

Messages from the President: Senate received the following messages from the President of the United States:

Transmitting, pursuant to law, the Budget of the United States Government for Fiscal Year 2010; referred jointly, pursuant to the order of January 30, 1975 as modified by the order of April 11, 1986; which was referred to the Committees on Appropriations; and the Budget. (PM-16) **Pages S5279-80**

Transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on the continuation of the national emergency that was originally declared in Executive Order 13338 of May 11, 2004, with respect to the blocking of property of certain persons and prohibition of exportation and re-exportation of certain goods to Syria; which was referred to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs. (PM-17) **Page S5280**

Nominations Confirmed: Senate confirmed the following nominations:

By 91 yeas 1 nay (Vote No. EX. 187), R. Gil Kerlikowske, of Washington, to be Director of National Drug Control Policy.

Michael Nacht, of California, to be an Assistant Secretary of Defense.

Elizabeth Lee King, of the District of Columbia, to be an Assistant Secretary of Defense.

Wallace C. Gregson, of Colorado, to be an Assistant Secretary of Defense.

36 Air Force nominations in the rank of general.

18 Marine Corps nominations in the rank of general.

7 Navy nominations in the rank of admiral.

Routine lists in the Air Force, Army, Marine Corps, Navy. **Pages S5267-70, S5298-S5300, S5301**

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Record Votes: Two record votes were taken today. (Total—187) **Pages S5260, S5269-70**

Adjournment: Senate convened at 9:30 a.m. and adjourned at 5:24 p.m., until 2 p.m. on Monday, May 11, 2009. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today's Record on page S5300.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

NOMINATIONS

Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of Krysta Harden, of Virginia, who was introduced by Senator Chambliss, and Pearlie S. Reed, of Arkansas, who was introduced by Senator Lincoln, both to be an Assistant Secretary, Rajiv J. Shah, of Washington, to be Under Secretary for Research, Education, and Economics, who was introduced by Senator Cantwell, and Dallas P. Tonsager, of South Dakota, to be Under Secretary for Rural Development, who was introduced by Representative Herseth Sandlin, all of the Department of Agriculture, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies concluded an oversight hearing to examine funding of the Department of Justice, after receiving testimony from Eric H. Holder, Jr., Attorney General, Department of Justice.

H1N1 VIRUS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies concluded a hearing to examine the 2009 H1N1 virus, after receiving testimony from Tom Vilsack, Secretary of Agriculture; and Joshua M. Sharfstein, Principal Deputy Commissioner and Acting Commissioner, Food and Drug Administration, Department of Health and Human Services.

APPROPRIATIONS: ARCHITECT OF THE CAPITOL AND OFFICE OF COMPLIANCE

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Legislative Branch concluded a hearing to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2010 for the Office of the Architect of the Capitol, and the Office of Compliance, after receiving testimony from Stephen T. Ayers, Acting Architect of the Capitol; and Tamara E. Chrisler, Executive Director, Office of Compliance, United States Congress.

CONGRESSIONAL COMMISSION ON THE STRATEGIC POSTURE OF THE U.S.

Committee on Armed Services: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the report of the Congressional Commission on the Strategic Posture of the United States, after receiving testimony from former Senator John Glenn, Harry E. Cartland, and John S. Foster,

each a Member, and William J. Perry, and James R. Schlesinger, both a Chairman, all of the Congressional Commission on the Strategic Posture of the United States.

U.S. SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: Subcommittee on Securities, Insurance and Investment concluded a hearing to examine strengthening the Securities and Exchange Commission's enforcement responsibilities, after receiving testimony from Richard J. Hillman, Managing Director, Financial Markets and Community Investment, Government Accountability Office; Robert Khuzami, Director, Division of Enforcement, U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission; Mercer E. Bullard, University of Mississippi School of Law, Oxford; and Bruce Hiler, Cadwalader, Wickersham and Taft LLP, Washington, D.C.

CYBERSECURITY AND CRITICAL ELECTRICITY INFRASTRUCTURE

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Committee concluded a hearing to examine a joint staff draft related to cybersecurity and critical electricity infrastructure, after receiving testimony from Patricia Hoffman, Acting Assistant Secretary of Energy for Electricity Delivery and Energy Reliability; Joseph McClelland, Director, Office of Electric Reliability, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission; Richard P. Sergel, North American Electric Reliability Corporation, Princeton, New Jersey; and Allen Mosher, American Public Power Association, and David K. Owens, Edison Electric Institute, both of Washington, D.C.

ENERGY INFRASTRUCTURE

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Subcommittee on Energy concluded a hearing to examine net metering, interconnection standards, and other policies that promote the deployment of distributed generation to improve grid reliability, increase clean energy deployment, enable consumer choice, and diversify our nation's energy supply, after receiving testimony from Kevin A. Kelly, Director, Division of Policy Development, Office of Energy Policy and Innovation, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission; Garry A. Brown, New York State Public Service Commission Chairman, Albany, on behalf of the National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners; Christopher Cook, Sunworks, LLC, Dunn Loring, Virginia; David Weiss, Pepco Energy Services, Arlington, Virginia; and Irene Kowalczyk, Meadwestvaco Corporation, Glen Allen, Virginia.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Environment and Public Works: Committee ordered favorably reported the nominations of Mathy Stanislaus, of New Jersey, to be Assistant Administrator, Office of Solid Waste, Cynthia J. Giles, of Rhode Island, to be Assistant Administrator for Enforcement and Compliance, and Michelle DePass, of New York, to be Assistant Administrator for International Affairs, all of the Environmental Protection Agency.

