

amendments, motions to commit, or any other motion, other than a motion to reconsider a vote, if applicable, in order during this period, except those that are currently pending; with the time after the Leader time, equally divided and controlled between the two Leaders, or their designees, with the Majority controlling the first portion of time. **Page S12317**

Treaty Approved: The following treaty having passed through its various parliamentary stages, up to and including the presentation of the resolution of ratification, upon division, two-thirds of the Senators present having voted in the affirmative, the resolution of ratification was agreed to:

Protocol Amending Tax Convention with France (Treaty Doc. 111-4) with 1 declaration and 1 condition. **Pages S12350-51**

Nominations Confirmed: Senate confirmed the following nominations:

David Morris Michaels, of Maryland, to be an Assistant Secretary of Labor.

Victoria Angelica Espinel, of the District of Columbia, to be Intellectual Property Enforcement Coordinator, Executive Office of the President.

Alan C. Kessler, of Pennsylvania, to be a Governor of the United States Postal Service for a term expiring December 8, 2015.

Lawrence G. Romo, of Texas, to be Director of the Selective Service.

3 Air Force nominations in the rank of general.

5 Army nominations in the rank of general.

5 Navy nominations in the rank of admiral.

Routine lists in the Air Force, Army, and Navy.

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Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

Donald L. Cook, of Washington, to be Deputy Administrator for Defense Programs, National Nuclear Security Administration.

Malcolm Ross O'Neill, of Virginia, to be an Assistant Secretary of the Army.

Jackalyne Pfannenstiel, of California, to be an Assistant Secretary of the Navy.

Douglas B. Wilson, of Arizona, to be an Assistant Secretary of Defense.

Brooke D. Anderson, of California, to be Alternate Representative of the United States of America for Special Political Affairs in the United Nations, with the rank of Ambassador.

Brooke D. Anderson, of California, to be an Alternate Representative of the United States of America to the Sessions of the General Assembly of the United Nations, during her tenure of service as Alternate Representative of the United States of America for Special Political Affairs in the United Nations.

Rosemary Anne DiCarlo, of the District of Columbia, to be the Deputy Representative of the United States of America to the United Nations, with the rank and status of Ambassador, and the Deputy Representative of the United States of America in the Security Council of the United Nations.

Rosemary Anne DiCarlo, of the District of Columbia, to be Representative of the United States of America to the Sessions of the General Assembly of the United Nations, during her tenure of service as Deputy Representative of the United States of America to the United Nations.

Nancy D. Freudenthal, of Wyoming, to be United States District Judge for the District of Wyoming.

Denzil Price Marshall, Jr., of Arkansas, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Arkansas.

Benita Y. Pearson, of Ohio, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of Ohio.

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Record Votes: Four record votes were taken today. (Total—358)

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Adjournment: Senate convened at 9:30 a.m. and adjourned at 8:32 p.m., until 9:30 a.m. on Friday, December 4, 2009. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S12353.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

NOMINATION

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nomination of Ben S. Bernanke, of New Jersey, to be Chairman of the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, after the nominee testified and answered questions in his own behalf.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Committee ordered favorably reported the nominations of Mark R. Rosekind, of California, to be a Member of the National Transportation Safety Board, Scott Boyer Quehl, of Pennsylvania, to be Chief Financial Officer and Assistant Secretary, and Suresh Kumar, of New Jersey, to be Assistant Secretary and Director General of the United States and Foreign Commercial Service, both of the Department of Commerce, Philip E. Coyle III, of California, to be an Associate Director of the Office of Science and Technology Policy, and Anthony R. Coscia, of New Jersey, and Albert DiClemente, of Delaware, both to be a Director of the Amtrak Board of Directors for the remainder of the term expiring July 26, 2011.

AMERICAN MEDICAL ISOTOPES PRODUCTION ACT

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Committee concluded a hearing to examine H.R. 3276, to promote the production of molybdenum-99 in the United States for medical isotope production, and to condition and phase out the export of highly enriched uranium for the production of medical isotopes, after receiving testimony from Parrish Staples, Director, Office of European and African Threat Reduction, Global Threat Reduction Initiative, National Nuclear Security Administration, Department of Energy; Kevin D. Crowley, Nation Research Council of the National Academies, Washington, D.C.; and Roy Brown, Council on Radionuclides and Radiopharmaceuticals (CORAR), St. Louis, Missouri.

NATIONAL PARKS BILLS

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Subcommittee on National Parks concluded a hearing to examine S. 760, to designate the Liberty Memorial at the National World War I Museum in Kansas City, Missouri, as the “National World War I Memorial”, S. 1838, to establish a commission to commemorate the sesquicentennial of the American Civil War, S. 2097, to authorize the rededication of the District of Columbia War Memorial as a National and District of Columbia World War I Memorial to honor the sacrifices made by American veterans of World War I, S. 2722, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to conduct a special resource study to determine the suitability and feasibility of adding the Heart Mountain Relocation Center, in the State of Wyoming, as a unit of the National Park System, S. 2726, to modify the boundary of the Minuteman Missile National Historic Site in the State of South Dakota, S. 2738, to authorize National Mall Liberty Fund D.C. to establish a memorial on Federal land in the District of Columbia to honor free persons

