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Adjournment: Senate convened at 9:30 a.m., and adjourned at 8:25 p.m., until 12 noon, on Monday, July 21, 1997. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S7741.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

NORTHERN FOREST STEWARDSHIP ACT

Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry: Subcommittee on Forestry, Conservation, and Rural Revitalization concluded hearings on S. 546, to authorize the Secretary of Agriculture to provide technical assistance for sustainable forest management, assist in coordinating ecological and economic research and implementation of interstate and Northern Forest Lands Council policies, and provide technical and financial assistance for State conservation land planning and acquisition and rural community assistance, after receiving testimony from James R. Lyons, Under Secretary of Agriculture for Natural Resources and Environment; John P. Cahill, New York State Department of Environmental Conservation, Albany; Brendan J. Whittaker, Vermont Natural Resources Council, Guildhall; Stephen W. Schley, Pingree Associates, Inc., Bangor, Maine, on behalf of the Maine Forest Products Council; John E. Sargent, Chichester, New Hampshire; and David W. Guernsey, Kingfield, Maine.

APPROPRIATIONS—AGRICULTURE/VA/ HUD/MILITARY CONSTRUCTION

Committee on Appropriations: Committee ordered favorably reported the following bills:

An original bill (S. 1033) making appropriations for agriculture programs, conservation programs, rural economic and community development, domestic food programs, foreign assistance and related programs, and the Food and Drug Administration for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1998;

An original bill (S. 1034) making appropriations for the Departments of Veterans Affairs and Housing and Urban Development, and for sundry agencies, commissions, corporations, and offices for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1998; and

H.R. 2016, making appropriations for military construction, family housing, and base realignment and closure for the Department of Defense for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1998, with amendments.

APPROPRIATIONS—AMTRAK

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Transportation and Related Agencies concluded hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 1998 for the National Railroad Passenger Corporation (Amtrak), focusing on the calculation of "excess" railroad retirement payments, after receiving testimony from Steven A. Bartholow, Deputy General Counsel, and Frank Buzzi, Chief Actuary, both of the U.S. Railroad Retirement Board; Jacob J. Lew, Deputy Director, Office of Management and Budget; Mortimer L. Downey, Deputy Secretary of Transportation; and Thomas M. Downs, President and Chairman, and Thomas J. Gillespie, Jr., Vice President, Government Affairs, both of the National Railroad Passenger Corporation (Amtrak).

NOMINATION

Committee on Armed Services: Committee concluded hearings on the nomination of Rudy deLeon, of California, to be Under Secretary of Defense for Personnel and Readiness, after the nominee testified and answered questions in his own behalf.

AUTHORIZATION—EXPORT/IMPORT BANK

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: Subcommittee on International Finance concluded hearings on S. 1026, authorizing funds for the Export-Import Bank of the United States, after receiving testimony from James A. Harmon, President and Chairman, Export-Import Bank of the United States; Stuart E. Eizenstat, Under Secretary of State for Economic and Business Affairs, on behalf of the Trade Promotion Coordinating Committee; JayEtta Hecker, Associate Director, International Relations and Trade Issues, National Security and International Affairs Division, General Accounting Office; Noor Doja, Minnesota Export Finance Authority, on behalf of the National Association of State Development Agencies and Minnesota Trade Office, and Richard P. Ferris, Norwest Bank Minnesota, National Association, both of Minneapolis, Minnesota; Gary W. Groom, Raytheon Engineers & Constructors International, Lexington, Massachusetts, on behalf of the National Association of Manufacturers; William M. Murray, Fuller Company, Bethlehem, Pennsylvania, on behalf of the National Foreign Trade Council, Inc.; Ian Vasquez, Cato Institute, Washington, D.C.; and Edward F. Carter, Harza Engineering Company, Chicago, Illinois.

