

during the adjournment of the Senate on Wednesday, April 2, 1997, from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m.

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Nominations Confirmed: Senate confirmed the following nominations:

Colleen Kollar-Kotelly, of the District of Columbia, to be United States District Judge for the District of Columbia.

Rose Ochi, of California, to be Director, Community Relations Service, for a term of four years.

Mary Lucille Jordan, of Maryland, to be a Member of the Federal Mine Safety and Health Review Commission for a term of six years expiring August 30, 2002.

Theodore Francis Verheggen, of the District of Columbia, to be a Member of the Federal Mine Safety and Health Review Commission for a term expiring August 30, 2002.

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Adjournment: Senate convened at 9:30 a.m. and adjourned at 7:28 p.m., until 12 noon, on Friday, March 21, 1997. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S2739.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

AUTHORIZATION—AGRICULTURAL RESEARCH

Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry: Committee concluded hearings on proposed legislation authorizing funds for agricultural research programs of the 1996 Farm Bill, after receiving testimony from Senator Burns; W. Bruce Crain, Executive Director, Alternative Agricultural Research and Commercialization Corporation, Department of Agriculture; Robert L. Thompson, Winrock International Institute for Agricultural Development, Morrilton, Arkansas; Joseph D. Coffey, Southern States Coopera-

tive, Richmond, Virginia, on behalf of the Council for Agricultural Research, Extension, and Teaching; Charles C. Brosius, Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture, Harrisburg, on behalf of the National Association of State Departments of Agriculture; Gregory N. Brown, Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University, Blacksburg, on behalf of the National Association of Professional Forestry Schools and Colleges; and William Guyton, Idaho National Engineering and Environmental Laboratory/Lockheed Martin Idaho Technologies Co., Idaho Falls.

APPROPRIATIONS—UNITED NATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, State, and the Judiciary and Related Agencies held hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 1998 for the United Nations, receiving testimony from Bill Richardson, United States Ambassador to the United Nations; and Princeton N. Lyman, Assistant Secretary of State for International Organization Affairs.

Subcommittee will meet again on Tuesday, April 8.

APPROPRIATIONS—ENERGY AND WATER DEVELOPMENT

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Energy and Water Development held hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 1998 for energy and water development programs, receiving testimony in behalf of funds for their activities from Victor H. Reis, Assistant Secretary for Defense Programs, and Kenneth E. Baker, Acting Director, Office of Nonproliferation and National Security, both of the Department of Energy; and Harold P. Smith, Assistant to the Secretary of Defense for Nuclear, Chemical and Biological Programs.

Subcommittee recessed subject to call.

APPROPRIATIONS—FOREIGN ASSISTANCE

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Foreign Operations held hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 1998 for foreign assistance programs, focusing on international narcotics, crime and law enforcement activities, receiving testimony from Louis J. Freeh, Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation, Department of Justice; and Robert S. Gelbard, Assistant Secretary, Bureau of International Narcotics and Law Enforcement, Department of State.

Subcommittee recessed subject to call.

CONRAIL MERGER

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Transportation and Related Agencies held hearings to examine the impact of the sale of Conrail to CSX Corporation and Norfolk Southern on the United States

transportation system, rail service, and employees, receiving testimony from Senator Warner; George D. Warrington, President/Northeast Corridor, National Railroad Passenger Corporation (Amtrak); Linda J. Morgan, Chairman, Surface Transportation Board; Maryland Governor Parris N. Glendening, Annapolis; Mayor Ed Rendell, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania; Bradley L. Mallory, Pennsylvania Department of Transportation, Harrisburg; John J. Haley, Jr., New Jersey Department of Transportation, Trenton; John W. Snow, CSX Corporation, Richmond, Virginia; David R. Goode, Norfolk Southern Corporation, Norfolk, Virginia; Tim O'Toole, Consolidated Rail Corporation (Conrail), Washington, D.C.; Hugh Welsh, Port Authority of New York/New Jersey, New York, New York; Robert A. Scardelletti, Transportation-Communications International Union, Rockville, Maryland, on behalf of the Transportation Trades Department/AFL-CIO; Robert L. Evans, Occidental Chemical Corporation, Dallas, Texas, on behalf of the National Industrial Transportation League; and Michael Hawbaker, Glenn O. Hawbaker, Inc., State College, Pennsylvania.

Hearings were recessed subject to call.

AUTHORIZATION—DOE NATIONAL SECURITY PROGRAMS

Committee on Armed Services: Committee held hearings on proposed legislation authorizing funds for fiscal year 1998 for the Department of Energy national security programs and to review environmental management activities, receiving testimony from Federico Peña, Secretary, Charles B. Curtis, Deputy Secretary, and Alvin L. Alm, Assistant Secretary for Environmental Management, all of the Department of Energy.

Committee recessed subject to call.

COMMERCIAL AND INVESTMENT BANKING

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: Subcommittee on Financial Institutions and Regulatory Relief concluded hearings to examine the Federal Reserve System's proposal to modify the restrictions imposed on bank holding companies engaged in underwriting and dealing in securities, after receiving testimony from Susan M. Phillips, Member, Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System; Victor A. Warnement, NationsBank Capital Markets, Inc., Charlotte, North Carolina; Richard B. Roberts, Wachovia Bank, Winston-Salem, North Carolina, on behalf of the ABA Securities Association and the American Bankers Association; and Charles W. Calomiris, Columbia University School of Business, New York, New York.

