

Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

Thelma J. Askey, of Tennessee, to be a Member of the United States International Trade Commission for the remainder of the term expiring December 16, 2000.

Jennifer Anne Hillman, of Indiana, to be a Member of the United States International Trade Commission for the term expiring December 16, 2006.

Stephen Koplan, of Virginia, to be a Member of the United States International Trade Commission for the term expiring June 16, 2005.

1 Air Force nomination in the rank of general.
Routine lists in the Army, Coast Guard.

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Record Votes: One record vote was taken today. (Total—19) Page S1236

Adjournment: Senate convened at 10 a.m., and adjourned at 6:20 p.m., until 9:30 a.m., on Wednesday, March 4, 1998. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S1294.)

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 rural programs of the Department of Agriculture, receiving testimony from Jill Long Thompson, Under Secretary for Rural Development, Wally Beyer, Administrator, Rural Utilities Service, Jan E. Shadburn, Administrator, Rural Housing Service, Dayton J. Watkins, Administrator, Rural Business-Cooperative Service, and Robert Armstrong, Executive Director, Alternative Agricultural Research and Commercialization Corporation, all of the Department of Agriculture.

Subcommittee will meet again on Tuesday, March 10.

APPROPRIATIONS—FBI/DEA/INS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, State, and the Judiciary, and Related Agencies held hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 1999 for the Department of Justice, receiving testimony in behalf of funds for their respective activities from Louis J. Freeh, Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation, Thomas A. Constantine, Administrator, Drug Enforcement Administration, and Doris Meissner, Commissioner, Immigration and Naturalization Service, all of the Department of Justice.

Subcommittee will meet again tomorrow.

APPROPRIATIONS—DOE DEFENSE PROGRAMS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Energy and Water Development held hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 1999 for Department of Energy defense programs, receiving testimony from Victor H. Reis, Assistant Secretary of Energy for Defense Programs.

Subcommittee will meet again on Tuesday, March 10.

APPROPRIATIONS—IMF SUPPLEMENTAL

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Foreign Operations held hearings on proposed supplemental appropriations for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1998 for the International Monetary Fund, receiving testimony from Robert E. Rubin, Secretary, and Lawrence H. Summers, Deputy Secretary, both of the Department of the Treasury; and Alan Greenspan, Chairman, Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System.

Subcommittee will meet again on Tuesday, March 17.

APPROPRIATIONS—MILITARY CONSTRUCTION

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Military Construction held hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 1999 for Army and defense agency military construction programs, receiving testimony from Alma B. Moore, Acting Assistant Secretary of the Army (Installations, Logistics & Environment); Brig. Gen. Gary W. Heckman, Director, Center for Command Support, U.S. Special Operations Command; Frederick N. Baillie, Executive Director, Resource, Planning and Performance Directorate, Defense Logistics Support Command, Defense Logistics Agency; Carolyn H. Becraft, Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense (Personnel Support, Families and Education), Office of the Under Secretary of Defense (Personnel and Readiness); and Rear Adm. Tom Carrato, USN, Chief Operating Officer, TRICARE Management Activity.

Subcommittee will meet again on Tuesday, March 10.

AUTHORIZATION—DEFENSE

Committee on Armed Services: Committee resumed hearings in open and closed sessions on proposed legislation authorizing funds for fiscal year 1999 for the Department of Defense and the future years defense program, focusing on the military strategies and operational requirements of the unified commands, receiving testimony from Gen. Wesley K. Clark, USA, Commander-in-Chief, U.S. European Command; Gen. John H. Tilelli, USA, Commander in Chief, United Nations Command/Combined Forces Command Korea, and Commander, U.S. Forces Korea; and Gen. Anthony C. Zinni, USMC, Commander-in-Chief, U.S. Central Command.

Committee will meet again on Thursday, March 5.

AUTHORIZATION—DEFENSE

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Seapower held hearings on proposed legislation authorizing funds for fiscal year 1999 for the Department of Defense and the future years defense program, focusing on the seapower threat-based force requirement, receiving testimony from Gen. Joseph W. Ralston, USAF, Vice Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff; Adm. Donald L. Pilling, USN, Vice Chief of Naval Operations; and Gen. Richard I. Neal, USMC, Assistant Commandant of the Marine Corps.

Subcommittee will meet again on Tuesday, March 10.

FINANCIAL REGULATORY RELIEF

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: Committee held hearings on S. 1405, to provide for improved monetary policy and regulatory reform in financial institution management and activities, to streamline financial regulatory agency actions, and to provide for improved consumer credit disclosure, receiving testimony from Laurence H. Meyer, Member, Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System; Rex Hammock, Hammock Publishing, Nashville, Tennessee, on behalf of the National Federation of Independent Business; Cornelius D. Mahoney, Woronoco Savings Bank, Westfield, Massachusetts, on behalf of the America's Community Bankers; and Edward E. Furash, Furash & Company, Washington, D.C.

Hearings continue on Tuesday, March 10.

