

1 Navy nomination in the rank of admiral.

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**Nominations Received:** Senate received the following nominations:

Robert B. Pirie, Jr., of Maryland, to be Under Secretary of the Navy.

Frederick G. Slabach, of California, to be a Member of the Board of Trustees of the Harry S Truman Scholarship Foundation for a term expiring December 10, 2005.

Valerie K. Couch, of Oklahoma, to be United States District Judge for the Western District of Oklahoma vice Wayne E. Alley, retired.

Marian McClure Johnston, of California, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of California vice Lawrence K. Karlton, retired.

David A. Nasatir, of Pennsylvania, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the State Justice Institute for a term expiring September 17, 2003.

Routine lists in the Army, Coast Guard, Foreign Service, Marine Corps, Navy.

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**Record Votes:** Six record votes were taken today. (Total—237) Pages S8132, S8141, S8152, S8159, S8187

**Adjournment:** Senate convened at 9:32 a.m., and adjourned at 8:59 p.m., until 10:00 a.m., on Friday, September 8, 2000. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S8242.)

## Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

### STEM CELL RESEARCH

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education concluded hearings to examine the scientific and ethical

impact of embryonic stem cell research, after receiving testimony from Gerald Fischbach, Director, National Institute of Neurological Disorders and Stroke, and Allen M. Spiegel, Director, National Institute of Diabetes and Digestive and Kidney Diseases, both of the National Institutes of Health, Department of Health and Human Services; David A. Prentice, Indiana University School of Medicine, Terre Haute; and Micheline M. Matthews-Roth, Harvard Medical School, Boston, Massachusetts.

### NOMINATIONS

*Committee on Armed Services:* Committee ordered favorably reported 12 nominations in the Army, Navy, Air Force, and Marine Corp.

### BUSINESS MEETING

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

H.R. 1102, to provide for pension reform, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute; and

An original bill, entitled, "Retired Coal Miners Health Benefit Security Act".

### INTERNATIONAL RELIGIOUS FREEDOM

*Committee on Foreign Relations:* Committee concluded hearings to examine the Department of State Annual International Religious Freedom Report, which monitors violations of religious freedom engaged in or tolerated by governments of foreign countries and to promote religious freedom by targeting violators, after receiving testimony from Robert A. Seiple, Ambassador-At-Large for International Religious Freedom, Department of State; and Michael K. Young, George Washington University Law School, and John R. Bolton, American Enterprise Institute for Public Policy, both of Washington, D.C., and Firuz Kazemzadeh, National Spiritual Assembly of the Baha'is of the United States, Alta Loma, California, all on behalf of the United States Commission on International Religious Freedom.

### U.S. POSTAL SERVICE'S E-COMMERCE ACTIVITIES

*Committee on Governmental Affairs:* Subcommittee on International Security, Proliferation and Federal Services concluded hearings on e-commerce activities of the United States Postal Service, after receiving testimony from Bernard L. Ungar, Director, Government Business Operations Issues, General Government Division, General Accounting Office; John Nolan, Deputy Postmaster General, and Robert F. Rider, Vice Chairman, Board of Governors, both of the United States Postal Service; and Edward J. Gleiman, Chairman, Postal Rate Commission.