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Record Votes:	Four record votes were taken today. (Total—67) Pages S4404–05, S4411, S4475–76

Adjournment: Senate convened at 9:15 a.m., and adjourned at 7:18 p.m., until 9:15 a.m., on Thursday, May 15, 1997. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today's Record on page S4505.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

APPROPRIATIONS—OFFICE OF DRUG CONTROL POLICY

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Treasury, Postal Services, and General Government held hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 1998 for the Office of National Drug Control Policy, receiving testimony from Barry R. McCaffrey, Director, Office of National Drug Control Policy.

Subcommittee recessed subject to call.

COMMERCE MANAGEMENT REFORM

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Committee concluded hearings to examine certain management and program areas in need of reform to improve efficiency and effectiveness at the Department of Commerce, after receiving testimony from Frank DeGeorge, Inspector General, and Raymond G. Kammer, Jr., Acting Chief Financial Officer and Assistant Secretary for Administration, both of the Department of Commerce; and L. Nye Stevens, Director, Federal Management and Workforce Issues, General Government Division, General Accounting Office.

DOLPHIN CONSERVATION

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Subcommittee on Oceans and Fisheries held hearings on S. 39, to implement the Declaration of Panama, an agreement signed by the United States and certain other nations on October 4, 1995, to protect dolphins, tunas, and other species involved in the eastern tropical Pacific tuna fishery, receiving testimony from Senators Boxer and Biden; Eileen B. Claussen, Assistant Secretary of State for Oceans and International Environmental and Scientific Affairs; D.

James Baker, Under Secretary of Commerce for Oceans and Atmosphere; James Joseph, Inter-American Tropical Tuna Commission, La Jolla, California; and Suzanne Iudicello, Center for Marine Conservation, and Jeffrey R. Pike, Dolphin Safe/Fair Trade Campaign, both of Washington, D.C.

Hearings were recessed subject to call.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Committee ordered favorably reported the following business items:

The nomination of Elizabeth Anne Moler, of Virginia, to be Deputy Secretary of Energy;

S. 430, to protect the permanent trust funds of the State of New Mexico from erosion due to inflation and modify the basis on which distributions are made from those funds; and

H.J. Res. 32, to consent to certain amendments enacted by the Legislature of the State of Hawaii to the Hawaiian Homes Commission Act, 1920.

CAMPAIGN FINANCE REFORM

Committee on Rules and Administration: Committee held hearings to examine the campaign finance system for Presidential elections, focusing on the growth of soft money and other effects on political parties and candidates, receiving testimony from former Senator McCarthy; Lamar Alexander Jr., former Secretary of Education; Larry J. Sabato, University of Virginia, Charlottesville; and Bradley A. Smith, Capital University Law School, Columbus, Ohio, on behalf of the Cato Institute.

Hearings were recessed subject to call.

SBA FINANCE PROGRAMS

Committee on Small Business: Committee resumed oversight hearings on the management of Small Business Administration finance programs, focusing on the 504 Development Company Loan Program and the Small Business Investment Company program, receiving testimony from Aida Alvarez, Administrator, Small Business Administration; Deryl K. Schuster, Business Loan Center, Wichita, Kansas, and Anthony R. Wilkinson, Stillwater, Oklahoma, both on behalf of the National Association of Government Guaranteed Lenders, Inc.

NOMINATION

Select Committee on Intelligence: Committee resumed closed hearings on the nomination of George John Tenet, of Maryland, to be Director of Central Intelligence, where the nominee further testified and answered questions in his own behalf.

Hearings were recessed subject to call.

INTELLIGENCE

Committee will meet again tomorrow.

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

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Bills Introduced: 17 public bills, H.R. 1590–1616; 1 private bill, H.R. 1618; and 2 resolutions, H. Con. Res. 79 and H. Res. 148, were introduced.

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Reports Filed: One report was filed as follows:

H. Res. 149, providing for consideration of H.R. 1469, making emergency supplemental appropriations for recovery from natural disasters, and for overseas peacekeeping efforts, including those in Bosnia, for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1997 (H. Rept. 105–97).

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

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Emergency Supplemental Appropriations: By a yea-and-nay vote of 193 yeas to 229 nays, Roll No. 125, the House failed to agree to H. Res. 128, the rule to provide for consideration of H.R. 1469, Emergency Supplemental Appropriations Act for FY 1997.

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Committee Election: The House agreed to H. Res. 148 electing Representative Hinojosa to the Committee on Small Business and Representative Rodriguez to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

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Housing Authority and Responsibility Act: By a recorded vote of 293 yeas to 132 noes, Roll No. 127, the House passed H.R. 2, to repeal the United States Housing Act of 1937, deregulate the public housing program and the program for rental housing assistance for low-income families, and increase community control over such programs. The House completed debate on Wednesday, April 30 and considered amendments to the bill on May 1, May 6, May 7, May 8, and May 12.

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Rejected the Kennedy of Massachusetts motion to recommit H.R. 2 to the Committee on Banking and Financial Services with instructions to reconsider the bill for the purposes of improving the income targeting provisions of the bill by reserving more

housing assistance for very low-income families of various incomes and eliminating provisions in the bill creating unnecessary bureaucracies.

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Agreed to the Committee Amendment in the nature of a substitute as amended.

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Rejected the Kennedy amendment in the nature of a substitute that sought to combine public housing programs into two grant programs; requires annual management plans from housing authorities; increases the HUD authority to take action against troubled housing authorities; targets housing assistance with 40 percent of units for families with incomes less than 30 percent of median income and 90 percent of units for families with incomes less than 60 percent of median income; targets 75 percent of tenant-based rental assistance to families with incomes less than 30 percent of median income; establishes minimum rents of between zero and 25 dollars; and requires housing authorities to encourage tenants to volunteer in their community (rejected by a recorded vote of 163 yeas to 261 noes, Roll No. 126).

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The Clerk was authorized to correct section numbers, cross references, and punctuation, and to make such stylistic, clerical, technical, conforming, and other changes as may be necessary to reflect the actions of the House in amending the bill.

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On April 30, the House agreed to H. Res. 133, the rule that provided for consideration of the bill.

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Amendments: Amendments ordered printed pursuant to the rule appear on page H2681.

Senate Messages: Message received from the Senate today appears on page H2614.

Quorum Calls—Votes: One yea-and-nay vote and two recorded votes developed during the proceedings of the House today and appear on pages H2609, H2644–45, and H2646–47. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: Met at 10:00 a.m. and adjourned at 7:55 p.m.