

referred, with accompanying papers, to the Committee on Foreign Relations and was ordered to be printed.

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Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

Joseph R. Biden, Jr., of Delaware, to be a Representative of the United States of America to the Fifty-fifth Session of the General Assembly of the United Nations.

Rod Grams, of Minnesota, to be a Representative of the United States of America to the Fifty-fifth Session of the General Assembly of the United Nations.

1 Air Force nomination in the rank of general.

2 Army nominations in the rank of general.

1 Navy nomination in the rank of admiral.

Routine lists in the Air Force, Army, Navy.

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Adjournment: Senate convened at 9:30 a.m., and adjourned at 8:23 p.m., until 9:30 a.m., on Thursday, September 7, 2000. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S8126.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

FIRESTONE TIRE RECALL

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Transportation held oversight hearings to examine issues surrounding the investigation and recall of Firestone ATX, ATX II, and Wilderness AT tires and Ford Explorer rollovers, receiving testimony from Sue Bailey, Administrator, National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, Department of Transportation; Masatoshi Ono and Gary Crigger, both of Bridgestone/Firestone, Inc., Nashville, Tennessee; Helen Petrauskas, Ford Motor Company, Dearborn, Michigan; and Joan Claybrook, Public Citizen, and David Pittle, Consumers Union, both of Washington, D.C.

Hearings recessed subject to call.

NOMINATIONS

Committee on Armed Services: Committee concluded hearings on the nominations of Lt. Gen. Peter Pace, USMC, for appointment to the grade of general and to be Commander-in-Chief, United States Southern Command, Lt. Gen. Charles R. Holland, USAF, for appointment to the grade of general and to be Commander-in-Chief, United States Special Operations Command, and Maj. Gen. Robert B. Flowers, USA, for appointment to the grade of lieutenant general and to be the Chief of Engineers, United States Army, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf. Lt. Gen. Holland was introduced by Senator Byrd.

MEDICAID UPPER PAYMENT LIMITS

Committee on Finance: Committee held oversight hearings to examine alleged States' practices of setting the maximum rates that can be paid to Medicaid providers, known as upper payment limits, to obtain excessive Federal matching funds at the expense of the other States and contrary to the intent of the program, receiving testimony from Michael F. Mangano, Principal Deputy Inspector General, and Timothy Westmoreland, Director, Center for Medicaid and State Operations, Health Care Financing Administration, both of the Department of Health and Human Services; and Kathryn G. Allen, Associate Director, Health Financing and Public Health Issues, Health, Education, and Human Services Division, General Accounting Office.

Hearings recessed subject to call.

TAIWAN ACCESSION TO THE WTO

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee held hearings to examine issues relating to the proposed accession of the Peoples Republic of China and the Republic of China on Taiwan to the World Trade Organization, receiving testimony from Senator Kyl; and John R. Bolton, American Enterprise Institute, Washington, D.C., former Assistant Secretary of State for International Organization Affairs.

Hearings recessed subject to call.

ELECTRONIC SURVEILLANCE AND PRIVACY

Committee on the Judiciary: Committee concluded hearings to examine the effect that new surveillance technologies is having on the important public policy balance between personal privacy rights and law enforcement in the digital age, focusing on the FBI Carnivore system, after receiving testimony from Donald M. Kerr, Assistant Director, and Larry R. Parkinson, General Counsel, both of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, and Kevin V. Di Gregory, Deputy Assistant Attorney General, Criminal Division, and Martha Stansell-Gamm, Chief, Computer

Crimes and Intellectual Property, all of the Department of Justice; James X. Dempsey, Center for Democracy and Technology, and Jeffrey Rosen, George Washington University Law School, both of Washington, D.C.; Michael O'Neill, George Mason University Law School, Fairfax, Virginia; and Vinton G. Cerf, Internet Society, Reston, Virginia.

CAMERAS AND ELECTRONIC MEDIA IN COURTROOM

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Administrative Oversight and the Courts concluded hearings on S. 721, to allow media coverage of court proceedings, after receiving testimony from Edward R. Becker, Chief Judge, United States Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit, on behalf of the Judicial Conference of the United States; Nancy Gertner, United States District Court for the District of Massachusetts; Hiller B. Zobel, Associate Justice, Superior Court Department, Massachusetts Trial Court; Lynn D. Wardle, Brigham Young University J. Reuben Clark Law School, Provo, Utah; David Busiek, KCCI-TV, Des Moines, Iowa, on behalf of the Radio-Television News Directors Association; and Ronald L. Goldfarb, Washington, D.C.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Indian Affairs: Committee ordered favorably reported the following business items:

S. 611, to provide for administrative procedures to extend Federal recognition to certain Indian groups, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute; and

S. 2282, to encourage the efficient use of existing resources and assets related to Indian agricultural research, development and exports within the United States Department of Agriculture, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute.

INDIAN SCHOOL CONSTRUCTION

Committee on Indian Affairs: Committee concluded hearings on S. 2580, to provide for the issuance of bonds to provide funding for the construction of schools of the Bureau of Indian Affairs of the Department of the Interior, after receiving testimony from William Mehojah, Director, Office of Indian Education Programs, Bureau of Indian Affairs, Department of the Interior; John W. Cheek, National Indian Education Association, Alexandria, Virginia; Jeffrey Seidel, Parkway Muni Resources, Minneapolis, Minnesota; and Frank D. Rapp, Dakota Area Consortium of Treaty Schools, Buffalo Gap, South Dakota.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Bills Introduced: 14 public bills, H.R. 5106–5119; and 2 resolutions, H. Con. Res. 390 and H. Res. 571, were introduced.

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Reports Filed: Reports were filed today as follows.

H.R. 4541, to reauthorize and amend the Commodity Exchange Act to promote legal certainty, enhance competition, and reduce systemic risk in markets for futures and over-the-counter derivatives, amended (H. Rept. 106–711, Pt. 2);

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H.R. 4840, to reauthorize the Atlantic Coastal Fisheries Cooperative Management Act, amended (H. Rept. 106–804);

S. 1027, to reauthorize the participation of the Bureau of Reclamation in the Deschutes Resources Conservancy (H. Rept. 106–805);

H.R. 2798, to authorize the Secretary of Commerce to provide financial assistance to the States of Alaska, Washington, Oregon, and California for salmon habitat restoration projects in coastal waters and upland drainages, amended (H. Rept. 106–806);

H.R. 2296, to amend the Revised Organic Act of the Virgin Islands to provide that the number of members on the legislature of the Virgin Islands and the number of such members constituting a quorum shall be determined by the laws of the Virgin Islands (H. Rept. 106–807);

S. 1275, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to produce and sell products and to sell publications relating to the Hoover Dam, and to deposit revenues generated from the sales into the Colorado River Dam fund (H. Rept. 106–808);

H.R. 4318, to establish the Red River National Wildlife Refuge, amended (H. Rept. 106–809);

H.R. 2090, to direct the Secretary of Commerce to contract with the National Academy of Sciences to establish the Coordinated Oceanographic Program