

Senate will continue consideration of the resolution on Thursday, February 27, 1997.

Messages From the President: Senate received the following messages from the President of the United States:

Transmitting the report on the response to threats of terrorist use of weapons of mass destruction; referred to the Committee on Armed Services. (PM-17). **Page S1658**

Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

1 Air Force nomination in the rank of general.

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Record Votes: Four record votes were taken today. (Total-18) **Pages S1605-06, S1628, S1644, S1649**

Adjournment: Senate convened at 9 a.m. and adjourned at 7:05 p.m., until 11 a.m., on Thursday, February 27, 1997. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S1687.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

FARM TAX POLICY

Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry: Committee concluded hearings to examine certain taxes affecting American farmers, focusing on estate and capital gains taxes and their impact on United States agricultural producers, after receiving testimony from Jack Kemp, Empower America, and Diana Furchtgott-Roth, American Enterprise Institute, both of Washington, D.C.; Neil E. Harl, Iowa State University, Ames; Bob Ruggles, National Pork Producers Council, McCook, Nebraska; William W. Barton, Indiana Forestry and Woodland Owners Association, Poland, on behalf of the American Tree Farm System, American Forest and Paper Association, and the Forest Industries Council on Taxation; Otis H. Molz, Farmland Industries, Inc., Kansas City, Missouri, on behalf of the National Council of Farmer Cooperatives; John Dean, Glenwood State Bank, Glenwood, Iowa, on behalf of the Independent

Bankers Association of America; Tom Bayliss, Eldon C. Stutsman, Inc., Hills, Iowa, on behalf of the Agricultural Retailers Association; and Paula A. Calimafde, Small Business Council of America, Bethesda, Maryland.

AUTHORIZATION—DEFENSE

Committee on Armed Services: Committee continued hearings on proposed legislation authorizing funds for fiscal year 1998 for the Department of Defense and the future years defense program, receiving testimony from John H. Dalton, Secretary of the Navy; Adm. Jay L. Johnson, Chief of Naval Operations; and Gen. Charles C. Krulak, Commandant of the Marine Corps.

Hearings continue on Tuesday, March 4.

MONETARY POLICY

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: Committee concluded hearings to examine the Federal Reserve's semiannual report on monetary policy, after receiving testimony from Alan Greenspan, Chairman, Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System.

PUBLIC LAND MANAGEMENT WORKSHOP: APPEALS AND LITIGATION

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Subcommittee on Forests and Public Land Management met to receive testimony on the impact of the proposed Public Land Management Responsibility and Accountability Restoration Act on the administrative and judicial appeals of land management decisions of the Forest Service and the Bureau of Land Management from Pamela Baldwin, Legislative Attorney American Law Division, Congressional Research Service, Library of Congress; Lawrence W. Hill, Society of American Foresters, Washington, D.C.; Kevin Kirschner, Sierra Club Legal Defense Fund, and Bill Meyers, National Cattlemen's Association, both of Washington, D.C.; Wade Schaefer, Sierra Club, Bismarck, North Dakota; Tim Coleman, Kettle Range Conservation Group, Republic, Washington; Mark Rentz, California Forestry Association, Sacramento; Dan Dessecker, Ruffed Grouse Society, Rice Lake, Wisconsin; and Clark Collins, Blue Ribbon Coalition, Pocatello, Idaho.

Hearings continue on Wednesday, March 5.

AUTHORIZATION—SURFACE TRANSPORTATION

Committee on Environment and Public Works: Subcommittee on Transportation and Infrastructure resumed hearings on proposed legislation authorizing funds for programs of the Intermodal Surface Transportation Efficiency Act, receiving testimony from Rodney E. Slater, Secretary of Transportation; and

William D. Fay, American Highway Users Alliance, and Hank Dittmar, Surface Transportation Policy Project, both of Washington, D.C.

Hearings continue on Thursday, March 6.

1998 AID BUDGET

Committee on Foreign Relations: Subcommittee on International Economic Policy, Export and Trade Promotion concluded hearings on the President's proposed budget request for fiscal year 1998 for development and humanitarian assistance programs of the Agency for International Development (AID), after receiving testimony from J. Brian Atwood, Administrator, Agency for International Development.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Labor and Human Resources: Committee began consideration of S. 295, to promote cooperation and teamwork among worker-management relations in the American labor force, but did not complete action thereon, and will meet again on Friday, February 28.

1998 SBA BUDGET

Committee on Small Business: Committee held hearings to examine the President's proposed budget request for fiscal year 1998 for the Small Business Administration, receiving testimony from Aida Alvarez, Administrator, Small Business Administration.

Hearings were recessed subject to call.

1998 VA BUDGET

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: Committee concluded hearings on the President's proposed budget request

for fiscal year 1998 for the Department of Veterans Affairs, after receiving testimony from Jesse Brown, Secretary of Veterans Affairs; Kenneth W. Kizer, Under Secretary of Veterans Affairs for Health; John R. Vitikacs, American Legion, Robert E. Wallace, Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States, David W. Gorman, Disabled American Veterans, and John C. Bollinger, Paralyzed Veterans of America, all of Washington, D.C.; and Michael E. Naylor, AMVETS, Lanham, Maryland.

1998 INDIAN AFFAIRS AND HEALTH BUDGET

Committee on Indian Affairs: Committee concluded hearings to examine the President's proposed budget request for fiscal year 1998 for the Bureau of Indian Affairs and the Indian Health Service, after receiving testimony from Ada E. Deer, Assistant Secretary of the Interior for Indian Affairs; Michael H. Trujillo, Assistant Surgeon General/Director, Indian Health Service, Department of Health and Human Services; and W. Ron Allen, National Congress of American Indians, Washington, D.C.

INTELLIGENCE

Select Committee on Intelligence: Committee held closed hearings on intelligence matters, receiving testimony from officials of the intelligence community.

Committee will meet again on Wednesday, March 5.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Bills Introduced: 20 public bills, H.R. 836–855; and 5 resolutions, H.J. Res. 56, and H. Res. 77–80 were introduced.

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Reports Filed: No reports were filed today.

Journal: By a yea-and-nay vote of 378 yeas to 36 nays, Roll No. 24, the House agreed to the Speaker's approval of the Journal of Tuesday, February 25.

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Suspensions: The House voted to suspend the rules and pass the following bills:

Armored Car Industry Reciprocity: H.R. 624, to amend the Armored Car Industry Reciprocity Act of 1993 to clarify certain requirements and to improve

the flow of interstate commerce (passed by a yea-and-nay vote of 416 yeas, Roll No. 25);

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Group Hospitalization and Medical Services, Inc: H.R. 497, to repeal the Federal Charter of Group Hospitalization and Medical Services, Inc. (passed by a yea-and-nay vote of 417 yeas, Roll No. 26); and

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Airport and Airway Trust Fund: H.R. 668, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to reinstate the Airport and Airway Trust Fund excise taxes (passed by a yea-and-nay vote of 347 yeas to 73 nays, Roll No. 27; the bill was debated on Tuesday, February 25).

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Committee Election: The House agreed to H. Res. 78, electing Representatives Fox of Pennsylvania,