

Melvin R. Wright, of the District of Columbia, to be an Associate Judge of the Superior Court of the District of Columbia for the term of fifteen years.

2 Army nominations in the rank of general.

1 Navy nomination in the rank of admiral.

Routine lists in the Army and Marine Corps.

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**Record Votes:** One record vote was taken today. (Total—12) Pages S905–06

**Adjournment:** Senate convened at 9:30 a.m., and adjourned at 6:28 p.m., until 10 a.m. on Wednesday, February 25, 1998. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record, on page S943.)

## Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

### APPROPRIATIONS—AGRICULTURE

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Agriculture, Rural Development, and Related Agencies held hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 1999 for the Department of Agriculture, receiving testimony in behalf of funds for their respective activities from I. Miley Gonzalez, Under Secretary for Research, Education and Economics, Eileen Kennedy, Acting Deputy Under Secretary for Research, Education and Economics, Donald Bay, Administrator, National Agriculture Statistics Service, Floyd P. Horn, Administrator, Agricultural Research Service, Susan Offutt, Administrator, Economic Research Service, Bobby H. Robinson, Administrator, Cooperative State Research, Education, and Extension Service, and Dennis Kaplan, Deputy Director, Budget, Legislation, and Regulatory Systems, all of the Department of Agriculture.

Subcommittee will meet again on Thursday, February 26.

### APPROPRIATIONS—JUSTICE

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, State, and Judiciary, and Related Agencies held hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 1999 for the Department of Justice,

receiving testimony from Janet Reno, Attorney General, and Stephen R. Colgate, Assistant Attorney General for Administration, both of the Department of Justice.

Subcommittee will meet again on Thursday, February 26.

### OPERATIONAL READINESS

*Committee on Armed Services:* Subcommittee on Readiness held hearings to examine the status of the operational readiness of the United States military forces including the availability of resources and training opportunities necessary to meet our national security requirements, receiving testimony from Vice Admiral Herbert A. Browne, Jr., II, USN, Commander, III Fleet; Maj. Gen. Marvin R. Esmond, USAF, Commander, Air Force Air Warfare Center, Nellis Air Force Base; Maj. Gen. Ronald G. Richard, USMC, Commanding General, Marine Corps Air Ground Combat Center; Brig. Gen. Dean W. Cash, USA, Commanding General, National Training Center and Fort Irwin; Col. Thomas Matthews, USA, Commander, Aviation Brigade, 101st Airborne Division; Capt. Thomas Kilcline, USN, Commander, Carrier Air Group 14; Col. Stephen Bozarth, USAF, Commander, 388th Fighter Wing Operations Group; and Col. Emerson N. Gardner, USMC, Commander, 26th Marine Expeditionary Unit.

Hearings continue tomorrow.

### SOCIAL SECURITY REFORM

*Committee on the Budget:* Committee's Task Force on Social Security concluded hearings to discuss the Administration's plans to safeguard Social Security in the context of the Federal budget, after receiving testimony from Franklin D. Raines, Director, Office of Management and Budget; Lawrence H. Summers, Deputy Secretary of the Treasury; and Kenneth S. Apfel, Commissioner, Social Security Administration.

### GLOBAL TOBACCO SETTLEMENT

*Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation:* Committee resumed hearings to examine the proposed settlement between State Attorneys General and tobacco companies to mandate a total reformation and restructuring of how tobacco products are manufactured, marketed, and distributed in America, receiving testimony from Geoffrey C. Bible, Philip Morris Companies, Inc., Steven F. Goldstone, RJR Nabisco, Inc., and Laurence A. Tisch, Loews Corporation, all of New York, New York; Nicholas G. Brookes, Brown and Williamson Tobacco Corporation, Louisville, Kentucky; and Vincent A. Gierer, Jr., UST Inc., Greenwich, Connecticut.

Hearings continue on Thursday, February 26.

