

Chair), Rubio, Graham, Wicker, Risch, Romney, and Ricketts. **Page S2246**

Escort Committee—Agreement: A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that the Presiding Officer of the Senate be authorized to appoint a committee on the part of the Senate to join with a like committee on the part of the House of Representatives to escort the President of the United States into the House Chamber for the joint session to be held at 9 p.m., on Thursday, March 7, 2024.

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Noti Nomination—Agreement: A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that at approximately 10 a.m., on Thursday, March 7, 2024, Senate resume consideration of the nomination of Adrienne Jennings Noti, of the District of Columbia, to be an Associate Judge of the Superior Court of the District of Columbia; that the motion to invoke cloture with respect to the nomination ripen at 11:45 a.m.; that if cloture is invoked on the nomination, and notwithstanding Rule XXII, Senate execute the order of February 29, 2024, with respect to S. 3853, to extend the period for filing claims under the Radiation Exposure Compensation Act and to provide for compensation under such Act for claims relating to Manhattan Project waste, and to improve compensation for workers involved in uranium mining, and that Senate vote on passage of the bill at 2:15 p.m.; and that upon disposition of S. 3853, all time on the nomination of Adrienne Jennings Noti be considered expired.

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Nominations Confirmed: Senate confirmed the following nominations:

By 69 yeas to 30 nays (Vote No. EX. 69), Ronald T. Keohane, of New York, to be an Assistant Secretary of Defense.

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By 50 yeas to 49 nays (Vote No. EX. 71), Moshe Z. Marvit, of Pennsylvania, to be a Member of the Federal Mine Safety and Health Review Commission for a term of six years expiring August 30, 2028.

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During consideration of this nomination today, Senate also took the following action:

By 50 yeas to 49 nays (Vote No. EX. 70), Senate agreed to the motion to close further debate on the nomination.

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By 51 yeas to 48 nays (Vote No. EX. 73), Cathy Ann Harris, of Maryland, to be Chairman of the Merit Systems Protection Board.

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During consideration of this nomination today, Senate also took the following action:

By 51 yeas to 48 nays (Vote No. EX. 72), Senate agreed to the motion to close further debate on the nomination.

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Record Votes: Five record votes were taken today. (Total—73) **Pages S2220, S2225, S2233**

Adjournment: Senate convened at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 7:44 p.m., until 10 a.m. on Thursday, March 7, 2024. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on pages S2246 and S2248.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on the Budget: Committee ordered favorably reported S. 1274, to permanently exempt payments made from the Railroad Unemployment Insurance Account from sequestration under the Balanced Budget and Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985.

PRIMARY CARE

Committee on the Budget: Committee concluded a hearing to examine how primary care improves health care efficiency, after receiving testimony from Christopher F. Koller, Milbank Memorial Fund, New York, New York; Amol S. Navathe, University of Pennsylvania Perelman School of Medicine and The Wharton School, Philadelphia; Bob Rauner, Partnership for a Healthy Nebraska, Lincoln, on behalf of the American Academy of Family Physicians; Lisa M. Grabert, Marquette University College of Nursing, Milwaukee, Wisconsin; and Christina Taylor, Clover Health, Des Moines, Iowa.

NTSB INVESTIGATIONS REPORT

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the National Transportation Safety Board Investigations Report, after receiving testimony from Jennifer Homendy, Chair, National Transportation Safety Board.

CONSUMER PACKAGING

Committee on Environment and Public Works: Committee concluded a hearing to examine extended producer responsibility policies for consumer packaging, after receiving testimony from Erin Simon, World Wildlife Fund, Washington, D.C.; H. Fisk Johnson, S. C. Johnson and Son, Inc., Racine, Wisconsin; and Dan Felton, AMERIPEN, Springfield, Massachusetts.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Finance: Committee ordered favorably reported the nomination of Corey Anne Tellez, of Illinois, to be a Deputy Under Secretary of the Treasury.

GLOBAL FOOD SECURITY

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee concluded a hearing to examine global food security, after receiving testimony from Dina Esposito, Assistant to the Administrator, Bureau for Resilience, Environment, and Food Security, United States Agency for International Development; and Cary Fowler, Special Envoy for Global Food Security, Department of State.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: Committee ordered favorably reported the following business items:

S. 3664, to require executive branch employees to report certain royalties, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 3558, to prohibit contracting with certain biotechnology providers, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 1524, to ensure that whistleblowers, including contractors, are protected from retaliation when a Federal employee orders a reprisal, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute; and

S. 3139, to ensure that Federal contractors comply with child labor laws, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute.

NOMINATIONS

Committee on the Judiciary: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of Sanket Jayshukh Bulsara, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of New York, who was introduced by Senator Schumer, Dena M. Coggins, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of California, and Eric C. Schulte, and Camela C. Theeler, both to be a United States District Judge for the District of South Dakota, who were both introduced by Senators Thune and Rounds, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

INTELLIGENCE

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

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 17 public bills, H.R. 7559–7575; and 8 resolutions, H.J. Res. 116–117; H. Con. Res. 94; and H. Res. 1060–1064, were introduced. **Pages H998–99**

Additional Cosponsors: **Pages H1000–01**

Reports Filed: Reports were filed today as follows:

H.R. 6317, to require the Administrator of the General Services Administration to submit a report describing a process for seeking public comment about proposed changes to mandatory design standards for public buildings, and for other purposes (H. Rept. 118–409);

H.R. 6260, to provide for certain reviews of the use and safety of Federal buildings, and for other purposes, with an amendment (H. Rept. 118–410);

H.R. 6261, to direct the Comptroller General to conduct a review on the impact of crime on public building usage, and for other purposes (H. Rept. 118–411, Part 1); and

H.R. 6264, to amend the Higher Education Act of 1965 to increase the maximum stipend amounts provided under Upward Bound projects (H. Rept. 118–412). **Page H998**

Speaker: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he appointed Representative Ezell to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. **Page H827**

Recess: The House recessed at 10:52 a.m. and reconvened at 12 p.m. **Page H833**

Recess: The House recessed at 1:51 p.m. and reconvened at 3:31 p.m. **Page H969**