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Adjournment: Senate convened at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 7:56 p.m., until 10 a.m. on Wednesday, December 16, 2009. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S13276.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

NOMINATIONS

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of Julie Simone Brill, of Vermont, who was introduced by Senator Leahy, and Edith Ramirez, of California, both to be a Federal Trade Commissioner, David L. Strickland, of Georgia, to be Administrator of the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, Department of Transportation, who was introduced by Senator Inouye, Michael A. Khouri, of Kentucky, to be a Federal Maritime Commissioner, and Nicole Yvette Lamb-Hale, of Michigan, to be Assistant Secretary of Commerce, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

ENERGY BILLS

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Committee concluded a hearing to examine S. 2052, to amend the Energy Policy Act of 2005 to require the Secretary of Energy to carry out a research and development and demonstration program to reduce manufacturing and construction costs relating to nuclear reactors, and S. 2812, to amend the Energy Policy Act of 2005 to require the Secretary of Energy to carry out programs to develop and demonstrate 2 small modular nuclear reactor designs, after receiving testimony from Warren F. Miller, Jr., Assistant Secretary of Energy for Nuclear Energy; Michael R. Johnson, Director, Office of New Reactors, United States Nuclear Regulatory Commission; and Thomas L. Sanders, American Nuclear Society, and Anthony

R. Pietrangelo, Nuclear Energy Institute, both of Washington, DC.

U.S. POLICY IN CENTRAL ASIA

Committee on Foreign Relations: Subcommittee on Near Eastern and South and Central Asian Affairs concluded a hearing to examine reevaluating United States policy in Central Asia, after receiving testimony from George A. Krol, Deputy Assistant Secretary of State for South and Central Asian Affairs; David Sedney, Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense for Afghanistan, Pakistan, and Central Asia; Stephen Blank, United States Army War College, Carlisle Barracks, Pennsylvania; and Martha Brill Olcott, Carnegie Endowment for International Peace, Washington, DC.

MANAGEMENT INTEGRATION AT DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: Subcommittee on Oversight of Government Management, the Federal Workforce, and the District of Columbia concluded a hearing to examine efforts to improve management integration at the Department of Homeland Security, focusing on the extent to which they have developed a comprehensive strategy for management integration, after receiving testimony from Elaine C. Duke, Under Secretary for Management, and Anne L. Richards, Assistant Inspector General for Audit, both of the Department of Homeland Security; and Bernice Steinhardt, Director, Strategic Issues, Government Accountability Office.

DNA EVIDENCE IN RAPE CASES

Committee on the Judiciary: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the effective use of DNA evidence to solve rape cases nationwide, after receiving testimony from Debbie Smith, H-E-A-R-T, Inc., Williamsburg, Virginia; Steve Redding, Hennepin County Attorney, Hennepin County, Minnesota; Susan Smith Howley, National Center for Victims of Crime, Washington, D.C.; Stephanie Stoiloff, Miami-Dade Police Department Crime Laboratory Bureau, Miami, Florida; and Jayann Sepich, Surviving Parents Coalition, Carlsbad, New Mexico.

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.