

portability of health care benefits, to provide increased security of health care benefits, and to increase the purchasing power of individuals and small employers, on Thursday, April 18, 1996. **Page S3499**

Appointments:

Migratory Bird Conservation Commission: The Chair, on behalf of the Vice President, pursuant to Public Law 70-770, appointed Senator Breaux to the Migratory Bird Conservation Commission, vice Senator Pryor. **Page S3478**

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

Transmitting the report of the National Endowment for the Humanities for calendar year 1995; referred to the Committee on Labor and Human Resources. (PM-138). **Page S3485**

Transmitting the report on Alaska's Mineral Resources for calendar year 1995; referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources. (PM-139). **Page S3485**

Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

John W. Hechinger, Sr., of the District of Columbia, to be a Member of the National Security Education Board for a term of four years.

1 Army nomination in the rank of general.

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Record Votes: Nine record votes were taken today. (Total-71)

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Adjournment: Senate convened at 9:15 a.m., and adjourned at 7:23 p.m., until 9:30 a.m., on Thursday, April 18, 1996. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S3499.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

APPROPRIATIONS—DEFENSE

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Defense held hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 1997 for the Department of Defense, focusing on Air Force programs, receiving testimony from Sheila E. Widnall, Secretary of the Air Force; and Gen. Ronald R. Fogleman, Chief of Air Force Staff.

Subcommittee will meet again on Wednesday, April 24.

APPROPRIATIONS—INDIAN PROGRAMS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on the Interior held hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 1997, receiving testimony in behalf of funds for their respective activities from Ada E. Deer, Assistant Secretary of the Interior for Indian Affairs; and Harold Monteau, Chairman, National Indian Gaming Commission.

Subcommittee will meet again on Wednesday, April 24.

APPROPRIATIONS—TREASURY

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Treasury, Postal Service and General Government held hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 1997, receiving testimony in behalf of funds for their respective activities from James E. Johnson, Assistant Secretary for Enforcement, Stanley E. Morris, Director, Office of Financial Crimes Enforcement Network, Charles F. Rinkevich, Director, Federal Law Enforcement Training Center, John W. Magaw, Director, Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms, George J. Weise, Commissioner, and Michael H. Lane, Deputy Commissioner, both of the United States Customs Service, and Eljay B. Bowron, Director, United States Secret Service, all of the Department of the Treasury.

Subcommittee will meet again on Wednesday, May 8.

DEFENSE PRIVATIZATION

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Readiness held hearings to examine the privatization of Department of Defense depot maintenance and other commercial activities, receiving testimony from John P. White, Deputy Secretary of Defense; Gen. Henry Viccellio, USAF, Commander, Air Force Materiel Command; and David Warren, Director, and Julia Denman, Assistant Director, both of Defense Management Issues, and John Brosnan, Assistant General Counsel, all of the General Accounting Office.

Subcommittee recessed subject to call.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: Committee met and began consideration of a committee resolution to authorize the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs to conduct an investigation of Madison Guaranty Savings and Loan Association and related matters, but did not complete action thereon.

NATIONAL PARKS

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Subcommittee on Parks, Historic Preservation and Recreation concluded hearings on S. 695, to provide for the establishment of the Tallgrass Prairie National Preserve in Kansas, and S. 1476, to establish the Boston Harbor Islands National Recreation Area, after receiving testimony from Senators Kennedy, Kassebaum, and Kerry; Representatives Moakley, Studds, Roberts, Meyers, and Torkildsen; Roger G. Kennedy, Director, National Park Service, Department of the Interior; former Kansas Governor John Michael Hayden, Alexandria, Virginia; Trudy Coxe, Commonwealth of Massachusetts Office of Environmental Affairs, Cathleen Douglas Stone, City of Boston Environmental Services Cabinet, Peter Meade, The New England Council, and William L. Lahey, Palmer & Dodge, on behalf of the Greater Boston Chamber of Commerce, all of Boston, Massachusetts; Paul Duffendack, National Park Trust, Kansas City, Missouri; Chuck Magathan, on behalf of the Chase County Farm Bureau, Chase County Livestock Association, and Kansas Grassroots Association, and Lee Fowler, both of Cottonwood Falls, Kansas; John Sam Sapiel and Gary McCann, both of Falmouth, Massachusetts, both on behalf of the Muhheconneuk Intertribal Committee on Deer Island; and William J. Chandler, National Parks and Conservation Association, Washington, D.C.

PARENTAL RIGHTS AND RESPONSIBILITIES ACT

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Administrative Oversight and the Courts approved for full committee consideration, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute, S. 984, to protect the fundamental right of a parent to direct the upbringing of a child.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Labor and Human Resources: Committee ordered favorably reported the following business items:

S. 969, to require health insurers to allow new mothers and their infants to remain in the hospital for a minimum of 48 hours after a normal birth and 96 hours after a caesarean delivery, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 295, to allow employers and employees to meet together to address issues of mutual interest as long as their organizations do not engage in collective bargaining; and

The nominations of C. E. Abramson, of Montana, to be a Member of the National Commission on Libraries and Information Science, Robert B. Rogers, of Missouri, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Corporation for National and Community Service, Elmer B. Staats, of the District of Columbia, to be a Member of the Board of Trustees of the Harry S Truman Scholarship Foundation, David A. Ucko, of Missouri, and Alberta Sebolt George, of Massachusetts, both to be Members of the National Museum Services Board, Ronnie Feuerstein Heyman, of New York, and Terry Evans, of Kansas, both to be Members of the National Council on the Arts, and Audrey Tayse Haynes, of Kentucky, Mary Dodd Greene, of Texas, Mark Edwin Emblidge, of Virginia, and Toni G. Fay, of New Jersey, each to be a Member of the National Institute for Literacy Advisory Board.

CAMPAIGN FINANCE REFORM

Committee on Rules and Administration: Committee resumed hearings on proposals to amend the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971 to provide for a voluntary system of spending limits and partial public financing of Senate primary and general election campaigns, to limit contributions by multicandidate political committees, and to reform the financing of Federal elections and Senate campaigns, receiving testimony from Haley Barbour, Chairman, Republican National Committee; Donald L. Fowler, National Chairman, Democratic National Committee; James J. Brady, Association of State Democratic Chairs, Washington, D.C.; and Robert T. Bennett, Republican State Central and Executive Committee of Ohio, Columbus.

Hearings were recessed subject to call.

INDIAN PROGRAMS

Committee on Indian Affairs: Committee held oversight hearings on the President's proposed budget request for fiscal year 1997 for Indian programs, receiving testimony from Henry G. Cisneros, Secretary of Housing and Urban Development; and Josephine Nieves, Associate Assistant Secretary of Labor for Employment and Training.

Hearings continue tomorrow.

INTELLIGENCE

Select Committee on Intelligence: Committee held closed hearings on intelligence matters, receiving testimony from officials of the intelligence community.

Committee will meet again on Wednesday, April 24.