

Southern District of Alabama; to be immediately followed by a vote on the confirmation of the nomination of J. Daniel Breen, to be United States District Judge for the Western District of Tennessee.

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Nominations Confirmed: Senate confirmed the following nominations:

By unanimous vote of 91 yeas (Vote No. Ex. 50), William D. Quarles, Jr., of Maryland, to be United States District Judge for the District of Maryland.

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Ralph R. Erickson, of North Dakota, to be United States District Judge for the District of North Dakota.

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Record Vote: Five record votes were taken today. (Total—50) Pages S3579, S3580, S3600, S3611, S3614

Adjournment: Senate met at 9:30 a.m., and adjourned at 8:28 p.m., until 9:30 a.m., on Thursday, March 13, 2003. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S3644.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

APPROPRIATIONS: INTELLIGENCE

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Defense concluded closed hearings to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2004 for intelligence programs, and to discuss worldwide threats, after receiving testimony from George Tenet, Director of Central Intelligence.

APPROPRIATIONS: DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA COURTS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on District of Columbia concluded hearings to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2004 for the District of Columbia Courts, Court Services, and Offender

Supervision Agency focusing on fair, swift, and accessible justice, enhancing public safety, and the justice system, after receiving testimony from Annice M. Wagner, Chief Judge, District of Columbia Court of Appeals, on behalf of the District of Columbia Joint Committee on Judicial Administration; Rufus G. King III, Chief Judge, and Lee Satterfield, Presiding Judge, Family Court, both of the Superior Court of the District of Columbia; Paul A. Quander, Jr., Director, Court Services and Offender Supervision Agency for the District of Columbia; and Ronald S. Sullivan, Jr., Director, Public Defender Service for the District of Columbia.

APPROPRIATIONS: DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Energy and Water Development concluded hearings to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2004 for the Department of Energy Office of Energy and Efficiency and Renewable Energy, Office of Science, and the Office of Nuclear Energy, Science and Technology, after receiving testimony from David K. Garman, Assistant Secretary for Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy, Raymond L. Orbach, Director of the Office of Science, and William D. Magwood, IV, Director of the Office of Nuclear Energy, Science and Technology, all of the Department of Energy.

DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Strategic Forces concluded hearings on proposed legislation authorizing funds for the Department of Defense for fiscal year 2004, focusing on national security space programs and management, warfighting, national intelligence and defense priorities including strategic forces, after receiving testimony from Peter B. Teets, Under Secretary of the Air Force, and Director, National Reconnaissance Office; Admiral James O. Ellis, Jr., USN, Commander, United States Strategic Command; General Lance W. Lord, USAF, Commander, Air Force Space Command; Lieutenant General Joseph M. Cosumano, Jr., USA, Commanding General, U.S. Army Space and Missile Defense Command and U.S. Army Space Command; and Vice Admiral Richard W. Mayo, USN, Commander, Naval Network Warfare Command.

DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Airland concluded hearings on proposed legislation authorizing funds for the Department of Defense for fiscal year 2004 and the Future Years Defense Program, focusing on Army transformation, after receiving testimony from Les Brownlee, Under Secretary of the

Army; and General John M. Keane, USA, Vice Chief of Staff, United States Army.

2004: BUDGET

Committee on the Budget: Committee met to mark up a proposed concurrent resolution setting forth the fiscal year 2004 budget for the Federal Government, but did not complete consideration thereon, and will meet again tomorrow.

BUDGET: COAST GUARD AND NATIONAL OCEANIC ATMOSPHERIC ADMINISTRATION

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Subcommittee on Oceans, Atmosphere, and Fisheries concluded hearings to examine the President's proposed budget request for fiscal year 2004 for the Coast Guard and the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, after receiving testimony from Adm. Thomas H. Collins, Commandant, United States Coast Guard; Vice Adm. Conrad C. Lautenbacher, Jr., U.S. Navy (Ret.), Under Secretary of Commerce for Oceans and Atmosphere; and JayEtta Z. Hecker, Director, Physical Infrastructure, General Accounting Office.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Committee ordered favorably reported the following business items:

S. 164, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to conduct a special resource study of sites associated with the life of Cesar Estrada Chavez and the farm labor movement, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 212, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to cooperate with the High Plains States in conducting a hydrogeologic characterization, mapping, modeling and monitoring program for the High Plains Aquifer, with an amendment in the nature of substitute;

S. 278, to make certain adjustments to the boundaries of the Mount Naomi Wilderness Area;

S. 347, to direct the Secretary of the Interior and the Secretary of Agriculture to conduct a joint special resources study to evaluate the suitability and feasibility of establishing the Rim of the Valley Corridor as a unit of the Santa Monica Mountains National Recreation Area, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 425, to revise the boundary of the Wind Cave National Park in the State of South Dakota;

H.R. 397, to reinstate the license and extend the deadline for commencement of construction of a hydroelectric project in the State of Illinois;

S. 328, to designate Catoctin Mountain Park in the State of Maryland as the "Catoctin Mountain

National Recreation Area", with an amendment in the nature of a substitute; and

The nomination of Joseph Timothy Kelliher, of the District of Columbia, to be a Member of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, Department of Energy.