HUD REBUILDING AND LOAN GUARANTY PROGRAM

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: Subcommittee on Financial Institutions and Regulatory Relief concluded hearings to examine the status of Federal efforts to investigate and prosecute individuals responsible for church arson, focusing on the implementation of the Department of Housing and Urban Development rebuilding and loan guaranty program which guarantees private sector loans to assist nonprofit organizations, including churches, in financing the rebuilding of facilities damaged or destroyed by arson or terrorism, after receiving testimony from Andrew Cuomo, Secretary of Housing and Urban Development; James E. Johnson, Assistant Secretary of the Treasury for Enforcement, and Isabelle Katz Pinzler, Acting Assistant Attorney General, Civil Rights Division, Department of Justice, both on behalf of the National Church Arson Task Force; Mark Logan, Special Agent in Charge (Charlotte Field Division), Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms, Department of the Treasury; Albert M. Pennybacker, National Council of the Churches of Christ in the U.S.A., and Sullivan Robinson, Congress of National Black Churches, Inc., both of Washington, D.C.; Larry Hill, Matthews Murkland Presbyterian Church, Charlotte, North Carolina; and Shirley F. Hines, Greater Mount Zion Tabernacle Church Rebuilding Project, Portsmouth, Virginia.

AUTO CHOICE REFORM ACT

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Committee held hearings on S. 625, to provide for competition between forms of motor vehicle insurance, to permit an owner of a motor vehicle to choose the most appropriate form of insurance, to guarantee affordable premiums, and to provide for more adequate and timely compensation for accident victims, receiving testimony from Senators Lieberman, McConnell, and Moynihan; Representatives Armev and Saxton; Jeffrey O'Connell, University of Virginia Law School, Charlottesville; Harvey Rosenfield, Proposition 103 Enforcement Project, and Stephen Carroll, Rand, both of Santa Monica, California; Peter Kinzler, Coalition for Auto-Insurance Reform, Alexandria, Virginia; Tim Ryles, Ryles Resource Group, Newborn, Georgia; and Andrew Tobias, New York, New York.

Hearings were recessed subject to call.

NOMINATIONS

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Committee concluded hearings on the nominations of Patrick A. Shea, of Utah, to be Director of the Bureau of Land Management, Robert G. Stanton, of Virginia, to be

Director of the National Park Service, and Kathleen M. Karpan, of Wyoming, to be Director of the Office of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement, all of the Department of the Interior, and Kneeland C. Youngblood, of Texas, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the United States Enrichment Corporation, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf. Mr. Shea was introduced by Senators Hatch and Bennett, Mr. Stanton was introduced by Senators Sarbanes and Warner, and Ms. Karpan was introduced by Senator Thomas.

OKLAHOMA CITY MEMORIAL/TRINITY LAKE DESIGNATION/EVERGLADES WILDERNESS

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Subcommittee on National Parks, Historic Preservation, and Recreation concluded hearings on S. 871, to establish the Oklahoma City National Memorial at the site of the bombing incident at the Alfred P. Murrah Federal Building, to designate the memorial a unit of the National Park Service, and establish the Oklahoma City Memorial Trust to oversee the development and operation of the memorial, S. 895, to designate the reservoir created by Trinity Dam in the Central Valley project, California, and designated as "Clair Engle Lake" is redesignated as "Trinity Lake", and S. 931, to designate the Marjory Stoneman Douglas Wilderness and the Ernest F. Coe Visitor Center in Everglades National Park, after receiving testimony from Katherine H. Stevenson, Associate Director of Cultural Resource Stewardship and Partnerships, National Park Service, Department of the Interior; and Joseph B. Browder, Friends of the Everglades, Washington, D.C.

GLOBAL WARMING

Committee on Environment and Public Works: Committee concluded hearings to examine the causes, impacts, and uncertainties of global climate change, after receiving testimony from Timothy E. Wirth, Under Secretary of State for Global Affairs; Janet Yellen, Chair, Council of Economic Advisers; Kevin J. Fay, International Climate Change Partnership, Arlington, Virginia; and William O'Keefe, Global Climate Coalition, Washington, D.C.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee ordered favorably reported the following business items:

An original bill (S. 1032) to amend the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961 with respect to the authority of the Overseas Private Investment Corporation to issue insurance and extend financing;

S. Res. 98, expressing the sense of the Senate regarding the conditions for the United States becoming a signatory to any international agreement on greenhouse gas emissions under the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change;

