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**Adjournment:** Senate convened at 2 p.m. on Monday, July 16, 2012 and adjourned at 12:26 a.m. on Tuesday, July 17, 2012, until 10 a.m. on the same day. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S5050.)

## Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

### NOMINATIONS

*Committee on Foreign Relations:* On Thursday, July 12, 2012, Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of Gene Allan Cretz, of New York, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Ghana, Deborah Ruth Malac, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Liberia, David Bruce Wharton, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Zimbabwe, and Alexander Mark Laskaris, of Maryland, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Guinea, all of the Department of State, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

### 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.

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# House of Representatives

## Chamber Action

The House was not in session today. The House is scheduled to meet at 12 noon on Tuesday, July 17, 2012.

## Committee Meetings

No hearings were held.

## Joint Meetings

No joint committee meetings were held.

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## COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR TUESDAY, JULY 17, 2012

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

### Senate

*Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry:* to hold hearings to examine the “Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act”, focusing on two years later, 10 a.m., SR–328A.

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Financial Service and General Government, to hold hearings to examine if consumers are adequately protected from flammability of upholstered furniture, focusing on the effectiveness of furniture flammability standards and flame retardant chemicals, 2:30 p.m., SD–138.

*Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs:* to hold hearings to examine the semiannual Monetary Policy Report to Congress, 10 a.m., SD–G50.

*Committee on Energy and Natural Resources:* to hold hearings to examine the status of action taken to ensure that the electric grid is protected from cyber attacks, 10 a.m., SD–366.

*Committee on Foreign Relations:* to hold hearings to examine the next ten years in the fight against human trafficking, focusing on attacking the problem with the right tools, 9:30 a.m., SH–216.

*Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs:* Permanent Subcommittee on Investigations, to hold hearings to examine United States vulnerabilities to money laundering, drugs, and terrorist financing, focusing on HSBC case history, 9:30 a.m., SD–106.

*Select Committee on Intelligence:* to hold closed hearings to examine certain intelligence matters, 2:30 p.m., SH–219.

### House

*Committee on Energy and Commerce,* Subcommittee on Energy and Power, hearing entitled “The American Energy Initiative”, 3 p.m., 2123 Rayburn.

*Committee on Foreign Affairs,* Subcommittee on Africa, Global Health, and Human Rights, hearing entitled “Global Challenges in Diagnosing and Managing Lyme Disease—Closing Knowledge Gaps”, 2 p.m., 2172 Rayburn.