and slaves who fought for independence, liberty, and justice for all during the American Revolution, H.R. 1849, to designate the Liberty Memorial at the National World War I Museum in Kansas City, Missouri, as the National World War I Memorial, to establish the World War I centennial commission to ensure a suitable observance of the centennial of World War I, and H.R. 3689, to provide for an extension of the legislative authority of the Vietnam Veterans Memorial Fund, Inc. to establish a Vietnam Veterans Memorial visitor center, after receiving testimony from Senators Rockefeller, Thune, and Webb; Representative Cleaver; Katherine H. Stevenson, Assistant Director, Business Services, National Park Service, Department of the Interior; Harry G. Robinson III, Vietnam Veterans Memorial Fund, Edwin L. Fountain, World War I Memorial Foundation, and Maurice A. Barboza, Liberty Fund D.C., all of Washington, D.C.; David Madden, Louisiana State University United States Civil War Center, Black Mountain, North Carolina; and Brian Alexander, National World War I Museum at Liberty Memorial, Kansas City, Missouri.

WATER AND WILDLIFE BILLS

Committee on Environment and Public Works: Subcommittee on Water and Wildlife concluded a hearing to examine S. 373, to amend title 18, United States Code, to include constrictor snakes of the species Python genera as an injurious animal, S. 1519, to provide for the eradication and control of nutria in Maryland, Louisiana, and other coastal States, S. 1421, to amend section 42 of title 18, United States Code, to prohibit the importation and shipment of certain species of carp, S. 1965, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to provide financial assistance to the State of Louisiana for a pilot program to develop measures to eradicate or control feral swine and to assess and restore wetlands damaged by feral swine, H.R. 2188, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior, through the United States Fish and Wildlife Service, to conduct a Joint Venture Program to protect, restore, enhance, and manage migratory bird populations, their habitats, and the ecosystems they rely on, through voluntary actions on public and private lands, S. 1214, to conserve fish and aquatic communities in the United States through partnerships that foster fish habitat conservation, to improve the quality of life for the people of the United States, H.R. 3537, to amend and reauthorize the Junior Duck Stamp Conservation and Design Program Act of 1994, H.R. 3433, to amend the North American Wetlands Conservation Act to establish requirements regarding payment of the non-Federal share of the costs of wetlands conservation projects in Canada that are funded under that Act, and H.R.

509, to reauthorize the Marine Turtle Conservation Act of 2004, after receiving testimony from Senator Levin; Dan Ashe, Deputy Director, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Department of the Interior; Edmond Mouton, Louisiana Department of Wildlife & Fisheries, New Iberia; Eric C. Schwaab, Maryland Department of Natural Resources, Annapolis, on behalf of the Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies; Robert L. Bendick, The Nature Conservancy, Arlington, Virginia; and Gordon Roberston, American Sportfishing Association, Alexandria, Virginia.

AFGHANISTAN

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee concluded a hearing to examine Afghanistan, focusing on assessing the road ahead, after receiving testimony from Hillary Rodham Clinton, Secretary of State; and Robert M. Gates, Secretary, and Admiral Michael G. Mullen, USN, Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, both of the Department of Defense.

NOMINATION

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nomination of Caryn A. Wagner, of Virginia, to be Under Secretary of Homeland Security for Intelligence and Analysis, after the nominee testified and answered questions in her own behalf.

BUSINESS MEETING

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

S. 1790, to amend the Indian Health Care Improvement Act to revise and extend that Act, with amendments;

S. 1635, to establish an Indian Youth telemental health demonstration project, to enhance the provision of mental health care services to Indian youth, to encourage Indian tribes, tribal organizations, and other mental health care providers serving residents of Indian country to obtain the services of predoctoral psychology and psychiatry interns, with amendments; and

S. 633, 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.

INDIAN HEALTH CARE IMPROVEMENT REAUTHORIZATION AND EXTENSION ACT

Committee on Indian Affairs: Committee concluded an oversight hearing to examine S. 1790, to amend the

Indian Health Care Improvement Act to revise and extend that Act, after receiving testimony from Ronald L. Tankersley, American Dental Association, Newport News, Virginia; Evangelyn Dotomain, Alaska Native Health Board, Anchorage; and Patricia Tarren, Hennepin County Medical Center, Minneapolis, Minnesota.

CONTRACT HEALTH SERVICES

Committee on Indian Affairs: Committee concluded an oversight hearing to examine Contract Health Services, after receiving testimony from Yvette Roubideaux, Director, Indian Health Service, Department of Health and Human Services; Connie Whidden, Seminole Tribe of Florida, Hollywood; and Mickey Peercy, Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma, Durant.

BUSINESS MEETING

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

S. 1353, to amend title 1 of the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1986 to include non-profit and volunteer ground and air ambulance crew members and first responders for certain benefits, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute; and

The nominations of Thomas I. Vanaskie, of Pennsylvania, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Third Circuit, and Louis B. Butler, Jr., to be United States District Judge for the Western District of Wisconsin, and Susan B. Carbon, of New Hampshire, to be Director of the Violence Against Women Office, John H. Laub, of the District of Columbia, to be Director of the National Institute of Justice, Sharon Jeanette Lubinski, to be United States Marshal for the District of Minnesota, Mary Elizabeth Phillips, to be United States Attorney for the Western District of Missouri, Sanford C. Coats, to be United States Attorney for the Western District of Oklahoma, and Stephen James Smith, to be United States Marshal for the Southern District of Georgia, all of the Department of Justice.

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.