GLOBAL TOBACCO SETTLEMENT

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: 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, focusing on proposed restrictions on the advertising, marketing and sale of tobacco products, receiving testimony from Senator Mack; Robert Pitofsky, Chairman, Federal Trade Commission; Michael P. Eriksen, Director, Office on Smoking and Health, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, Department of Health and Human Services; Matthew L. Myers, Campaign for Tobacco-Free Kids/National Center for Tobacco-Free Kids, and David C. Vladeck, Public Citizen Litigation Group, both of Washington, D.C.; Richard A. Daynard, Northeastern University School of Law, Boston, Massachusetts; David S. Versfelt, Donovan, Leisure, Newton & Irvine, New York, New York, on behalf of the Freedom to Advertise Coalition; and Martin Redish, Northwestern University School of Law, Chicago, Illinois.

Hearings continue on Thursday, March 5.

FOREST SERVICE BUDGET

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Committee concluded hearings to examine the President's proposed budget request for fiscal year 1999 for the Forest Service, after receiving testimony from Michael P. Dombeck, Chief, Forest Service, and James R. Lyons, Under Secretary for Natural Resources and Environment, both of the Department of Agriculture, who were accompanied by several of their associates.

ISTEA AUTHORIZATION

Committee on Environment and Public Works: Committee met and approved an amendment to be offered as a floor amendment to the modified committee amendment in the nature of a substitute (Amendment No. 1676) to S. 1173, to authorize funds for construction of highways, for highway safety programs, and for mass transit programs (pending before the Senate).

BUSINESS MEETING

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

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);

S. Con. Res. 60, expressing the sense of Congress in support of efforts to foster friendship and cooperation between the United States and Mongolia;

S. Con. Res. 78, relating to the indictment and prosecution of Saddam Hussein for war crimes and other crimes against humanity;

S. Res. 174, to state the sense of the Senate that Thailand is a key partner and friend of the United States, has committed itself to executing its responsibilities under its arrangements with the International Monetary Fund, and that the United States should be prepared to ensure continued close bilateral relations;

H.R. 1116, to provide for the conveyance of the reversionary interest of the United States in certain lands to the Clint Independent School District and the Fabens Independent School District; and

The nominations of Robert T. Grey, Jr., of Virginia, for the rank of Ambassador during his tenure of service as United States Representative to the Conference on Disarmament, and three Foreign Service Officer promotion lists.

SOFTWARE INDUSTRY

Committee on the Judiciary: Committee held hearings to examine the state of competition in the computer software industry, focusing on market power and structural change in the software industry and the role of antitrust laws in high-technology industries, receiving testimony from Bill Gates, Microsoft Corporation, Redmond, Washington; Scott McNealy, Sun Microsystems, Inc., Palo Alto, California; James Barksdale, Netscape Communications Corporation,

Mountain View, California; Michael Dell, Dell Computer Corporation, Round Rock, Texas; Douglas J. Burgum, Great Plains Software, Fargo, North Dakota; and Stewart Alsop II, New Enterprise Associates, Menlo Park, California.

Hearings were recessed subject to call.

INFECTIOUS DISEASES

Committee on Labor and Human Resources: Subcommittee on Public Health and Safety concluded hearings to examine how certain infectious diseases are a continuing threat to the health of United States citizens and of people around the world and the United States response to promote the international effort to combat emerging diseases, after receiving testimony from David Satcher, Assistant Secretary for Health/U.S. Surgeon General, Anthony S. Fauci, Director, National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases, National Institutes of Health, and Stephen Blount, Associate Director for Global Health, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, all of the Department of Health and Human Services; David Brandling-Bennett, Pan American Health Organization/World Health Organization, Washington, D.C.; Fredia S. Wadley, Tennessee Department of Health, Nashville; Joan Baumbach, New Mexico Department of Health, Las Cruces; Herbert A. Pigman, Rotary International, Evanston, Illinois; and Christopher J.L. Murray, Harvard University School of Public Health, Cambridge, Massachusetts.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Bills Introduced: 14 public bills, H.R. 3303–3316; and 2 resolutions, H. Con. Res. 231–232, were introduced.

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Reports Filed: Reports were filed as follows:

Supplemental report on H.R. 217, to amend title IV of the Stewart B. McKinney Homeless Assistance Act to consolidate the Federal programs for housing assistance for the homeless into a block grant program that ensures that States and communities are provided sufficient flexibility to use assistance amounts effectively (H. Rept. 105–407 Part 2);

H.R. 992, to end the Tucker Act shuffle, amended (H. Rept. 105–424);

H.R. 2369, to amend the Communications Act of 1934 to strengthen and clarify prohibitions on electronic eavesdropping, amended (H. Rept. 105–425); and

H. Res. 376, providing for consideration of H.R. 856, to provide a process leading to full self-government for Puerto Rico (H. Rept. 105–426). Page H754

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

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Recess: The House recessed at 1:22 p.m. and reconvened at 2:00 p.m.

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

Homeless Housing Programs Consolidation and Flexibility Act: H.R. 217, amended, to amend title IV of the Stewart B. McKinney Homeless Assistance Act to consolidate the Federal programs for housing assistance for the homeless into a block grant program that ensures that States and communities are provided sufficient flexibility to use assistance