WELFARE REFORM

Committee on Finance: Committee held hearings to examine welfare reform, focusing on administering issues such as supporting families with accessing cash assistance, employment skill development, employment barrier removal by accessing substance abuse services and quality childcare, and enforcing non-custodial parent financial responsibility through child support, receiving testimony from Tommy Thompson, Secretary of Health and Human Services; Howard H. Hendrick, Oklahoma Department of Human Services, Oklahoma City; Marilyn Ray Smith, Massachusetts Department of Revenue, Boston; Larry Temple, Texas Workforce Commission, Austin; and Margy Waller, Brookings Institution, Washington, D.C.

Hearings recessed subject to call.

BUSINESS MEETING

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

Convention Between the Government of the United States of America and the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland for the Avoidance of Double Taxation and the Prevention of Fiscal Evasion with Respect to Taxes on Income and on Capital Gains (Treaty Doc. 107-19);

Protocol Amending the Convention Between the Government of the United States of America and the Government of Australia for the Avoidance of Double Taxation and the Prevention of Fiscal Evasion with Respect to Taxes on Income (Treaty Doc. 107-20);

Second Additional Protocol that Modifies the Convention Between the Government of the United States of America and the Government of the United Mexican States for the Avoidance of Double Taxation and the Prevention of Fiscal Evasion with Respect to Taxes on Income (Treaty Doc. 108-3); and

A Foreign Service Officer Promotion list received in the Senate on January 28, 2003.

NORTH KOREA

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee concluded hearings to examine regional implications of the changing nuclear equation on the Korean Peninsula, focusing on diplomatic solutions, the United States-South Korea alliance, and Chinese interests, after receiving testimony from James A. Kelly, Assistant

Secretary of State for East Asian and Pacific Affairs; James R. Lilley, American Enterprise Institute, Victor D. Cha, Georgetown University Edmund A. Walsh School of Foreign Service, and Bates Gill, Center for Strategic and International Studies, all of Washington, D.C.

HOMELAND SECURITY: BORDER TECHNOLOGY

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Border Security, Immigration and Citizenship and the Subcommittee on Terrorism, Technology, and Homeland Security concluded joint hearings to examine the role of border technology in advancing Homeland Security, focusing on the Entry-Exit System, the National Security Entry Exit Registration System, and Biometric Verification Systems, including implementation of the Enhanced Border Security and Visa Entry Reform Act (Public Law 107-173), and related provisions of S. 539, to authorize appropriations for border and transportation security personnel and technology, after receiving testimony from Asa Hutchinson, Under Secretary of Homeland Security for Border and Transportation Security; Nancy Kingsbury, Managing Director of Applied Research

and Methods, General Accounting Office; and Stephen E. Flynn, Independent Task Force on Homeland Security Imperatives, Council on Foreign Relations, New York, New York.

NOMINATIONS

Committee on the Judiciary: Committee concluded hearings to examine the nominations of James V. Selna and Cormac J. Carney, both to be a United States District Judge for the Central District of California, who were introduced by Senator Feinstein, Philip P. Simon and Theresa Lazar Springmann, both to a United States District Judge for the Northern District of Indiana, who were introduced by Senators Lugar and Bayh, Mary Ellen Coster Williams, of Maryland, and Victor J. Wolski, of Virginia, who was introduced by Senators Warner and Allen, both to be a Judge of the United States Court of Federal Claims, and Ricardo H. Hinojosa, of Texas, who was introduced by Senators Hutchison and Cornyn, and Representative Hinojosa, and Michael E. Horowitz, of Maryland, both to be a Member of the United States Sentencing Commission, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Measures Introduced: 37 public bills, H.R. 1219-1255; and 5 resolutions, H.J. Res. 37-38; H. Con. Res. 91, and H. Res. 140-141 were introduced. Pages H1810-12

Additional Cosponsors: Pages H1812-13

Reports Filed: Reports were filed today as follows:
H. Res. 139, providing for consideration of H.R. 5, to improve patient access to health care services and provide improved medical care by reducing the excessive burden the liability system places on the health care delivery system (H. Rept. 108-34). Page H1810

Guest Chaplain: The prayer was offered by the guest Chaplain the Rev. Mr. Eugene Counihan, Fernald Developmentally Handicapped Center of Waltham, Massachusetts. Page H1749

Journal: The House agreed to the Speaker's approval of the Journal of Tuesday, March 11 by yea-and-nay vote of 375 yeas to 45 nays with 2 voting "present", Roll No. 53. Pages H1749-50

Joint Economic Committee: The Chair announced the Speaker's appointment of Representatives Stark, Maloney, Watt, and Hill to the Joint Economic Committee. Page H1755

Suspensions: The House agreed to suspend the rules and pass the following measures:

Recognizing the Bicentennial of Ohio's Admission to the Union: H. Res. 122, recognizing the bicentennial of the admission of Ohio into the Union and the contributions of Ohio residents to the economic, social, and cultural development of the United States (debated on Tuesday, March 11 and agreed to by 2/3 yea-and-nay vote of 424 yeas with none voting "nay," Roll No. 54). Agreed that the Clerk be authorized to make technical and conforming changes in the engrossment of the resolution; Pages H1750-51

Urging Improved Fire Safety in Nonresidential Buildings in the Aftermath of the Nightclub Fire in West Warwick, Rhode Island: H. Con. Res. 85, expressing the sense of the Congress with regard to the need for improved fire safety in nonresidential