

Measures Considered:

FAA Reauthorization Act—Agreement: Senate began consideration of the motion to proceed to consideration of H.R. 2881, to amend title 49, United States Code, to authorize appropriations for the Federal Aviation Administration for fiscal years 2008 through 2011, to improve aviation safety and capacity, to provide stable funding for the national aviation system. **Pages S3411, S3412–13**

A motion was entered to close further debate on the motion to proceed to consideration of the bill, and, in accordance with the provisions of Rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, and pursuant to the unanimous-consent agreement of Thursday, April 24, 2008, a vote on cloture will occur at 5:30 p.m. on Monday, April 28, 2008. **Page S3411**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that Senate resume consideration of the motion to proceed to consideration of the bill at approximately 4:30 p.m., on Monday, April 28, 2008, with the time until 5:30 p.m., equally divided and controlled between the Majority and Republican Leaders, or their designees; provided further, that at 5:30 p.m., Senate vote on the motion to invoke cloture on the motion to proceed to consideration of the bill. **Page S3411**

Signing Authority—Agreement: A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that the Majority Leader be authorized to sign bills and joint resolutions through the recess or adjournment of the Senate through Monday, April 28, 2008. **Page S3411**

Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

Lyndon L. Olson, Jr., of Texas, to be a Member of the United States Advisory Commission on Public Diplomacy for a term expiring July 1, 2008.

Kristen Silverberg, of Texas, to be Representative of the United States of America to the European Union, with the rank and status of Ambassador.

1 Navy nomination in the rank of admiral.

A routine list in the Navy. **Page S3413**

Nomination Withdrawn: Senate received notification of withdrawal of the following nomination:

C. Boyden Gray, of the District of Columbia, to be Representative of the United States of America to the European Union, with the rank and status of Ambassador, which was sent to the Senate on January 9, 2007. **Page S3413**

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Record Votes: Three record votes were taken today. (Total—113) **Pages S3354, S3354–55, S3374**

Adjournment: Senate convened at 9:30 a.m. and adjourned at 6:28 p.m., until 2:00 p.m. on Monday, April 28, 2008. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today's Record on page S3412.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

APPROPRIATIONS: MILITARY CONSTRUCTION

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Military Construction, Veterans' Affairs, and Related Agencies concluded a hearing to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2009 for military construction, after receiving testimony from Tina W. Jonas, Under Secretary (Comptroller), Wayne Army, Deputy Under Secretary for Installations and Environment, B.J. Penn, Assistant Secretary of the Navy for Installations and Environment, Major General Eugene G. Payne, Jr., Assistant Deputy Commandant for Installations and Logistics (Facilities), and Rear Admiral Mark A. Handley, Deputy Commander, Navy Installations Command, all of the Department of Defense.

INTELLIGENCE BRIEFING

Committee on Armed Services: Committee met in closed session to receive a briefing on sensitive intelligence matters from officials of the intelligence community.

NOMINATIONS

Committee on Armed Services: Committee ordered favorably reported 4,206 nominations in the Army, Navy, Air Force, and Marine Corps.

SOVEREIGN INVESTMENTS REGULATION

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: Committee concluded a hearing to examine United States credit markets, focusing on the United States regulatory framework for assessing sovereign wealth

fund acquisitions and other foreign government investments in the United States, after receiving testimony from Scott G. Alvarez, General Counsel, Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System; Ethiopis Tafara, Director, Office of International Affairs, U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission; Dennis Johnson, California Public Employees' Retirement System, Sacramento; Paul Rose, Ohio State University Moritz College of Law, Columbus; and David Marchick, Carlyle Group, and Jeanne S. Archibald, Hogan and Hartson LLP, both of Washington, D.C.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Committee ordered favorably reported the following:

S. 2688, to improve the protections afforded under Federal law to consumers from contaminated seafood by directing the Secretary of Commerce to establish a program, in coordination with other appropriate Federal agencies, to strengthen activities for ensuring that seafood sold or offered for sale to the public in or affecting interstate commerce is fit for human consumption, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S.J. Res. 28, disapproving the rule submitted by the Federal Communications Commission with respect to broadcast media ownership;

S. 2607, to make a technical correction to section 3009 of the Deficit Reduction Act of 2005;

S. 2507, to address the digital television transition in border states, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

H.R. 3985, to amend title 49, United States Code, to direct the Secretary of Transportation to register a person providing transportation by an over-the-road bus as a motor carrier of passengers only if the person is willing and able to comply with certain accessibility requirements in addition to other existing requirements;

H.R. 802, to amend the Act to Prevent Pollution from Ships to implement MARPOL Annex VI, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 2657, to require the Secretary of Commerce to prescribe regulations to reduce the incidence of vessels colliding with North Atlantic right whales by limiting the speed of vessels, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 2482, to repeal the provision of title 46, United States Code, requiring a license for employment in the business of salvaging on the coast of Florida; and

Certain promotion lists in the U.S. Coast Guard.

