

Record Votes: Four record votes were taken today. (Total—43) Pages S3136–37, S3140, S3189

Adjournment: Senate convened at 9 a.m., and adjourned at 6 p.m., until 10 a.m., on Wednesday, April 16, 1997. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Assistant Majority Leader in today's Record on page S3232.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

NOMINATIONS

Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry: Committee ordered favorably reported the nominations of Lowell Lee Junkins, of Iowa, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Federal Agricultural Mortgage Corporation, Farm Credit Administration, and Ann Jorgenson, of Iowa, to be a Member of the Farm Credit Administration Board.

IRS USE OF TAXPAYERS' FILES

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Treasury, Postal Service, and General Government held hearings to examine alleged Internal Revenue Service employees misuse of taxpayers' files, receiving testimony from Senator Glenn; Lawrence H. Summers, Deputy Secretary, Valerie Lau, Inspector General, and Margaret Milner Richardson, Commissioner, Internal Revenue Service, all of the Department of the Treasury; and Rona B. Stillman, Chief Scientist for Computers and Telecommunications, General Accounting Office.

Subcommittee will meet again on Thursday, April 17.

APPROPRIATIONS—AGRICULTURE

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Agriculture, Rural Development, and Related Agencies held hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 1998 for the Department of Agriculture, receiving testimony in behalf of funds for their respective activities from Jill Long Thompson, Under Secretary for Rural Development, Wally Beyer, Administrator, Rural Utilities Service, Jan E. Shadburn, Acting Administrator, Rural Housing Service, Dayton J. Watkins, Administrator, Rural Business Cooperative Service, W. Bruce Crain, Executive Director, Alternative Agricultural Research and Commercialization Corporation, and Dennis Kaplan, Budget Officer, all of the Department of Agriculture.

Subcommittee will meet again on Tuesday, April 22.

APPROPRIATIONS—ARMY CORPS/BUREAU OF RECLAMATION

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Energy and Water Development held hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 1998 for the Army Corps of Engineers and the Bureau of Reclamation, focusing on the Bonneville Power Administration, receiving testimony from Randy Hardy, Administrator, Bonneville Power Administration; Brig. Gen. Robert H. Griffin, North Pacific Division Commander of the Army Corps of Engineers; and John Keys, Pacific Northwest Regional Director, Bureau of Reclamation, Department of the Interior.

Subcommittee will meet again on Tuesday, April 22.

AUTHORIZATION—DEFENSE

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Acquisition and Technology resumed hearings on S. 450, authorizing funds for fiscal years 1998 and 1999 for military activities of the Department of Defense, and to prescribe military personnel strengths for fiscal years 1998 and 1999, focusing on the trends in the industrial and technology base supporting national defense, receiving testimony from Representative Christopher Smith; Robert Pitofsky, Chairman, Federal Trade Commission; John B. Goodman, Deputy Under Secretary (Industrial Affairs and Installations), and Eleanor R. Spector, Director of Defense Procurement, Office of the Under Secretary (Acquisition and Technology), both of the Department of Defense; David E. Cooper, Associate Director for Defense Acquisition Issues, National Security-Foreign Affairs Division, General Accounting Office; Pierre Chao, Morgan Stanley Equity Research, New York, New York; and Danielle Brian, Project on Government Oversight, and Don Fuqua, Aerospace Industries Association, both of Washington, D.C.

Subcommittee recessed subject to call.