**GETTYSBURG NATIONAL MILITARY PARK**

*Committee on Energy and Natural Resources:* Subcommittee on National Parks, Historic Preservation, and Recreation concluded oversight hearings to examine the National Park Service's proposal to develop a visitor center and museum facility complex at the Gettysburg National Military Park in Pennsylvania, after receiving testimony from Senators Specter and Santorum; Denis P. Galvin, Deputy Director, National Park Service, Department of the Interior; Ralph W. Tarr, Andrews & Kurth, Washington, D.C., former Solicitor, Department of the Interior; Walter L. Powell, Gettysburg Battlefield Preservation Association, and Keith G. Dorman, Friends of the National Parks at Gettysburg, both of Gettysburg, Pennsylvania; Richard Moe, National Trust for Historic Preservation, Washington, D.C.; and Dennis E. Frye, Association for the Preservation of Civil War Sites, New York, New York.

**NATO ENLARGEMENT**

*Committee on Foreign Relations:* Committee held hearings to examine Administration views on the proposed Protocols to the North Atlantic Treaty of 1949 on the Accession of Poland, Hungary, and the Czech Republic (these protocols were opened for signature at Brussels on December 16, 1997, and signed on behalf of the United States and other parties to the North Atlantic Treaty) (Treaty Doc. 105-36), receiving testimony from Madeleine K. Albright, Secretary of State; William S. Cohen, Secretary of Defense; and Gen. Henry H. Shelton, Chairman, Joint Chiefs of Staff.

Hearings were recessed subject to call.

**REGULATORY IMPROVEMENT ACT**

*Committee on Governmental Affairs:* Committee resumed hearings on S. 981, to provide for the analysis of major regulatory rules by Federal agencies, receiving testimony from Bruce Alberts, President, National Academy of Sciences and Chairman, National Research Council; Ohio Governor George V. Voinovich, Columbus, and Nebraska Governor Ben Nelson, Lincoln, both on behalf of the National Governors' Association; Milton Russell, Joint Institute for Energy and Environment/University of Tennessee, Knoxville; Nancy Donley, Chicago, Illinois, and Sue Doneth, Marshall, Michigan, both on behalf of Safe Tables Our Priority; Lester M. Crawford, Georgetown University, Warren Belmar, American Bar Association, Franklin E. Mirer, United Auto Workers, Karen Florini, Environmental Defense Fund, and Robert E. Litan, Brookings Institution, all of Washington, D.C.; and Michael A. Resnick, National School Boards Association, Alexandria, Virginia.

Hearings were recessed subject to call.

**CAMPAIGN FINANCE REFORM**

*Committee on the Judiciary:* Subcommittee on the Constitution, Federalism, and Property Rights concluded hearings to examine whether term limits or campaign finance reform would provide true political reform, after receiving testimony from Missouri State Representative Joan Bray, Jefferson City; James A. Buchen, Wisconsin Manufacturers and Commerce, Madison; Donald Simon, Common Cause, David Keene, American Conservative Union, and Paul Jacob, US Term Limits, all of Washington, D.C.; Bradley A. Smith, Capital University Law School, Columbus, Ohio; and Rod Pacheco, Riverside, California.

**FOREIGN TERRORISTS IN AMERICA**

*Committee on the Judiciary:* Subcommittee on Technology, Terrorism, and Government Information concluded hearings to examine the extent of and policies to prevent foreign terrorist operations in America, focusing on certain incidences of terrorist attacks in the United States, including the bombing incident at the World Trade Center in New York City, after receiving testimony from Dale L. Watson, Section Chief for International Terrorism Operations, Federal Bureau of Investigation, and Walter D. Cadman, Counterterrorism Coordinator, Office of Field Operations, Immigration and Naturalization Service, both of the Department of Justice; Richard A. Rohde, Deputy Assistant Director, Office of Investigations, United States Secret Service, Department of the Treasury; J. Gilmore Childers, Orrick, Herrington & Sutcliffe, New York, New York; Henry J. DePippo, Nixon Hargrave Devans & Doyle, Rochester, New York; Patrick J. Colgan, Jr., PBL Associates, Wyckoff, New Jersey; Benjamin Jacobson, Peregrine Group, Miami, Florida; and Steven Emerson, The Investigative Project, and Omar Ashmawy, both of Washington, D.C.

