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Record Votes: One record vote was taken today. (Total—19) Page S673

Adjournment: Senate convened at 9:30 a.m. and adjourned at 6:11 p.m., until 10 a.m. on Thursday, February 16, 2012. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on Page S804.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry: Committee ordered favorably reported the nominations of Michael T. Scuse, of Delaware, to be Under Secretary for Farm and Foreign Agricultural Services, and to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Commodity Credit Corporation, Department of Agriculture, and Chester John Culver, of Iowa, and Bruce J. Sherrick, of Illinois, both to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Federal Agricultural Mortgage Corporation, Farm Credit Administration.

ENERGY AND ECONOMIC GROWTH FOR RURAL AMERICA

Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry: Committee concluded a hearing to examine energy and economic growth for rural America, after receiving testimony from Thomas Vilsack, Secretary of Agriculture; Mathias J. McCauley, Northwest Michigan Council of Governments, Traverse City, on behalf of the National Association of Development Organizations (NADO) and the National Association of Counties (NACo); Florine Raitano, Rural Community Assistance Corporation (the Western RCAP), Dillon, Colorado; Mark Rembert, Energize Clinton County, Wilmington, Ohio; Charles W. Fluharty, Rural Policy Research Institute (RUPRI), Columbia, Missouri; Steve Flick, National Farmers Union (NFU), Centerview, Missouri; Lee Edwards, Virent, Inc., Madison, Wisconsin; Bennie Hutchins, Ag Energy Resources, LLC, Brookhaven, Mississippi; and Bill Greving, Greving Farms Inc., Prairie View, Kansas.

INCENTIVE COMPENSATION AT LARGE FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: Subcommittee on Financial Institutions and Consumer Protection concluded a hearing to examine pay for performance, focusing on incentive compensation at large financial institutions, after receiving testimony from Kurt Hyde, Deputy Special Inspector General, Audit and Evaluation, Office of the

Special Inspector General for the Troubled Asset Relief Program; Lucian A. Bebchuk, Harvard Law School, Cambridge, Massachusetts; Robert J. Jackson, Jr., Columbia Law School, New York, New York; and Michael S. Melbinger, Winston and Strawn LLP, Washington, D.C., on behalf of the Financial Services Roundtable on Executive Compensation.

DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION BUDGET

Committee on the Budget: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the President's proposed budget request for fiscal year 2013 for the Department of Transportation, after receiving testimony from Ray LaHood, Secretary of Transportation.

BUDGET

Committee on Finance: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the President's proposed budget request for fiscal year 2013, after receiving testimony from Kathleen Sebelius, Secretary of Health and Human Services.

BULLETPROOF VEST PARTNERSHIP GRANT PROGRAM

Committee on the Judiciary: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the Bulletproof Vest Partnership Grant Program, focusing on protecting those who protect us, including law enforcement body armor, how the Department of Justice supports its use and enhancements, and the need to strengthen management of its related grant programs, after receiving testimony from David C. Maurer, Director, Homeland Security and Justice, Government Accountability Office; Michael E. Schirling, Burlington Police Department Chief of Police, Burlington, Vermont; and Chuck Canterbury, Fraternal Order of Police, Washington, D.C.

NOMINATIONS

Committee on the Judiciary: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of Patty Shwartz, of New Jersey, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Third Circuit, who was introduced by Senators Lautenberg and Menendez, Jeffrey J. Helmick, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of Ohio, who was introduced by Senator Brown (OH), Mary Geiger Lewis, to be United States District Judge for the District of South Carolina, who was introduced by Senator Graham and Representative Clyburn, and Timothy S. Hillman, to be United States District Judge for the District of Massachusetts, who was introduced by Senators Kerry and Brown (MA), after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.