination:** A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that the nomination of Erroll G. Southers, to be Assistant Secretary of Homeland Security, be referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science and Transportation, that upon the reporting out or discharge of the nomination, it then be referred to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs for a period not to exceed 30 calendar days; that if the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs has not reported the nomination at that time, then the Committee be discharged and the nomination be placed on the Executive Calendar.

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**Nomination Confirmed:** Senate confirmed the following nomination:

By 94 yeas to 3 nays (Vote No. EX. 288), Gerard E. Lynch, of New York, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Second Circuit.

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

Ben S. Bernanke, of New Jersey, to be Chairman of the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System for a term of four years.

Erroll G. Southers, of California, to be an Assistant Secretary of Homeland Security.

Michael J. Moore, of Georgia, to be United States Attorney for the Middle District of Georgia for the term of four years.

Carmen Milagros Ortiz, of Massachusetts, to be United States Attorney for the District of Massachusetts for the term of four years.

Edward J. Tarver, of Georgia, to be United States Attorney for the Southern District of Georgia for the term of four years.

1 Navy nomination in the rank of admiral.

Routine lists in the Army, Foreign Service, and Navy. **Pages S9572–73**

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**Record Votes:** Seven record votes were taken today. (Total—289) **Page S9533, S9534, S9535, S9541, S9542**

**Adjournment:** Senate convened at 9:30 a.m. and adjourned at 7:15 p.m., until 2 p.m. on Monday, September 21, 2009. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today's Record on page S9572.)

## Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

### AFGHANISTAN

**Committee on Foreign Relations:** Committee concluded a hearing to examine countering the threat of failure in Afghanistan, after receiving testimony from General John Craddock, United States Army (Ret.), Myrtle Beach, South Carolina; Ryan C. Crocker, former United States Ambassador to Iraq and Afghanistan, United States Charge d'Affaires to Afghanistan, Department of State, Spokane, Washington; Clare Lockhart, Institute of State Effectiveness (ISE), Washington, D.C.; and Khaled Hosseini, United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR), San Jose, California.

### BUSINESS MEETING

**Committee on Foreign Relations:** Committee ordered favorably reported the nominations of Michael H.

Posner, of New York, to be Assistant Secretary for Democracy, Human Rights, and Labor, Robert D. Hormats, of New York, to be Under Secretary for Economic, Energy, and Agricultural Affairs, and to be United States Alternate Governor of the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development for a term of five years, United States Alternate Governor of the Inter-American Development Bank for a term of five years, United States Alternate Governor of the African Development Bank for a term of five years, United States Alternate Governor of the African Development Fund, United States Alternate Governor of the Asian Development Bank, and United States Alternate Governor of the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development, David C. Jacobson, of Illinois, to be Ambassador to Canada, Alan D. Solomont, of Massachusetts, to be Ambassador to Spain, and to serve concurrently and without additional compensation as Ambassador to Andorra, Lee Andrew Feinstein, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Poland, and Barry B. White, of Massachusetts, to be Ambassador to Norway, all of the Department of State.

#### SECURITIES VIOLATIONS ACT

*Committee on the Judiciary:* Subcommittee on Crime and Drugs concluded a hearing to examine S. 1551, to amend section 20 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 to allow for a private civil action against a

person that provides substantial assistance in violation of such Act, after receiving testimony from John C. Coffee, Jr., Columbia University Law School, and Robert J. Giuffra, Jr., Sullivan and Cromwell LLP, both of New York, New York; Patrick J. Szymanski, Change to Win, and Tanya Solov, Director, Illinois Securities Department, Illinois Secretary of State, on behalf of the North American Securities Administrators, both of Washington, D.C.; and Adam C. Pritchard, University of Michigan Empirical Legal Studies Center, Ann Arbor.

#### VETERANS' DISABILITY COMPENSATION REVIEW

*Committee on Veterans' Affairs:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine veterans' disability compensation, focusing on benefits in the 21st century, after receiving testimony from Patrick W. Dunne, Under Secretary for Benefits, Veterans Benefits Administration, and Lieutenant General James Terry Scott, USA (Ret.), Chairman, Advisory Committee on Disability Compensation, both of the Department of Veterans Affairs; George Kettner, Economic Systems Inc., Falls Church, Virginia; Katy Neas, Easter Seals, Chicago, Illinois; Susan Prokop, Paralyzed Veterans of America, Washington, D.C.; and John L. Wilson, Disabled American Veterans, Cold Springs, Kentucky.

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## House of Representatives

### *Chamber Action*

**Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced:** 17 public bills, H.R. 3590–3606; and 9 resolutions, H. Res. 748–756 were introduced. **Pages H9729–30**

**Additional Cosponsors:** **Pages H9730–31**

**Reports Filed:** There were no reports filed today.

**Student Aid and Fiscal Responsibility Act of 2009:** The House passed H.R. 3221, to amend the Higher Education Act of 1965, by a recorded vote of 253 ayes to 171 noes, Roll No. 719. Consideration of the measure began on Wednesday, September 16th. **Pages H9675–H9702**

Agreed to the Issa motion to recommit the bill to the Committee on Education and Labor with instructions to report the same back to the House forthwith with an amendment by a recorded vote of 345 ayes to 75 noes with 2 voting “present”, Roll No. 718. Subsequently, Representative George Mil-

ler (CA) reported the bill back to the House with the amendment and the amendment was agreed to.

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Agreed by unanimous consent that the Chair may reduce to 2 minutes the minimum time for electronic voting on any question that otherwise could be subjected to 5-minute voting under clause 8 or 9 of rule 20 or under clause 6 of rule 18. **Page H9675**

Agreed to:

Reyes amendment (No. 8 printed in H. Rept. 111–256) that encourages community colleges to use grant money to increase the provision of training for members of the National Guard and Reserves, and men and women returning from active duty;

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Etheridge amendment (No. 9 printed in H. Rept. 111–256) that clarifies that borrower services, including delinquency prevention, default aversion, and loan counseling, are allowed uses of grant funds.