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**Record Votes:** Two record votes were taken today. (Total—45) **Pages S2385–86**

**Adjournment:** Senate convened at 10 a.m., and adjourned at 7:44 p.m., until 9 a.m., on Thursday, March 21, 1996. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S2546.)

## Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

### APPROPRIATIONS—DEFENSE

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Defense held hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 1997 for the Department of Defense, focusing on Ballistic Missile Defense, receiving testimony from Lt. Gen. Malcolm R. O'Neill, USA, Director, Ballistic Missile Defense Organization, Department of Defense.

Subcommittee will meet again on Wednesday, March 27.

### APPROPRIATIONS—FOREIGN ASSISTANCE

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Foreign Operations held hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 1997 for foreign assistance programs, receiving testimony from J. Brian Atwood, Administrator, Agency for International Development.

Subcommittee recessed subject to call.

### AUTHORIZATION—DEFENSE

*Committee on Armed Services:* Subcommittee on Acquisition and Technology resumed hearings on proposed legislation authorizing funds for fiscal year 1997 and the future years defense program, focusing on technology base programs, receiving testimony from Paul G. Kaminski, Under Secretary of Defense for Acquisition and Technology; Gilbert F. Decker, Assistant Secretary of the Army for Research, Development, and Technology; John W. Douglass, Assistant Secretary of the Navy for Research, Development, and

Technology; Arthur L. Money, Assistant Secretary of the Air Force for Acquisition; and Larry Lynn, Director, Advanced Research Projects Agency, Department of Defense.

Subcommittee recessed subject to call.

### AUTHORIZATION—DEFENSE

*Committee on Armed Services:* Subcommittee on Personnel resumed hearings on proposed legislation authorizing funds for fiscal year 1997 for the Department of Defense and the future years defense program, focusing on manpower, personnel, and compensation programs, receiving testimony from Frederick F.Y. Pang, Assistant Secretary of Defense for Force Management Policy; Lt. Gen. Theodore G. Stroup, Jr., USA, Deputy Chief of Staff of the Army for Personnel; Vice Adm. Frank L. Bowman, USN, Deputy Chief of Naval Personnel; Lt. Gen. Michael D. McGinty, Deputy Chief of Staff of the Air Force for Personnel; and Lt. Gen. George R. Christmas, USMC, Deputy Chief of Staff of the Marine Corps for Manpower and Reserve Affairs.

Subcommittee recessed subject to call.

### AUTHORIZATION—DEFENSE

*Committee on Armed Services:* Subcommittee on Strategic Forces resumed hearings on proposed legislation authorizing funds for fiscal year 1997 for the Department of Defense and the future years defense program, focusing on space programs and related issues, receiving testimony from Gen. Joseph W. Ashy, USAF, Commander in Chief, United States Space Command; Robert Davis, Deputy Under Secretary of Defense for Space; Maj. Gen. Robert F. Dickman, USAF, Space Architect, Department of Defense; and Keith Hall, Acting Director, National Reconnaissance Office.

Subcommittee will meet again on Monday, March 25.

### 1997 BUDGET

*Committee on the Budget:* Committee concluded hearings on the President's proposed budget request for fiscal year 1997 for the Federal Government, after receiving testimony from Alice M. Rivlin, Director, Office of Management and Budget.

### HYDROGEN RESEARCH

*Committee on Energy and Natural Resources:* Subcommittee on Energy Research and Development concluded hearings on S. 1077, S. 1153, and H.R. 655, bills to direct the Secretary of Energy to provide for a hydrogen energy research, development and demonstration program relating to production,

storage, transportation, and use of hydrogen, after receiving testimony from Senator Harkin; Representative Walker; Allan Hoffman, Acting Deputy Assistant Secretary of Energy for Utility Technologies; Richard E. Rocheleau, University of Hawaii, Manoa; Jerry Thomas, Montana Tradeport Authority, Helena; and Robert Gurule, Albuquerque, New Mexico.

### TRADE DEFICIT

*Committee on Foreign Relations:* Subcommittee on International Economic Policy, Export and Trade Promotion held hearings to examine the impact of balancing the Federal budget on the United States trade deficit, receiving testimony from Paul Wonnacott, Middlebury College, Middlebury, Vermont; Rudolph G. Penner, Barents Group/KPMG Peat Marwick, Claude Barfield, American Enterprise Institute, and Robert A. Blecker, American University, all of Washington, D.C.; and I.M. Destler and Robert E. Scott, both of the University of Maryland, College Park.

