

Record Votes: Three record votes were taken today. (Total—169) **Pages S5601–03**

Adjournment: Senate met at 10 a.m., and adjourned at 6:40 p.m., until 10 a.m., on Friday, May 25, 2001. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S5660.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

NOMINATIONS

Committee on Armed Services: Committee ordered favorably reported 211 military nominations in the Army, Navy, Air Force, and Marine Corps.

DECIMALIZED MARKETS

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: Subcommittee on Securities and Investment concluded hearings on the recent conversion of quotations in equity securities and options from fractional to decimal pricing and the effects that this change has on market dynamics and trading behavior, after receiving testimony from Laura S. Unger, Acting Chairman, Securities and Exchange Commission; J. Patrick Campbell, Nasdaq Stock Market, Inc., and Peter Jenkins, Zurich Scudder Investments, both of Washington, D.C.; Catherine R. Kinney, New York Stock Exchange, Donald D. Kittell, Securities Industry Association, and Robert B. Fagenson, Van der Moolen Specialists USA, all of New York, New York; and Kenneth D. Pasternak, Knight Trading Group, Inc., Jersey City, New Jersey.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Committee ordered favorably reported the nominations of Michael K. Powell, of Virginia, to be Chairman, and Kathleen Q. Abernathy, of Maryland, Michael Joseph Copps, of Virginia, and Kevin J. Martin, of North Carolina, each to be a Member, all of the Federal Communications Commission, Timothy J. Muris, of Virginia, to be a Federal Trade Commissioner, Donna R. McLean, of the District of Columbia, to be Assistant Secretary for Budget and Programs/Chief Financial Officer, and Sean B. O'Hollaren, of Oregon, to be Assistant Secretary for Governmental Affairs, both of the Department of Transportation, and Kathleen B. Cooper, of Texas, to be Under Secretary for Economic Affairs, Maria Cino, of Virginia, to be Assistant Secretary/Director General of the United States and Foreign Commercial Service, and Bruce P. Mehlman, of Maryland, to be Assistant Secretary for Technology Policy, all of the Department of Commerce.

U.S. ENERGY POLICY

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Committee concluded hearings on the Administration's National Energy Policy report, and Price-Anderson Act provisions of pending energy legislation, including S. 388, to protect the energy and security of the United States and decrease America's dependency on foreign oil sources to 50% by the year 2011 by enhancing the use of renewable energy resources conserving energy resources, improving energy efficiencies, and increasing domestic energy supplies; improve environmental quality by reducing emissions of air pollutants and greenhouse gases; mitigate the effect of increases in energy prices on the American consumer, including the poor and the elderly, S. 472, to ensure that nuclear energy continues to contribute to the supply of electricity in the United States, and S. 597, to provide for a comprehensive and balanced national energy policy, after receiving testimony from Spencer Abraham, Secretary of Energy.

BUSINESS MEETING

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

S. Con. Res. 35, expressing the sense of Congress that Lebanon, Syria, and Iran should allow representatives of the International Committee of the Red Cross to visit the four Israelis, Adi Avitan, Binyamin Avraham, Omar Souad, and Elchanan Tannenbaum, presently held by Hezbollah forces in Lebanon;

S. Con. Res. 42, condemning the Taleban for their discriminatory policies;

S. Res. 88, expressing the sense of the Senate on the importance of membership of the United States on the United Nations Human Rights Commission; and

S. Res. 91, condemning the murder of a United States citizen and other civilians, expressing the sense of the Senate regarding the failure of the Indonesian judicial system to hold accountable those responsible for the killings, proposed legislation condemning the practices of the Taleban, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute; and

