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Record Votes: Six record votes were taken today. (Total—239) **Pages S4672–73, S4677**

Adjournment: Senate convened at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 7:15 p.m., until 9:30 a.m. on Wednesday, July 23, 2014. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today's Record on page S4718.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Armed Services: Committee ordered favorably reported the nominations of General Joseph F. Dunford, Jr., USMC, for reappointment to the grade of general and to be Commandant of the Marine Corps, Admiral William E. Gortney, USN, for reappointment to the grade of admiral and to be Commander, United States Northern Command/Commander, North American Aerospace Defense Command, General John F. Campbell, USA, for reappointment to the grade of general and to be Commander, International Security Assistance Force/Commander, United States Forces, Afghanistan, and Lieutenant General Joseph L. Votel, USA, to be general and Commander, United States Special Operations Command, all of the Department of Defense, and 492 nominations in the Army, Navy, Air Force, and Marine Corps.

ECONOMICALLY RESILIENT COMMUNITIES

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: Subcommittee on Housing, Transportation and Community Development concluded a hearing to examine building economically resilient communities, focusing on local and regional approaches, after re-

ceiving testimony from Mayor Steven M. Fulop, Jersey City, New Jersey; Claire Collins, Bath County Supervisor, Bath County, Virginia, on behalf of the National Association of Counties; Joseph A. Calabrese, Greater Cleveland Regional Transit Authority, Westlake, Ohio; and Lee Gibson, Regional Transportation Commission of Washoe County, Reno, Nevada.

NATURAL RESOURCE PRODUCTION

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Committee concluded a hearing to examine leveraging America's resources as a revenue generator and job creator, focusing on the state and local government benefits in terms of revenue generated and jobs created from natural resource production, after receiving testimony from Greg Gould, Director, Office of Natural Resources Revenue, Department of the Interior; Laura Nelson, Utah Governor's Office of Energy Development Director, Salt Lake City; Charlotte A. Randolph, Lafourche Parish President, Thibodaux, Louisiana; Paul J. Pearce, National Forest Counties and Schools Coalition, Stevenson, Washington; Joel Webster, Theodore Roosevelt Conservation Partnership Center for Western Lands, Missoula, Montana; Sean Shafer, Quest Offshore Resources, Inc., Sugar Land, Texas; and Duane Taylor, Motorcycle Industry Council, Arlington, Virginia.

U.S. TAX CODE

Committee on Finance: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the United States Tax Code, after receiving testimony from Robert B. Stack, Deputy Assistant Secretary of the Treasury for International Tax Affairs; Pascal Saint-Amans, Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development, Paris, France; Mihir A. Desai, Harvard University, Cambridge, Massachusetts; Peter R. Merrill, PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP, Washington, D.C.; Leslie Robinson, Dartmouth College Tuck School of Business, Hanover, New Hampshire; and Allan Sloan, *Fortune*, New York, New York.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee ordered favorably reported the following business items:

The Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities, adopted by the United Nations General Assembly on December 13, 2006, and signed by the United States of America on June 30, 2009 (the "Convention") (Treaty Doc. 112–07), with amendments; and

S.J. Res. 36, relating to the approval and implementation of the proposed agreement for nuclear cooperation between the United States and the Socialist Republic of Vietnam, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute.

INTERNATIONAL ENERGY AND CLIMATE POLICIES AND ISSUES

Committee on Foreign Relations: Subcommittee on International Development and Foreign Assistance, Economic Affairs, International Environmental Protection, and Peace Corps concluded a hearing to examine United States security implications of international energy and climate policies and issues, after receiving testimony from Amos J Hochstein, Deputy Assistant Secretary of State for Energy Diplomacy, Bureau of Energy Resources; Eric G. Postel, Assistant Administrator, Bureau for Economic Growth, Education and Environment, U.S. Agency for International Development; Daniel Y. Chiu, Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense for Strategy and Force Development; Rear Admiral David W. Titley, USN (Ret.), CNA Military Advisory Board, Arlington, Virginia; David L. Goldwyn, Brookings Institution, and Michael Breen, Truman National Security Project, both of Washington, DC; and Mary J. Hutzler, Institute for Energy Research, Berlin, Maryland.

ABUSE OF STRUCTURED FINANCIAL PRODUCTS

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: Permanent Subcommittee on Investigations concluded a hearing to examine abuse of structured financial products, focusing on misusing basket options to avoid taxes and leverage limits, including a set of transactions that utilize financial engineering and structured financial products, and if a growing population and complexity can hinder effective Internal Revenue Service (IRS) audits, after receiving testimony from James R. White, Director, Strategic

Issues, Government Accountability Office; Steven M. Rosenthal, Urban-Brookings Tax Policy Center, Washington, DC; Marty Malloy, Barclays, London, United Kingdom; and Mark Silber, Jonathan Mayers, and Peter F. Brown, East Setauket, New York, all of Renaissance Technologies LLC, Satish Ramakrishna, and Barry Bausano, both of Deutsche Bank Securities Inc., and Gerard LaRocca, Barclays Bank PLC, all of New York, New York.

COAL MINERS

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: Subcommittee on Employment and Workplace Safety concluded a hearing to examine coal miners, focusing on black lung claimants, after receiving testimony from Christopher P. Lu, Deputy Secretary, and Patricia Smith, Solicitor, both of the Department of Labor; John Howard, Director, National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, Department of Health and Human Services; John Cline, Federal Black Lung Claimants, Piney View, West Virginia; John E. Parker, West Virginia University Health Sciences Center, Morgantown; Robert Bailey, Jr., United Mine Workers of America, Princeton, West Virginia; and Robert Briscoe, Milliman Inc., New York, New York.

NOMINATION

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nomination of Robert Alan McDonald, of Ohio, to be Secretary of Veterans Affairs, after the nominee, who was introduced by Senators Brown and Portman, testified and answered questions in his 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.