

## Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

### OCEAN GOVERNANCE AND POLICY

*Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation:* Subcommittee on Oceans, Atmosphere, Fisheries, and Coast Guard concluded a hearing to examine the future of ocean governance, focusing on building national ocean policy, after receiving testimony from Nancy H. Sutley, Chair, White House Council on Environmental Quality; Jane Lubchenco, Under Secretary of Commerce for Oceans and Atmosphere, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration; Admiral Thad W. Allen, Commandant, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security; Laura Davis, Associate Deputy Secretary of the Interior; Billy Frank, Jr., Northwest Indian Fisheries Commission, Olympia, Washington; and Dennis Takahashi-Kelso, Ocean Conservancy, Matthew Paxton, Ball Janik, on behalf of the Coastal Conservation Association, and Carolyn Elefant, Ocean Renewable Energy Coalition, all of Washington, D.C.

### NATIONAL PARKS BILLS

*Committee on Energy and Natural Resources:* Subcommittee on National Parks concluded a hearing to examine S. 1369, to amend the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act to designate segments of the Molalla River in the State of Oregon, as components of the National Wild and Scenic Rivers System, S. 1405, to redesignate the Longfellow National Historic Site, Massachusetts, as the "Longfellow House-Washington's Headquarters National Historic Site", S. 1413, to amend the Adams National Historical Park Act of 1998 to include the Quincy Homestead within the boundary of the Adams National Historical Park, S. 1767 and H.R. 1121, bills to authorize a land exchange to acquire land for the Blue Ridge Parkway from the Town of Blowing Rock, North Carolina, S. Res. 275, honoring the Minute Man National Historical Park on the occasion of its 50th anniversary, H.R. 2802, to provide for an extension of the legislative authority of the Adams Memorial Foundation to establish a commemorative work in honor of former President John Adams and his legacy, H.R. 3113, to amend the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act to designate a segment of the Elk River in the State of West Virginia for study for potential addition to the National Wild and Scenic Rivers System, and H.R. 1287, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to enter into a partnership with the Porter County Convention, Recreation and Visitor Commission regarding the use of the Dorothy Buell Memorial Visitor Center as a visitor center for the Indiana Dunes

National Lakeshore, after receiving testimony from Senator Kirk; and Katherine H. Stevenson, Assistant Director, Business Services, National Park Service, Department of the Interior.

### BUSINESS MEETING

*Committee on Environment and Public Works:* Committee continued consideration of S. 1733, to create clean energy jobs, promote energy independence, reduce global warming pollution, and transition to a clean energy economy, but did not complete action thereon, and will meet again on Thursday, November 5.

### NOMINATIONS

*Committee on Finance:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of Michael W. Punke, of Montana, to be a Deputy United States Trade Representative, with the rank of Ambassador, Department of State, who was introduced by Senator Enzi, Islam A. Siddiqui, of Virginia, to be Chief Agricultural Negotiator, Office of the United States Trade Representative, with the rank of Ambassador, and Michael F. Mundaca, of New York, to be Assistant Secretary of the Treasury, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

### NOMINATIONS

*Committee on Foreign Relations:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of Daniel W. Yohannes, of Colorado, to be Chief Executive Officer, Millennium Challenge Corporation, who was introduced by Senator Bennet, and Jide J. Zeitlin, of New York, to be Alternate Representative to the Sessions of the General Assembly of the United Nations during his tenure of service as Representative to the United Nations for U.N. Management and Reform, and to be Representative to the United Nations for U.N. Management and Reform, with the rank of Ambassador, Frederick D. Barton, of Maine, to be Representative of the United States of America on the Economic and Social Council of the United Nations, with the rank of Ambassador, and Carmen Lomellin, of Virginia, to be Permanent Representative to the Organization of American States, with the rank of Ambassador, all of the Department of State, and Gustavo Arnavat, of New York, to be United States Executive Director of the Inter-American Development Bank, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

### BUSINESS MEETING

*Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs:* Committee ordered favorably reported the following bills:

S. 1649, to prevent the proliferation of weapons of mass destruction, to prepare for attacks using

weapons of mass destruction, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 1862, to provide that certain Secret Service employees may elect to transition to coverage under the District of Columbia Police and Fire Fighter Retirement and Disability System;

H.R. 553, to require the Secretary of Homeland Security to develop a strategy to prevent the overclassification of homeland security and other information and to promote the sharing of unclassified homeland security and other information, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 1755, to direct the Department of Homeland Security to undertake a study on emergency communications;

H.R. 730, to strengthen efforts in the Department of Homeland Security to develop nuclear forensics capabilities to permit attribution of the source of nuclear material, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 1825, to extend the authority for relocation expenses test programs for Federal employees;

S. 1860, to permit each current member of the Board of Directors of the Office of Compliance to serve for 3 terms;

H.R. 955, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 10355 Northeast Valley Road in Rollingbay, Washington, as the "John 'Bud' Hawk Post Office";

H.R. 1516, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 37926 Church Street in Dade City, Florida, as the "Sergeant Marcus Mathes Post Office";

H.R. 1713, to name the South Central Agricultural Research Laboratory of the Department of Agriculture in Lane, Oklahoma, and the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 310 North Perry Street in Bennington, Oklahoma, in honor of former Congressman Wesley "Wes" Watkins;

H.R. 2004, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 4282 Beach Street in Akron, Michigan, as the "Akron Veterans Memorial Post Office";

H.R. 2760, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 1615 North Wilcox Avenue in Los Angeles, California, as the "Johnny Grant Hollywood Post Office Building";

H.R. 2972, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 115 West Edward Street in Erath, Louisiana, as the "Conrad DeRouen, Jr. Post Office";

H.R. 3119, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 867 Stockton Street in San Francisco, California, as the "Lim Poon Lee Post Office";

H.R. 3386, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 1165 2nd Avenue in Des Moines, Iowa, as the "Iraq and Afghanistan Veterans Memorial Post Office";

H.R. 3547, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 936 South 250 East in Provo, Utah, as the "Rex E. Lee Post Office Building"; and

H.R. 2215, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 140 Merriman Road in Garden City, Michigan, as the "John J. Shiven Post Office Building".

### FEDERAL ACKNOWLEDGEMENT PROCESS

*Committee on Indian Affairs:* Committee concluded an oversight hearing to examine the Federal acknowledgment process, after receiving testimony from George T. Skibine, Acting Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary for Indian Affairs, and R. Lee Fleming, Director, Office of Federal Acknowledgement, both of the Department of the Interior; Frank Ettawageshik, National Congress of American Indians, Washington, D.C.; John Sinclair, Little Shell Tribe of Chippewa Indians of Montana, Havre; Ann Tucker, Muscogee Nation of Florida, Bruce; and Patty Ferguson-Bohnee, Arizona State University Sandra Day O'Connor College of Law Indian Legal Clinic, Tempe.

### NOMINATIONS

*Committee on the Judiciary:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of Thomas I. Vanaskie, of Pennsylvania, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Third Circuit, who was introduced by Senator Casey, Christina Reiss, to be United States District Judge for the District of Vermont, Louis B. Butler, Jr., to be United States District Judge for the Western District of Wisconsin, Abdul K. Kallon, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of Alabama, and Victoria Angelica Espinel, of the District of Columbia, to be Intellectual Property Enforcement Coordinator, Executive Office of the President, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.