NATIONAL NANOTECHNOLOGY INITIATIVE

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Subcommittee on Science, Technology, and Innovation

concluded a hearing to examine the National Nanotechnology Initiative, focusing on charting the course for its reauthorization, after receiving testimony from Richard M. Russell, Associate Director and Deputy Director for Technology, Office of Science and Technology Policy, Executive Office of the President; Robert A. Robinson, Managing Director, Natural Resources and Environment, Government Accountability Office; Matthew M. Nordan, Lux Research, Inc., Boston, Massachusetts; David Rejeski, Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars, Washington, D.C.; P. Lee Ferguson, University of South Carolina Department of Chemistry and Biochemistry, Columbia; Anita Goel, Nanobiosym, Inc., Medford, Massachusetts; and Jim Heath, California Institute of Technology, Pasadena.

WATER BILLS

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Subcommittee on Water and Power concluded a hearing to examine S. 2680, to amend the Reclamation Projects Authorization and Adjustment Act of 1992 to require the Secretary of the Interior to take certain actions to address environmental problems associated with the Leadville Mine Drainage Tunnel in the State of Colorado, S. 2805, to direct the Secretary of the Interior, acting through the Commissioner of Reclamation, to assess the irrigation infrastructure of the Rio Grande Pueblos in the State of New Mexico and provide grants to, and enter into cooperative agreements with, the Rio Grande Pueblos to repair, rehabilitate, or reconstruct existing infrastructure, S. 2814, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to provide financial assistance to the Eastern New Mexico Rural Water Authority for the planning, design, and construction of the Eastern New Mexico Rural Water System, H.R. 29, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to construct facilities to provide water for irrigation, municipal, domestic, military, and other uses from the Santa Margarita River, California, H.R. 1803, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to conduct a feasibility study to design and construct a four reservoir intertie system for the purposes of improving the water storage opportunities, water supply reliability, and water yield of San Vicente, El Capitan, Murray, and Loveland Reservoirs in San Diego County, California in consultation and cooperation with the City of San Diego and the Sweetwater Authority, and H.R. 123, to authorize appropriations for the San Gabriel Basin Restoration Fund, after receiving testimony from Robert W. Johnson, Commissioner, Bureau of Reclamation, Department of the Interior; Susan Parker Bodine, Assistant Administrator for

Solid Waste and Emergency Response, Environmental Protection Agency; Martha Rudolph, Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment, Denver; Orlando Ortega, Eastern New Mexico Rural Water Authority, Portales; Joseph Michael Chavarria, Santa Clara Pueblo, Espanola, New Mexico, on behalf of the Eight Northern Indian Pueblos Council; and Milton G. Davies, Fallbrook Public Utility District, Fallbrook, California.

CAP-AND-TRADE PROGRAM TAX ASPECTS

Committee on Finance: Committee concluded a hearing to examine tax aspects of a cap-and-trade system for carbon dioxide emissions, after receiving testimony from Peter R. Orszag, Director, Congressional Budget Office; Robert Greenstein, Center on Budget and Policy Priorities, Washington, D.C.; and Henry Derwent, International Emissions Trading Association, Geneva, Switzerland.

NATIONAL SECURITY REFORM

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee concluded a hearing to examine implementing smart power, focusing on setting an agenda for national security reform, after receiving testimony from Richard L. Armitage, Armitage International, Arlington, Virginia, and Joseph S. Nye, Jr., Harvard University Kennedy School of Government, Cambridge, Massachusetts, both on behalf of the Center for Strategic and International Studies Commission on Smart Power; and James R. Locher, III, Project on National Security Reform, and Gordon Adams, American University School of International Service, both of Washington, D.C.

INTERNATIONAL DEBT

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee concluded a hearing to examine international debt, focusing on creating relief initiatives, including S. 2166, to provide for greater responsibility in lending and expanded cancellation of debts owed to the United States and the international financial institutions by low-income countries, after receiving testimony from Clay Lowery, Assistant Secretary of the Treasury for International Affairs; Nancy Birdsall, Center for Global Development, and Gerald F. Flood, United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, both of Washington, D.C.; and Peter Blair Henry, Stanford University Graduate School of Business, Stanford, California.

INTELLIGENCE BRIEFING

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee met in closed session to receive a briefing on certain intelligence matters from officials of the intelligence community.