**GLOBAL TOBACCO SETTLEMENT**

*Committee on Labor and Human Resources:* Committee resumed hearings to examine the scope and depth of the proposed settlement between State Attorneys General and tobacco companies to mandate a total reformation and restructuring of how tobacco products are manufactured, marketed, and distributed in America, and S. 1648, to provide for reductions in youth smoking, for advancements in tobacco-related research, and the development of safer tobacco products, receiving testimony from Charles N. Jeffress, Assistant Secretary of Labor for Occupational Safety and Health; Lewis A. Grossman, American University Washington College of Law, Richard M. Cooper, Williams & Connolly, on behalf of R.J. Reynolds

Tobacco Company, and Richard A. Levinson, American Public Health Association, all of Washington, D.C.; Jack E. Henningfield, Pinney Associates, Bethesda, Maryland, on behalf of the Society of Research on Nicotine and Tobacco; Jon D. Hanson, Harvard University Law School, Cambridge, Massachusetts; and Kyle D. Logue, University of Michigan Law School, Ann Arbor.

Hearings were recessed subject to call.

## NOMINATION

*Committee on Veterans Affairs:* Committee concluded hearings on the nomination of Togo Dennis West Jr., of the District of Columbia, to be Secretary of Veterans Affairs, after the nominee, who was introduced by Senator Faircloth, testified and answered questions in his own behalf.

# House of Representatives

## Chamber Action

**Bills Introduced:** 11 public bills, H.R. 3246–3256; 1 private bill, H.R. 3257; and 2 resolutions, H. Con. Res. 223 and H. Res. 365, were introduced.

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**Reports Filed:** Reports were filed today as follows:

H.R. 3116, to address the Year 2000 computer problems with regard to financial institutions, to extend examination parity to the Director of the Office of Thrift Supervision and the National Credit Union Administration, amended (H. Rept. 105–417);

H.R. 2460, to amend title 18, United States Code, with respect to scanning receivers and similar devices, amended (H. Rept. 105–418);

H. Res. 366, providing for consideration of H.R. 2181, to ensure the safety of witnesses and to promote notification of the interstate relocation of witnesses by States and localities engaging in that relocation (H. Rept. 105–419); and

H. Res. 367, providing for consideration of H.R. 1544, to prevent Federal agencies from pursuing policies of unjustifiable nonacquiescence in, and re-litigation of, precedents established in the Federal judicial circuits (H. Rept. 105–420).

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**Speaker Pro Tempore:** Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he designated Representative Barrett of Nebraska to act as Speaker pro tempore for today.

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**Recess:** The House recessed at 1:24 p.m. and reconvened at 2:00 p.m.

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**Presidential Message—Activation of Selected Reserves:** Read a message from the President wherein he authorized the Secretary of Defense and Secretary of Transportation, with respect to the Coast Guard, to order to active duty Selected Reserve units and individuals not assigned to units to augment the Active components in support of operations in and around southwest Asia—referred to the Committee

on National Security and ordered printed (H. Doc. 105–217).

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**National Education Goals Panel:** Read a letter from the Minority Leader wherein he announced his appointment of Representative Martinez to the National Education Goals Panel.

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**Amtrak Reform Council:** Read a letter from the Minority Leader wherein he announced his appointment of Mr. S. Lee Kling of Villa Ridge, Missouri to the Amtrak Reform Council.

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**George Washington's Birthday Observance:** The Chair announced the Speaker's appointment of Representatives Davis of Virginia and Hoyer to represent the House of Representatives at wreath laying ceremonies at the Washington monument for the observance of George Washington's birthday held on Monday, February 23, 1998.

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**Suspensions:** The House agreed to suspend the rules and pass the following measures:

**Immigrant Status for NATO Civilian Employees:** H.R. 429, amended, to amend the Immigration and Nationality Act to provide for special immigrant status for NATO civilian employees in the same manner as for employees of international organizations;

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**Year 2000 Computer Problems:** H.R. 3116, amended, to address the Year 2000 computer problems with regard to financial institutions, to extend examination parity to the Director of the Office of Thrift Supervision and the National Credit Union Administration;

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**Agricultural Research, Extension, and Education Reauthorization:** H.Res. 365, regarding the bill S. 1150, the Agricultural Research, Extension, and Education Reauthorization Act of 1998. Subsequently appointed as conferees: Representatives Smith of Oregon, Combust, Barrett of Nebraska, Stenholm, and Dooley;

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