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**Record Votes:** Five record votes were taken today. (Total—217) Pages S8600–01, S8634–35, S8638

**Adjournment:** Senate convened at 9 a.m., and adjourned at 8:55 p.m., until 9:30 a.m., on Wednesday, July 22, 1998. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S8687)

## Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

### APPROPRIATIONS—FOREIGN ASSISTANCE/ DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

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

An original bill (S. 2333) making appropriations for the government of the District of Columbia and other activities chargeable in whole or in part against the revenues of said District for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1999; and

An original bill (S. 2334) making appropriations for foreign operations, export financing, and related programs for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1999.

### NOMINATIONS

*Committee on Armed Services:* Committee met in closed session to consider pending nominations, but made no announcements, and will meet again tomorrow.

### MONETARY POLICY

*Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs:* Committee concluded hearings to examine the Federal Reserve's monetary policy and economic outlook report to Congress, after receiving testimony from Alan Greenspan, Chairman, Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System.

### PERSONAL SAVINGS ACCOUNTS

*Committee on the Budget:* Committee concluded hearings to examine the administration of proposed personal savings accounts within the Social Security system, after receiving testimony from Francis X. Cavanaugh, former Executive Director and Chief Executive Officer, Federal Retirement Thrift Investment Board; James S. Phalen, State Street Bank and Trust Company, Boston, Massachusetts; and Fred T. Goldberg, Jr., Skadden, Arps, Slate, Meagher & Flom, Washington, D.C.

### DISCRETIONARY FUNDING PROGRAMS

*Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation:* Committee concluded hearings to examine the process by which the Department of Commerce and De-

partment of Transportation distribute financial assistance or discretionary funds to states, municipalities, and other eligible entities, after receiving testimony from Kenneth M. Mead, Inspector General, and Kenneth R. Wykle, Administrator, Federal Highway Administration, both of the Department of Transportation; and Johnnie E. Frazier, Acting Inspector General, and W. Scott Gould, Chief Financial Officer and Assistant Secretary for Administration, both of the Department of Commerce.

### BUSINESS MEETING

*Committee on Finance:* Committee ordered favorably reported an original bill to encourage increased trade and economic cooperation between the United States and sub-Saharan African countries, to extend duty-free treatment under the Generalized System of Preferences, to extend preferential treatment to certain products imported from Caribbean Basin countries, to extend tariff proclamation authority and fast track procedures for congressional consideration of certain trade agreements, to extend certain trade adjustment assistance programs, to bolster United States efforts to eliminate barriers to American agricultural exports, to approve and implement the OECD Shipbuilding Trade Agreement, to extend permanent normal trade relations tariff treatment to imports from Mongolia, and to reduce or suspend duties on imports of certain types of wool fabric in order to correct an inversion in the tariff schedule. (As approved by the committee, the bill incorporates certain provisions of S. 219, S. 343, S. 1216, S. 1269, S. 1278, S. 1457, S. 2047, and H.R. 1432.)

### CONTRACEPTIVE INSURANCE COVERAGE

*Committee on Labor and Human Resources:* Committee concluded hearings on S. 766, to require equitable coverage of prescription contraceptive drugs and devices and contraceptive services under health plans, after receiving testimony from Senators Snowe and Reid; Maryland State Delegate Sharon Grosfeld, Kensington; and Gloria Feldt, Planned Parenthood Federation of America, and Richard H. Schwarz, New York Methodist Hospital, on behalf of the American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists, both of New York, New York.

### NOMINATIONS

*Committee on Rules and Administration:* Committee concluded hearings on the nominations of Scott E. Thomas, of the District of Columbia, David M. Mason, of Virginia, Darryl R. Wold, of California, and Karl J. Sandstrom, of Washington, each to be a Member of the Federal Election Commission, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf. Mr. Wold was introduced by Representative Thomas.