AUTHORIZATION—DEFENSE

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Readiness resumed hearings on S. 450, authorizing funds for fiscal years 1998 and 1999 for military activities of the Department of Defense, and to prescribe military personnel strengths for fiscal years 1998 and 1999, and S. 451, to authorize construction at certain military installations for fiscal year 1998, and for other military construction authorizations and activities of the Department of Defense, focusing on

environmental and military construction issues, receiving testimony from Sherri W. Goodman, Deputy Under Secretary for Environmental Security, and John S. Goodman, Deputy Under Secretary for Industrial Affairs and Installations, both of the Department of Defense; Jan B. Reltman, Staff Director, Environment and Safety, HQ Defense Logistics Agency; Raymond J. Fatz, Deputy Assistant Secretary for Environment, Safety and Occupational Health, and Paul Johnson, Deputy Assistant Secretary for Installations, Logistics and Environment, both for the Department of the Army; Robert B. Pirie, Jr., Assistant Secretary of the Navy for Installation and Environment; and Thomas W. McCall, Jr., Deputy Assistant Secretary for Environmental, Safety and Occupational Health, and Jimmy G. Dishner, Deputy Assistant Secretary for Installations, both for the Air Force.

Subcommittee will meet again on Thursday, April 17.

CHEMICAL WEAPONS CONVENTION

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee resumed hearings on the ratification of the Convention on the Prohibition of Development, Production, Stockpiling and Use of Chemical Weapons and on Their Destruction, opened for signature and signed by the United States at Paris on January 13, 1993 (Treaty Doc, 103-21), receiving testimony from William A. Reinsch, Under Secretary of Commerce for Export Administration; Bruce Merrifield, former Assistant Secretary of Commerce; Frederick Webber, Chemical Manufacturers Association, and Kevin L. Kearns, United States Business and Industrial Council, both of Washington, D.C.; Malcolm S. Forbes, Jr., Forbes, Inc., New York, New York; Wayne Spears, Spears Manufacturing Company, Burbank, California; Ralph V. Johnson, Dixie Chemical Company, Inc., Houston, Texas; and Kathleen C. Bailey, University of California, Livermore.

Hearings will resume on Thursday, April 17.

U.S.-JAPAN BILATERAL RELATIONSHIP

Committee on Foreign Relations: Subcommittee on East Asian and Pacific Affairs concluded hearings to examine the United States' bilateral relationship with Japan, after receiving testimony from Robert C. Reis, Acting Deputy Assistant Secretary of State for East Asia and Pacific Affairs; Kurt M. Campbell,

Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense for Asian and Pacific Affairs; Nathaniel B. Thayer, Johns Hopkins University, Michael H. Armacost, Brookings Institution, and Arthur J. Alexander, Japan Economic Institute of America, all of Washington, D.C.; and Ira Wolf, Eastman Kodak Company, Tokyo, Japan, on behalf of the American Chamber of Commerce in Japan.

IMMIGRANT ENTREPRENEURS

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Immigration concluded hearings to examine the contributions to the United States from legal immigrants, focusing on how immigrants increase consumer spending and job growth and create jobs through entrepreneurship, after receiving testimony from Senator Hatch; Ovidiu Colea, Colbar Art, Inc., Long Island, New York; John Tu and Gary D. MacDonald, Kingston Technology Company, Fountain Valley, California; Mara M. Letica, Letica Corporation, Rochester, Michigan; Adrian A. Gaspar, Adrian A. Gaspar and Company, Cambridge, Massachusetts; and Jimmy M. Sanders, University of South Carolina at Columbia.

FEDERAL JOB TRAINING PROGRAMS

Committee on Labor and Human Resources: Subcommittee on Employment and Training resumed oversight hearings to review the effectiveness of Federal job training programs and changes needed to meet the skill demands in a competitive marketplace, focusing on innovations in adult job training, receiving testimony from Jacki Bessler-Perasso, Oregon Job Training Partnership Administration, Salem; Donald W. Ingwerson, Los Angeles County Office of Education, Downey, California; Peter McLaughlin, Hennepin County Commission, Minneapolis, Minnesota, on behalf of the National Association of Counties and the Association of Minnesota Counties; Daniel Berry, Cleveland Growth Association, Cleveland, Ohio; Ronald C. Foster, Washington, D.C., and Pamela Denise Brown, New York, New York, both of United Parcel Service; and Kenneth E. Tully and Marlene Gray, both of Marriott International, Inc., and Kristin Watkins, Wider Opportunities for Women, all of Washington, D.C.

