

A further unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that when the Senate considers the agricultural disaster relief amendment to S. 1233, making appropriations for Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies programs for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2000, that no Rule 16 point of order lie against the amendment, or amendments thereto, relating to the same subject. Page S9028

Nominations Confirmed: Senate confirmed the following nominations: Jeffrey Rush, Jr., of Virginia, to be Inspector General, Department of the Treasury. Pages S9112, S9170

Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations: my C. Achor, of Texas, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Corporation for National and Community Service for a term expiring October 6, 2003.

1 Army nomination in the rank of general. Page S9170

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Record Votes: Four record votes were taken today. (Total—220) Pages S9024, S9028, S9047

Adjournment: Senate convened at 9:30 a.m., and adjourned at 10:26 p.m., until 11 a.m., on Monday, July 26, 1999. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S9170.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry: On Wednesday, July 21, committee ordered favorably reported the following business items:

The nomination of William J. Rainer, of New Mexico, to be Chairman of the Commodity Futures Trading Commission, and Commissioner of the Commodity Futures Trading Commission; and

An original resolution (S. Res. 159) authorizing expenditures by the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

NOMINATIONS

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Committee ordered favorably reported the nominations of Curt Hebert, Jr., of Mississippi, to be a Member of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, Department

of Energy, and Earl E. Devaney, of Massachusetts, to be Inspector General, Department of the Interior.

Prior to this action, Committee concluded hearings on the nominations (listed above), after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf. Mr. Hebert was introduced by Senators Lott and Cochran.

PUBLIC LANDS PLANNING AND MANAGEMENT IMPROVEMENT ACT

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Subcommittee on Forests and Public Land Management concluded hearings on S. 1320, to provide to the Federal land management agencies the authority and capability to manage effectively the Federal lands, after receiving testimony from Barry T. Hill, Associate Director, Energy, Resources, and Science Issues, Resources, Community, and Economic Development Division, General Accounting Office, who was accompanied by several of his associates.

COASTAL RESTORATION AND PROTECTION

Committee on Environment and Public Works: Committee concluded hearings on S. 835, to encourage the restoration of estuary habitat through more efficient project financing and enhanced coordination of Federal and non-Federal restoration programs, S. 878, to amend the Federal Water Pollution Control Act to permit grants for the national estuary program to be used for the development and implementation of a comprehensive conservation and management plan, to reauthorize appropriations to carry out the program, S. 492, to amend the Federal Water Pollution Act to assist in the restoration of the Chesapeake Bay, S. 1119, to amend the Act of August 9, 1950, to continue funding of the Coastal Wetlands Planning, Protection and Restoration Act, S. 522, to amend the Federal Water Pollution Control Act to improve the quality of beaches and coastal recreation water, and H.R. 999, to amend the Federal Water Pollution Control Act to improve the quality of coastal recreation waters, after receiving testimony from Senators Breaux, Sarbanes, and Torricelli; Representative Bilbray; J. Charles Fox, Assistant Administrator, Office of Water, Environmental Protection Agency; Michael L. Davis, Deputy Assistant Secretary of the Army for Civil Works; Mayor Martin L. Pagliughi, Avalon, New Jersey; Ted Danson, American Oceans Campaign, Santa Monica, California; Linda Shead, Galveston Bay Foundation, Galveston Bay, Texas, on behalf of the Restore America's Estuaries; Richard Ribb, Rhode Island Department of Environmental Management, Providence, on behalf of the Association of National Estuary Programs; Michael F. Hirshfield, Chesapeake Bay Foundation, Annapolis, Maryland; and Len Bahr, Office of the Governor, Baton Rouge, Louisiana.

MEDICARE REFORM

Committee on Finance: Committee held hearings on the President's proposal to reform Medicare and the

modernization of the current benefit package, receiving testimony from Donna E. Shalala, Secretary of Health and Human Services; David M. Walker, Comptroller General of the United States, General Accounting Office; and Dan L. Crippen, Director, Congressional Budget Office.

Hearings recessed subject to call.

U.S.-IRAN POLICY

Committee on Foreign Relations: Subcommittee on Near Eastern and South Asian Affairs held hearings on the United State's policy with Iran, focusing on rapprochement limits, receiving testimony from L. Bruce Laingen, American Academy of Diplomacy, and Azar Nafisi, Johns Hopkins University School of Advanced International Studies, both of Washington, D.C.; and Jerrold D. Green, RAND Corporation, Santa Monica, California.

Hearings recessed subject to call.

NOMINATION

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee concluded hearings on the nomination of J. Brady Anderson, of South Carolina, to be Administrator of the Agency for International Development, after the nominee, who was introduced by Senator Lincoln, testified and answered questions in his own behalf.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on the Judiciary: Committee ordered favorably reported the nominations of Charles R. Wilson, of Florida, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Eleventh Circuit, William Haskell Alsup, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of California, Adalberto Jose Jordan, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of Florida, Carlos Murguia, to be United States District Judge for the District of Kansas, Marsha J. Pechman, to be United States District Judge for the

Western District of Washington, and Ronnie L. White, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Missouri.

CYBERSQUATTING AND INTERNET CONSUMER PROTECTION

Committee on the Judiciary: Committee concluded hearings on the impact of cybersquatting and Internet consumer protection, focusing on domain name integrity, and S. 1255, to protect consumers and promote electronic commerce by amending certain trademark infringement, dilution, and counterfeiting laws, after receiving testimony from Anne H. Chasser, International Trademark Association, Washington, D.C.; Gregory D. Phillips, Howard, Phillips and Andersen, Salt Lake City, Utah; and Christopher D. Young, Cyveillance, Inc., Arlington, Virginia.

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 Thursday, July 29.

GLOBAL CORPORATIONS Y2K IMPACT

Special Committee on the Year 2000 Technology Problem: Committee concluded hearings on the impact of the Year 2000 technology problem on global corporations, after receiving testimony from Jacquelyn L. Williams-Bridgers, Inspector General, Department of State; Ron Balls, International Telecommunications Union, London, England; Gary Beach, CIO Magazine, Framingham, Massachusetts; George Surdu, Ford Motor Company, Dearborn, Michigan; Patrick M. Roberts, Ahold USA, Inc., Atlanta, Georgia; Kevin Click, Philip Morris Companies, Inc., Washington, D.C.; Kevin Haukebo, Procter and Gamble, Cincinnati, Ohio; and Charles Krichbaum, Praxair, Inc., Danbury, Connecticut.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Bills Introduced: 19 public bills, H.R. 2586-2604; and 4 resolutions, H.J. Res. 62-63, and H. Con. Res. 162-163, were introduced. Pages H6351-52

Reports Filed: Reports were filed today as follows:

H.R. 2587, making appropriations for the government of the District of Columbia and other activities chargeable in whole or in part against revenues of said District for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2000 (H. Rept. 106-249);

H.R. 1565, to amend the Trademark Act of 1946 relating to dilution of famous marks, amended (H. Rept. 106-250);

H.R. 2181, to authorize the Secretary of Commerce to acquire and equip fishery survey vessels (H. Rept. 106-251); and

H.R. 1487, to provide for public participation in the declaration of national monuments under the Act popularly known as the Antiquities Act of 1906, amended (H. Rept. 106-252). Page H6351

Guest Chaplain: The prayer was offered by the guest Chaplain, Rev. Ronald F. Christian of Washington, D.C. Page H6203

Financial Freedom Act: The House passed H.R. 2488, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to reduce individual income tax rates, to provide marriage penalty relief, to reduce taxes on savings and investments, to provide estate and gift tax relief,