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NOMINATIONS

Committee on the Judiciary: Committee concluded hearings on the nominations of Donald M. Middlebrooks, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of Florida, Jeffrey T. Miller, of California, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of California, Margaret M. Morrow, to be United States District Judge for the Central District of California, and Robert W. Pratt, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of Iowa, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf. Mr. Middlebrooks was introduced by Senators Mack and Graham, Mr. Miller was introduced by Senator Feinstein, Ms. Morrow was introduced by Senator Boxer and Representative Rogan, and Mr. Pratt was introduced by Senators Grassley and Harkin.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Labor and Human Resources: Committee ordered favorably reported the following business items:

S. 4, to provide private sector employees the same opportunities for time-and-a-half compensatory time off, biweekly work programs, and flexible credit hour programs to help balance the demands and needs of work and family, and to clarify the provisions relating to exemptions of certain professionals from the minimum wage and overtime requirements of the Fair Labor Standards Act of 1938; and

The nominations of John A. Armstrong, of Massachusetts, Jane Lubchenco, of Oregon, Vera C. Rubin, of the District of Columbia, Bob H. Suzuki, of California, Richard A. Tapia, of Texas, Mary K. Gaillard, of California, M.R.C. Greenwood, of California, Stanley Vincent Jaskolski, of Ohio, and

Eamon M. Kelly, of Louisiana, each to be a Member of the National Science Board, National Science Foundation, Arthur I. Blaustein, of California, Lorraine Weiss Frank, of Arizona, and Susan Ford Wiltshire, of Tennessee, each to be a Member of the National Council on the Humanities, Dave Nolan Brown, of Washington, to be a Member of the National Council on Disability, Donna Holt Cunninghame, of Maryland, to be Chief Financial Officer, Corporation for National and Community Service, Jon Deveaux, of New York, to be a Member of the National Institute for Literacy Advisory Board, Magdalena G. Jacobsen, of Oregon, to be a Member of the National Mediation Board, Mary Lucille Jordan, of Maryland, and Theodore Francis Verheggen, of the District of Columbia, each to be a Member of the Federal Mine Safety and Health Review Commission, Joseph Lane Kirkland, of the District of Columbia, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the United States Institute of Peace, Nathan Leventhal, of New York, to be a Member of the National Council on the Arts, and a Public Health Service Corps list received by the Senate on January 30, 1997.

NOMINATION

Committee on Labor and Human Resources: Committee concluded hearings on the nomination of Alexis M. Herman, of Alabama, to be Secretary of Labor, after the nominee, who was introduced by Senator Shelby and Representative Callahan, testified and answered questions in her own behalf.

INTELLIGENCE

Select Committee on Intelligence: Committee met in closed session to receive a briefing on intelligence matters from officials of the intelligence community.

Committee recessed subject to call.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Bills Introduced: 30 public bills, H.R. 1089–1118, were introduced. Pages H1110–12

Reports Filed: Reports were filed as follows:

H.R. 968, to amend title XVIII and XIX of the Social Security Act to permit a waiver of the prohibition of offering nurse aide training and competency evaluation programs in certain nursing facilities, amended (H. Rept. 105–23 Part II); and

H. Res. 99, providing for consideration of H.R. 1, to amend the Fair Labor Standards Act of 1938 to provide compensatory time for employees in the private sector (H. Rept. 105–31). Page H1110

Speaker Pro Tempore: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he designated Representative DeLay to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. Page H1041

Recess: The House recessed at 1:20 p.m. and reconvened at 2 p.m. Page H1047

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

Victims of Crime: H.R. 924, amended, to amend title 18, United States Code, to give further assurance to the right of victims of crime to attend and observe the trials of those accused of the crime (passed by a yea-and-nay vote of 418 yeas to 9 nays, Roll No. 52); Pages H1048–52, H1067–68

U.S. Marshals Service: H.R. 927, to amend title 28, United States Code, to provide for appointment of United States marshals by the Attorney General; Pages H1052–53

Technical Corrections to Copyright Laws: H.R. 672, amended, to make technical amendments to certain provisions of title 17, United States Code (passed by a yea-and-nay vote of 424 yeas to 2 nays, Roll No. 53); and Pages H1053–56, H1068–69

Waiver of Residency Requirements for Certain District of Columbia Employees: H.R. 514, amended, to permit the waiver of District of Columbia residency requirements for certain employees of the Office of the Inspector General of the District of Columbia. Agreed to amend the title. Pages H1056–57

Recess: The House recessed at 3:45 p.m. and reconvened at 5 p.m. Page H1062

Oroville-Tonasket Irrigation District: The House passed H.R. 412, to approve a settlement agreement between the Bureau of Reclamation and the Oroville-Tonasket Irrigation District. Pages H1058–67

Agreed to the Committee amendment in the nature of a substitute. Pages H1058–67

Rejected the Miller of California amendment that sought to require the irrigation district to pay fair market value for the property and facilities; determine the market value by a panel of three appraisers; and specifies that the district and Secretary of the Interior each select one panel member, with the third member selected by the other two (rejected by a recorded vote of 195 yeas to 232 noes, Roll No. 50). Pages H1063–66

H. Res. 94, the rule under which the bill was considered, was agreed to earlier by a voice vote. Pages H1057–58

Investment Advisors: Considered by unanimous consent, the House passed S. 410, to extend the effective date of the Investment Advisors Supervision Coordination Act. Pages H1069–71

Assistant Clerk Designations: Read a letter from the Clerk wherein she designates Ms. Julie Perrier, Assistant Clerk, and Mr. Ray Strong, Assistant Clerk, to sign papers and do other acts under the

name of the Clerk of the House of Representatives in the Clerk's temporary absence or disability. Page H1071

Quorum Calls—Votes: Two yea-and-nay votes and one recorded vote developed during the proceedings of the House today and appear on pages H1066, H1068, and H1068–69. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: Met at 12:30 p.m. and adjourned at 11:28 p.m.

Committee Meetings

AGRICULTURE TRADE

Committee on Agriculture: Held a hearing on Agriculture Trade into the 21st century. Testimony was heard from Dan Glickman, Secretary of Agriculture.

AGRICULTURE, RURAL DEVELOPMENT, FDA AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Agriculture, Rural Development, Federal Drug Administration and Related Agencies held a hearing on Departmental Administration and Office of the Chief Financial Officer. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the USDA: Pearlie Reed, Acting Assistant Secretary, Administration; Irwin T. David, Acting Chief Financial Officer; and Anne F. Thomson Reed, Acting Chief Information Officer.

The Subcommittee also continued appropriation hearings. Testimony was heard from Members of Congress and public witnesses.

COMMERCE, JUSTICE, STATE, AND JUDICIARY APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, State and Judiciary held a hearing on the Department of Commerce and on the International Trade Administration/International Trade Commission. Testimony was heard from Stuart E. Eizenstat, Under Secretary, International Trade Administration, Department of Commerce; and Marcia E. Miller, Chairman, U. S. International Trade Commission.

INTERIOR APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Interior held a hearing on Geological Survey and on Secretary of Energy. Testimony was heard from Gordon P. Eaton, Director, U.S. Geological Survey, Department of the Interior; and Federico Peña, Secretary of Energy.