Hearings will resume on Thursday, April 17.

SENATE ELECTIONS

Committee on Rules and Administration: Committee concluded hearings to review certain petitions filed in connection with a contested United States Senate election held in Louisiana in November 1996, after

receiving testimony from Mark K. Seifert, Washington, D.C.; Louis Jenkins, Baton Rouge, Louisiana; and G. Anthony Gelderman, III, Tarcza and Gelderman, and Scott R. Bickford, Martzell and Bickford, both of New Orleans, Louisiana.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Bills Introduced: 20 public bills, H.R. 1321–1340; 1 private bill, H.R. 1341; and 3 resolutions, H.J. Res. 71 and H. Con. Res. 61–62, were introduced.

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Reports Filed: No reports were filed today.

Recess: The House recessed at 10:51 a.m. and reconvened at 12:00 noon.

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

Taxpayer Browsing Protection Act: H.R. 1226, amended, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to prevent the unauthorized inspection of tax returns or tax return information (passed by a yeas-and-nay vote of 412 yeas with none voting “nay”, Roll No. 76);

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Family Tax Relief: H. Res. 109, expressing the sense of the House of Representatives that American families deserve tax relief (agreed to by a yeas-and-nay vote of 412 yeas with none voting “nay”, Roll No. 77);

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Terms of Health Care Commissions: H.R. 1001, to extend the term of appointment of certain members of the Prospective Payment Assessment Commission and the Physician Payment Review Commission; and

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Lawsuits Against Terrorist States: H.R. 1225, to make a technical correction to title 28, United States Code, relating to jurisdiction for lawsuits against terrorist states.

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Presidential Message—Argentina: Read a message from the President wherein he transmits his determination that Argentina fails to provide effective means under its laws for foreign nationals to secure, exercise, and enforce exclusive rights in intellectual property; and his resultant determination to withdraw benefits for 50 percent (approximately \$260 million) of Argentina’s exports under the Generalized System of Preference (GSP) program—referred to the Committee on Ways and Means and ordered printed (H. Doc. 105–66).

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Tax Limitation Constitutional Amendment: By a yeas-and-nay vote of 233 yeas to 190 nays with two-thirds required for passage, Roll No. 78, the House

failed to pass H.J. Res. 62, as amended pursuant to the rule, proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States with respect to tax limitations.

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H. Res. 113, the rule providing for consideration of the joint resolution, was agreed to earlier by a voice vote. The rule provided that an amendment in the nature of a substitute consisting of the text recommended by the Committee on the Judiciary now printed in H.J. Res. 62 (H. Rept. 105–50) and modified by the amendment specified in the report (H. Rept. 105–54) of the Committee on Rules accompanying H. Res. 113 shall be considered as adopted.

Pages H1473–80

Committee Resignation: Read a letter from Representative Jones wherein he resigns from the Committee on Small Business.

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Quorum Calls—Votes: Three yeas-and-nay votes developed during the proceedings of the House today and appear on pages H1490, H1490–91, and H1506. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: Met at 10:30 a.m. and adjourned at 11:20 p.m.

Committee Meetings

COMMODITY EXCHANGE ACT AMENDMENTS

Committee on Agriculture: Subcommittee on Risk Management and Specialty Crops held a hearing on reform of the Commodity Exchange Act and provisions of H.R. 467, Commodity Exchange Act Amendments of 1997. Testimony was heard from Brooksley Born, Chair, Commodity Futures Trading Commission; Roger Anderson, Deputy Assistant Secretary, Federal Finance, Department of the Treasury; Richard Lindsey, Director, Division of Market Regulation, SEC; Susan M. Phillips, member, Board of Governors, Federal Reserve System; and public witnesses.

Hearings continue tomorrow.

COMMERCE, JUSTICE, STATE AND JUDICIARY APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, State and the Judiciary held a hearing on the Office of Justice Programs, the Office of Community Oriented Policing and on the Office of