An original concurrent resolution (S. Con. Res. 40) expressing the sense of the Congress that the OAS-CIAV Mission in Nicaragua is to be congratulated for its defense of human rights, promotion of peaceful conflict resolution, and contribution to the development of freedom and democracy in Nicaragua;

An original concurrent resolution (S. Con. Res. 41) calling for a United States initiative seeking a just and peaceful resolution of the situation in Cyprus; and

The nominations of A. Peter Burleigh, of California, to be the Deputy Representative of the United States of America to the United Nations, with the rank and status of Ambassador, Ralph Frank, of Washington, to be Ambassador to the Kingdom of Nepal, Gordon D. Giffin, of Georgia, to be Ambassador to Canada, John C. Holzman, of Hawaii, to be Ambassador to the People's Republic of Bangladesh, Karl Frederick Inderfurth, of North Carolina, to be Assistant Secretary of State for South Asian Affairs, David J. Scheffer, of Virginia, to be Ambassador at Large for War Crime Issues, Richard Sklar, of California, to be Representative of the United States to the United Nations for U.N. Management and Reform, with the rank of Ambassador, Linda Jane Zack Tarr-Whelan, of Virginia, for the rank of Ambassador during her tenure of service as United States Representative to the Commission on the Status of Women of the Economic and Social Council of the United Nations, and two Foreign Service Officer promotion lists.

BOSNIA PEACE AGREEMENT

Committee on Foreign Relations: Subcommittee on European Affairs concluded hearings to examine the current situation in Bosnia-Herzegovina and United States and international efforts to implement the 1995 Dayton peace accords, after receiving testimony from Robert S. Gelbard, Special Representative of the President and the Secretary of State for Implementation of the Dayton Peace Accords; Harold J. Johnson, Associate Director, International Relations and Trade Issues, National Security and International Affairs Division, General Accounting Office; and Morton I. Abramowitz, International Crisis Group, and John W. Heffernan, Coalition for International Justice, both of Washington, D.C.

CAMPAIGN FINANCING INVESTIGATION

Committee on Governmental Affairs: Committee continued hearings, in open and closed sessions, to examine certain matters with regard to the committee's special investigation on campaign financing, receiving testimony from John H. Cobb, Counsel to Special Investigation, Committee on Governmental Affairs; and Paula V. Greene, Stephens Inc., Washington, D.C.

Hearings will continue on Wednesday, July 23.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on the Judiciary: Committee resumed mark up of S. 10, to reduce violent juvenile crime, promote accountability by juvenile criminals, and punish and deter violent gang crime, but did not complete action thereon, and will meet again on Wednesday, July 23.

VISA WAIVER PILOT PROGRAM

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Immigration concluded hearings on proposals to extend the Visa Waiver Pilot Program established by the Immigration Reform and Control Act of 1986, including S. 290, to establish a visa waiver pilot program for nationals of Korea who are traveling in tour groups to the United States, after receiving testimony from Senators Murkowski and Inouye; Representative Kim; Mary A. Ryan, Assistant Secretary of State for Consular Affairs; Michael D. Cronin, Assistant Commissioner for Inspections, Inspections Division, Immigration and Naturalization Service, Department of Justice; Virginia Governor George Allen, Richmond; Hawaii Lieutenant Governor Mazie K. Hirono, Honolulu; and Janet Thomas, Air Transport Association of America, Washington, D.C.

CHILD CARE QUALITY

Committee on Labor and Human Resources: Committee held hearings on proposals to improve the quality of child care in the United States, including the proposed Creating Improved Delivery of Child Care: Affordable, Reliable, and Educational Act of 1997, receiving testimony from Senators Mack and Graham; Representatives Gilman and Deutsch; Ted Childs, Jr., IBM Corporation, North Tarrytown, New York; William Waldman, New Jersey Department of Human Services, Trenton; Deborah Lowe Vandell, University of Wisconsin, Madison, on behalf of the NICHD Early Child Care Research Network; James M. Poole, Raleigh, North Carolina, on behalf of the American Academy of Pediatrics; Lynn Behrmann, Manchester, Connecticut; and Mark and Julie Fiedelholz, Plantation, Florida.

Hearings were recessed subject to call.