OCEAN SHIPPING REFORM

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Subcommittee on Surface Transportation and Merchant Marine concluded hearings on S. 414, to encourage competition in international shipping and growth of United States imports and exports, after receiving testimony from Harold J. Creel, Jr., Chairman, Federal Maritime Commission; Linda J. Morgan, Chairman, Surface Transportation Board; Michael M. Murphy, APL Limited, J.M. Graham, Council of European and Japanese National Shipowners' Associations, Edward Wytkind, Transportation Trades Department/AFL-CIO, and Peter Powell, Sr., National Customs Brokers and Forwarders Association, all of Washington, D.C.; Christopher Koch, Sea-Land Service, Inc., Charlotte, North Carolina; William P. Verdon, Crowley Maritime Corporation, Oakland, California; Donald Cameron, Bose Corporation, Framingham, Massachusetts; and Tom Kornegay, Port of Houston, Houston, Texas.

ELECTRIC UTILITIES DEREGULATION

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Committee resumed oversight hearings to discuss proposals to advance the goals of deregulation and competition in the electric power industry, receiving testimony from Elizabeth A. Moler, Chair, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, Department of Energy; Bruce B. Ellsworth, New Hampshire Public Utilities Commission, Concord, and Robert W. Gee, Public Utility Commission of Texas, Austin, both on behalf of the National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners; Richard H. Cowart, Vermont Public Service Board, Montpelier; P. Gregory Conlon, California Public Utilities Commission, San Francisco; Curt Hebert, Mississippi Public Service Commission, Jackson; John M. Quain, Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission, Harrisburg; Linda Breathitt, Kentucky Public Service Commission, Frankfurt; and Marsha H. Smith, Idaho Public Utilities Commission, Boise.

Committee recessed subject to call.

NATIONAL PARK SYSTEM

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Subcommittee on National Parks, Historic Preservation and Recreation concluded hearings to examine the future of the National Park System and to identify the needs, requirements, and innovative programs that will improve and enhance the operations of the Park Service, after receiving testimony from Roger G. Kennedy, Director, National Park Service, Department of the Interior.

NOMINATIONS

Committee on Environment and Public Works: Committee ordered favorably reported the nominations of

Johnny H. Hayes, of Tennessee, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Tennessee Valley Authority, and Judith M. Espinosa, of New Mexico, and D. Michael Rappoport, of Arizona, each to be a Member of the Board of Trustees of the Morris K. Udall Scholarship and Excellence in National Environmental Policy Foundation.

MEDICARE

Committee on Finance: Committee held hearings to examine proposals to improve choices under the Medicare program, including S. 146, to permit Medicare beneficiaries to enroll with qualified provider-sponsored organizations under title XVIII of the Social Security Act, receiving testimony from Senator Frist; Glenn A. Pomeroy, North Dakota Department of Insurance, Bismarck, on behalf of the National Association of Insurance Commissioners; Karen Ignagni, American Association of Health Plans, Washington, D.C.; Donald T. Lewers, Easton, Maryland, on behalf of the American Medical Association; John T. Nielsen, Intermountain Health Care, Inc., Salt Lake City, Utah, on behalf of the Coalition for Fairness in Medicare; and Richard K. Reiner, Florida Hospital Healthcare System, Orlando.

Hearings were recessed subject to call.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE TRADE POLICY

Committee on Governmental Affairs: Subcommittee on Oversight of Government Management, Restructuring, and the District of Columbia concluded hearings to examine the role of the Department of Commerce in United States trade policy, promotion, and regulation, and opportunities for reform and consolidation, after receiving testimony from Representatives Mica and White; Timothy J. Hauser, Deputy

Under Secretary of Commerce for International Trade; William H. Lash III, George Mason University School of Law, Arlington, Virginia; and Ed Hudgins, CATO Institute, and Edward J. Black, Computer and Communications Industry Association, both of Washington, D.C.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on the Judiciary: Committee ordered favorably reported S. 270, to grant the consent of Congress to the Texas Low-Level Radioactive Waste Disposal Compact.

AUTHORIZATION—HIGHER EDUCATION

Committee on Labor and Human Resources: Committee concluded hearings on proposed legislation authorizing funds for programs of the Higher Education Act, focusing on the role of higher education institutions in preparing teachers for the 21st century, after receiving testimony from Susan Brady, University of Rhode Island, Kingston; Jill Mattuck Tarule, University of Vermont, Burlington; Charles R. Coble, University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, on behalf of the University-School Teacher Education Partnerships in North Carolina; and Richard Wormeli, Herndon Middle School, Herndon, Virginia.

CRS/LOC

Committee on Rules and Administration: Committee concluded oversight hearings to review the operations and budget of the Congressional Research Service and the Library of Congress, after receiving testimony from Daniel Mulhollan, Director, Congressional Research Service, James H. Billington, Librarian, and Donald L. Scott, Deputy Librarian, both of the Library of Congress.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Bills Introduced: 73 public bills, H.R. 1137–1142 and H.R. 1144–1210; 2 private bills, H.R. 1143 and H.R. 1211; and 9 resolutions, H.J. Res. 65–67, H. Con. Res. 51–53, and H. Res. 102–104, were introduced.

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Reports Filed: Reports were filed as follows:

H.R. 111, to authorize the Secretary of Agriculture to convey a parcel of unused agricultural land in Dos Palos, California, to the Dos Palos Ag Boosters for use as a farm school (H. Rept. 105–34);

H.R. 394, to provide for the release of the reversionary interest held by the United States in certain property located in the County of Iosco, Michigan (H. Rept. 105–35);

H.R. 785, to designate the J. Phil Campbell, Senior Natural Resource Conservation Center (H. Rept. 105–36);

A Citizen's Guide on Using the Freedom of Information Act and the Privacy Act of 1974 to Request Government Records (H. Rept. 105–37);

H.R. 757, to develop the economy of American Samoa, amended (H. Rept. 105–38);