IRAN'S NUCLEAR AMBITIONS

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: Subcommittee on Federal Financial Management, Government Information, Federal Services, and International Security concluded a hearing to examine issues relative to the full range of nuclear technology that Iran desires to acquire, focusing on policy options for the United States and its allies, after receiving testimony from Senators Specter and Feinstein; Ambassador Jeffrey Feltman, Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary for the Bureau of Near Eastern Affairs, and Patricia McNerney, Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary for the Bureau of International Security and Nonproliferation, both of the Department of State; Stephen G. Rademaker, BGR Holding, LLC, and Dennis Ross, Washington Institute for Near East Policy, both of Washington, D.C.; and Graham Allison, Harvard University Belfer Center for Science and International Affairs, and Jim Walsh, Massachusetts Institute of Technology, both of Cambridge, Massachusetts.

REFORMING EXPORT LICENSING AGENCIES

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 reforming export licensing agencies for national security and economic interests, focusing on the structure of the Federal government's agencies that are responsible for licensing controlled exports, the process in place for licensing, ways the structures help or hinder their decision-making for licenses, human capital challenges of the export control bureaucracy, and recommendations for improving the export control processes and personal, after receiving testimony from Stephen D. Mull, Acting Assistant Secretary of State for Political Military Affairs; Beth M. McCormick, Director, Defense Technology Security Administration, Department of Defense; Matthew S. Borman, Deputy Assistant Secretary, Bureau of Industry and Security, Department of Commerce; Ann Calvaresi Barr, Director, Acquisition and Sourcing Management, Government Accountability Office; and William A. Reinsch, National Foreign Trade Council, Daniel B. Poneman, Scowcroft Group, and Edmund B. Rice, Coalition for Employment through Exports, Inc., all of Washington, D.C.

FDA

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the U.S. Food and Drug Administration, focusing on its ability to ensure the safety of food and the drug supply in the United States, after receiving testimony from

Janet Woodcock, Director, Center for Drug Evaluation and Research, Food and Drug Administration, Department of Health and Human Services; William K. Hubbard, former Associate Commissioner for Policy and Planning, Food and Drug Administration, Alliance for a Stronger FDA, and Robert Brackett, Grocery Manufacturers Association, both of Washington, D.C.; J. Glenn Morris, Jr., University of Florida, Gainesville; and Gerry Migliaccio, Pfizer Inc., Peapack, New Jersey.

FEDERAL ACKNOWLEDGMENT PROCESS

Committee on Indian Affairs: Committee concluded an oversight hearing to examine recommendations for improving the process for federal acknowledgment as an Indian tribe, after receiving testimony from Carl J. Artman, Assistant Secretary of the Interior for Indian Affairs; Patty Ferguson-Bohnee, Arizona State University Sandra Day O'Connor College of Law, Tempe; and Anthony Rivera, Jr., Acjachemen Nation, San Juan Capistrano, California.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Indian Affairs: Committee ordered favorably reported the following:

H.R. 65, to provide for the recognition of the Lumbee Tribe of North Carolina;

S. 1779, to establish a program for tribal colleges and universities within the Department of Health and Human Services and to amend the Native American Programs Act of 1974 to authorize the provision of grants and cooperative agreements to tribal colleges and universities, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

H.J. Res. 62, to honor the achievements and contributions of Native Americans to the United States, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 1193, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to take into trust 2 parcels of Federal land for the benefit of certain Indian Pueblos in the State of New Mexico; and

The nomination of Robert G. McSwain, of Maryland, to be Director of the Indian Health Service, Department of Health and Human Services.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on the Judiciary: Committee ordered favorably reported the following:

S. 2533, to enact a safe, fair, and responsible state secrets privilege Act, with amendments;

S. 702, to authorize the Attorney General to award grants to State courts to develop and implement State courts interpreter programs, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. Res. 511, recognizing that John Sidney McCain, III, is a natural born citizen;

H. Con. Res. 292, honoring Margaret Truman Daniel and her lifetime of accomplishments;

S. Res. 515, commemorating the life and work of Dith Pran; and

The nominations of Michael G. McGinn, to be United States Marshal for the District of Minnesota, and Ralph E. Martinez, of Florida, to be a Member of the Foreign Claims Settlement Commission of the United States, both of the Department of Justice, Mark S. Davis, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Virginia, David Gregory Kays, to be United States District Judge for the Western District of Missouri, and Stephen N. Limbaugh, Jr., to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Missouri.

DELTA-NORTHWEST MERGER

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Antitrust, Competition Policy and Consumer Rights concluded a hearing to examine the merger between Delta Air Lines, Inc., and Northwest Airlines, Inc., after receiving testimony from Senators Klobuchar and Chambliss; Douglas M. Steenland, Northwest Airlines, Inc., Eagan, Minnesota; Richard H. Anderson, Delta Air Lines, Inc., Atlanta, Georgia; Kevin Mitchell, Business Travel Coalition, Radnor, Pennsylvania; and Darren Bush, University of Houston Law Center, Houston, Texas.

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.