The nominations of Thelma J. Askey, of Tennessee, to be Director of the Trade and Development Agency, Stephen Brauer, of Missouri, to be Ambassador to Belgium, William J. Burns, of the District of Columbia, to be Assistant Secretary for Near Eastern Affairs, Lorne W. Craner, of Virginia, to be Assistant Secretary for Democracy, Human Rights, and Labor, Ruth A. Davis, of Georgia, to be Director General of the Foreign Service, Donald Burnham Ensenat, of Louisiana, to be Chief of Protocol, and to have the rank of Ambassador during his tenure of

service, Carl W. Ford, Jr., of Arkansas, to be Assistant Secretary for Intelligence and Research, A. Elizabeth Jones, of Maryland, to be Assistant Secretary for European Affairs, Walter H. Kansteiner, of Virginia, to be Assistant Secretary for African Affairs, Paul Vincent Kelly, of Virginia, to be Assistant Secretary for Legislative Affairs, and Christina B. Rocca, of Virginia, to be Assistant Secretary for South Asian Affairs, all of the Department of State, Peter S. Watson, of California, to be President of the Overseas Private Investment Corporation, and certain Foreign Service Officer promotion lists.

U.N. HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION

Committee on Foreign Relations: Subcommittee on International Operations and Terrorism concluded hearings to examine issues related to the United Nations Human Rights Commission, including the Administration's democracy promotion and human rights policy, the importance of maintaining leadership in this field, and the impact of the United States' recent loss of membership in the Commission, after receiving testimony from Paula J. Dobrianski, Under Secretary of State for Global Affairs; and Nina Shea, Freedom House Center for Religious Freedom, and Tom Malinowski, Human Rights Watch, both of Washington, D.C.

HUMAN TISSUE INDUSTRY

Committee on Governmental Affairs: Permanent Subcommittee on Investigations held oversight hearings to examine alleged problems in the human tissue industry, such as claims of excessive charges and profit making within the industry, problems in obtaining appropriate informed consent from donor families, issues related to quality control in processing tissue, and whether current regulatory efforts are adequate to ensure the safety of human tissue transplants, receiving testimony from George F. Grob, Deputy Inspector General for Evaluation and Inspections, and Kathryn C. Zoon, Director, Center for Biologics Evaluation and Research, Food and Drug Administration, both of the Department of Health and Human Services; Valerie J. Rao, Florida District Five Medical Examiner's Office, Leesburg; P. Robert Rigney, Jr., American Association of Tissue Banks, McLean, Virginia; and William F. Minogue, Washington Regional Transplant Consortium, Washington, D.C.

Hearings recessed subject to call.

PATIENT SAFETY

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: Committee concluded hearings to examine issues surrounding Congress' role in increasing patient safety in the health care system, including proposals that would reflect the Institute of Medicine's report recommendations to establish a center for quality improvement and safety to fund research and disseminate information about patient safety, while provide for confidentiality protections of this information, after receiving testimony from Paul H. O'Neill, Secretary of the Treasury; Tommy G. Thompson, Secretary of Health and Human Services; James P. Bagian, Director, National Center for Patient Safety, Veterans Health Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs; Lucian L. Leape, Harvard School of Public Health, and Donald M. Berwick, Institute for Healthcare Improvement, both of Boston, Massachusetts; and John R. Brumsted, Fletcher Allen Health Care, Burlington, Vermont, on behalf of the Vermont Program for Quality Health Care.

PHARMACEUTICAL MARKETPLACE COMPETITION

Committee on the Judiciary: Committee concluded hearings to examine competition in the pharmaceutical marketplace, focusing on the antitrust implications of patent settlements, the underlying patent law, pattern of cases, and whether the law needs to be changed, after receiving testimony from Gary Buehler, Acting Director, Office of Generic Drugs, Center for Drug Evaluation and Research, Food and Drug Administration, Department of Health and Human Services; Molly Boast, Director, Bureau of Competition, Federal Trade Commission; James M. Griffin, Deputy Assistant Attorney General, Antitrust Division, Department of Justice; and Utah Attorney General Mark L. Shurtleff, Salt Lake City.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: Committee ordered favorably reported the nominations of Leo S. Mackay, Jr., of Texas, to be Deputy Secretary, Robin L. Higgins, of Florida, to be Under Secretary for Memorial Affairs, Maureen Patricia Cragin, of Maine, to be Assistant Secretary for Public and Intergovernmental Affairs, and Jacob Lozada, of Puerto Rico, to be Assistant Secretary for Human Resources and Administration, all of the Department of Veterans Affairs.