connection between Federal Lands counties and Federal Lands, that time allowed for vitiation be extended to no later than 12:00 noon on Thursday, September 7. **Page S8031**

**Removal of Injunction of Secrecy:** The injunction of secrecy was removed from the following treaties and protocols:

Treaty with Costa Rica on the Return of Vehicles and Aircraft (Treaty Doc. No. 106–40);

Protocol Relating to the Madrid Agreement (Treaty Doc. No. 106–41);

Investment Treaty with Lithuania (Treaty Doc. No. 106–42);

Protocol Amending the 1950 Consular Convention with Ireland (Treaty Doc. No. 106-43);

Treaty with Panama on the Return of Vehicles and Aircraft (Treaty Doc. No. 106–44)

The treaties and protocols were transmitted to the Senate today, considered as having been read for the first time, and referred, with accompanying papers, to the Committee on Foreign Relations and were ordered to be printed. **Pages S8030–31**

**Appointments:**

***Advisory Committee on Student Financial Assistance:*** The Chair, on behalf of the President pro tempore, pursuant to Public Law 99–498, reappointed Charles Terrell, of Massachusetts, to the Advisory Committee on Student Financial Assistance for a three-year term beginning October 1, 2000, effective July 28, 2000. **Page S8030**

***Amtrak Reform Council:*** The Chair announced on behalf of the Republican Leader, pursuant to Public Law 105–134, his appointment of Nancy Rutledge Connery, of Maine, to serve as a member of the Amtrak Reform Council, vice Joseph Vranich, of Pennsylvania, effective July 28, 2000. **Page S8030**

***Abraham Lincoln Bicentennial Commission:*** The Chair, on behalf of the Majority Leader, pursuant to Public Law 106–173, announced the appointment of Frank J. Williams, of Rhode Island, to the Abraham Lincoln Bicentennial Commission, effective August 24, 2000. **Page S8030**

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**Adjournment:** Senate convened at 12:02 p.m., and adjourned at 7:26 p.m., until 9:30 a.m., on Wednesday, September 6, 2000. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S8031.)

# *Committee Meetings*

*(Committees not listed did not meet)*

## NURSING HOME BANKRUPTCIES

*Special Committee on Aging:* Committee concluded hearings to examine the causes of nursing home bankruptcies, in order to inform future policy decisions, including proposals to raise Medicare payments to skilled nursing facilities, after receiving testimony from Laura A. Dummit, Associate Director, Health Financing and Public Health Issues, Health, Education, and Human Services Division, General Accounting Office; George F. Grob, Deputy Inspector General for Evaluation and Inspections, and Steven Pelovitz, Director, Survey and Certification Group, Health Care Financing Administration, both of the Department of Health and Human Services; John Ransom, Raymond James and Associates, Inc., St. Petersburg, Florida; and Charles H. Roadman, II, American Health Care Association, Washington, D.C.