Hearings were recessed subject to call.

### WEST BANK/GAZA

*Committee on Foreign Relations:* Subcommittee on Near Eastern and South Asian Affairs concluded hearings to examine the economic development situation in the West Bank and Gaza Strip, after receiving testimony from Richard A. Roth, Director, Office of Israel and Arab-Israeli Affairs, Department of State; Terrence J. Brown, Deputy Assistant Administrator, Bureau for Asia and the Near East, U.S. Agency for International Development; Ruth R. Harkin, President and CEO, Overseas Private Investment Corporation; Ziad Karram, GRdG, Inc., Fairfax, Virginia; Omar M. Kader, PaL-Tech, Inc., Arlington, Virginia; and Peter Gubser, American Near East Refugee Aid, Washington, D.C., on behalf of InterAction West Bank/Gaza Committee.

### WEAPONS PROLIFERATION

*Committee on Governmental Affairs:* Permanent Subcommittee on Investigations resumed hearings to examine the status of United States efforts to improve nuclear material control in the Newly Independent States, receiving testimony from John Deutch, Director, Central Intelligence Agency; Rolf Ekeus, United Nations Special Commission, New York, New York; Gary Milhollin, Wisconsin Project on Nuclear Arms Control, Washington, D.C.; and David Kay, Hicks and Associates, Inc., McLean, Virginia.

Hearings will continue on Friday, March 22.

### IMMIGRATION REFORM

*Committee on the Judiciary:* Committee resumed markup on S. 269, to increase control over immigration to the United States by increasing border patrol and

investigator personnel, improving the verification system for employer sanctions, increasing penalties for alien smuggling and for document fraud, reforming asylum, exclusion, and deportation law and procedures, instituting a land border user fee, and reducing the use of welfare by aliens, and S. 1394, to reform the legal immigration of immigrants and nonimmigrants to the United States, but did not complete action thereon, and will meet again on tomorrow.

### CONGRESSIONAL RESEARCH SERVICE

*Committee on Rules and Administration:* Committee concluded oversight hearings to examine certain activities of the Congressional Research Service, after receiving testimony from Daniel P. Mulhollan, Director, Richard Price, Jennifer O'Sullivan, and Melvina Ford, each a Specialist in Social Legislation, Education and Public Welfare Division, Heidi Yacker, Information and Technical Research Specialist, Congressional Reference Division, Kathleen S. Swendiman, Legislative Attorney, American Law Division, Jean Yavis Jones, Specialist in Food and Agriculture, and Section Head, Food and Agriculture Section, Charles Hanrahan, Senior Specialist in Agricultural Policy, Ralph Chite, Specialist in Agricultural Policy, Diane T. Duffy, Legislative Attorney, and Sandra S. Osbourn, Specialist in American National Government, all of the Congressional Research Service, Library of Congress.

### VA ELIGIBILITY REFORM

*Committee on Veterans' Affairs:* Committee held hearings on proposals to reform eligibility rules for Department of Veterans Affairs health care benefits, focusing on the effects of veterans' health care eligibility priorities which govern all veterans' access to VA care and programs, including related measures S. 1345, S. 1359, S. 1563, and provisions of H.R. 1385, receiving testimony from David P. Baine, Director, Health Care Delivery and Quality Issues, Health, Education, and Human Services Division, Jim Linz, Assistant Director, Veterans Health Programs, and Terry Saiki, Senior Evaluator (Seattle, Washington), all of the General Accounting Office; John R. Vitikacs, The American Legion, James R. Currieo, Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States, David W. Gorman, Disabled American Veterans, Gordon H. Mansfield, Paralyzed Veterans of America, and Kelli R. Willard West and William L. Warfield, both of the Vietnam Veterans of America, all of Washington, D.C.; James J. Kenney, AMVETS, Lanham, Maryland; and Larry D. Rhea, Non Commissioned Officers Association of the United States of America, Alexandria, Virginia.

Hearings were recessed subject to call.