AUCTIONING UNDER CAP AND TRADE

Committee on Finance: Committee concluded a hearing to examine auctioning under cap and trade, focusing on design, participation, and distribution of revenues, after receiving testimony from Alan Krueger, Assistant Secretary for Economic Policy-Designate and Chief Economist, Department of the Treasury; Douglas Elmendorf, Director, Congressional Budget Office; Jos Delbeke, Deputy Director-General, Directorate General for Environment, European Commission, Brussels, Belgium; and Anne E. Smith, CRA International, Washington, D.C.

RECRUITMENT IN THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT

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 S. 736, to provide for improvements in the Federal hiring process, after receiving testimony from John Berry, Director, Office of Personnel Management; Susan L. Duncan, Assistant G-1 for Civilian Personnel, United States Army, Department of Defense; Gail T. Lovelace, Chief Human Capital Officer, General Services Administration; Max Stier, Partnership for Public Service, Washington, D.C.; and Linda Brooks Rix, Avue Technologies Corporation, Tacoma, Washington.

NOMINATIONS

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of Seth David Harris, of New Jersey, to be Deputy Secretary, who was introduced by Senator Lautenberg, and M. Patricia Smith, of New York, to be Solicitor, who was introduced by Senator Schumer, both of the Department of Labor, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

NOMINATION

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nomination of Margaret A. Hamburg, of the District of Columbia, to be Commissioner of Food and

Drugs, Department of Health and Human Services, after the nominee, who was introduced by Senator Lugar, testified and answered questions in her own behalf.

NOMINATION

Committee on Indian Affairs: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nomination of Larry J. Echo Hawk, of Utah, to be Assistant Secretary of the Interior for Indian Affairs, after the nominee, who was introduced by Senator Inouye, testified and answered questions in his own behalf. Testimony was also received from Alonzo Coby, Shoshone-Bannock Tribes, Fort Hall, Idaho.

BUSINESS MEETING

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

S. 327, to amend the Violence Against Women Act of 1994 and the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968 to improve assistance to domestic and sexual violence victims and provide for technical corrections, with amendments; and

The nominations of William K. Sessions III, of Vermont, to be Chair of the United States Sentencing Commission, and John Morton, of Virginia, to be Assistant Secretary of Homeland Security.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 47 public bills, H.R. 2294–2340; 1 private bill, H.R. 2341; and 14 resolutions, H.J. Res. 50–51; H. Con. Res. 121–122; and H. Res. 414–423 were introduced.

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Additional Cosponsors:

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Report Filed: A report was filed today as follows:

H.R. 23, to amend title 38, United States Code, to direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to establish the Merchant Mariner Equity Compensation Fund to provide benefits to certain individuals who served in the United States merchant marine (including the Army Transport Service and the Naval Transport Service) during World War II, with an amendment (H. Rept. 111–99).

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Speaker: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein she appointed Representative Tauscher to act as Speaker Pro Tempore for today.

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Chaplain: The prayer was offered by the Guest Chaplain, Rev. Michael Cummings, Burnt Swamp Association, Pembroke, North Carolina.

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Discharge Petition: Representative LaTourette moved to discharge the Committee on Rules from the consideration of H. Res. 359, providing for the consideration of the resolution (H. Res. 251) directing the Secretary of the Treasury to transmit to the House of Representatives all information in his possession relating to specific communications with American International Group, Inc. (AIG). (Discharge Petition No. 3).

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Suspension—Proceedings Resumed: The House agreed to suspend the rules and agree to the fol-

lowing measure which was debated on Wednesday, May 6th:

Recognizing the importance of the Border Patrol in combating human smuggling and commending the Department of Justice for increasing the rate of human smuggler prosecutions: H. Res. 14, amended, to recognize the importance of the Border Patrol in combating human smuggling and to commend the Department of Justice for increasing the rate of human smuggler prosecutions.

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Agreed to amend the title so as to read: “Recognizing the importance of the Department of Homeland Security, including U.S. Customs and Border Protection and U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement, in combating human smuggling and trafficking in persons, and commending the Department of Justice for increasing the rate of human smuggling and trafficking prosecutions.”

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Privileged Resolution—Intent to Offer: Representative Flake announced his intent to offer a privileged resolution.

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Mortgage Reform and Anti-Predatory Lending Act: The House passed H.R. 1728, to amend the Truth in Lending Act to reform consumer mortgage practices and provide accountability for such practices and to provide certain minimum standards for consumer mortgage loans, by a yea-and-nay vote of 300 yeas to 114 nays, Roll No. 242. Consideration of the measure began on Wednesday, May 6th.

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Agreed to the Sessions motion to recommit the bill to the Committee on Financial Services with instructions to report the same back to the House