

Rodney W. Sippel, of Missouri, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern and Western Districts of Missouri.

1 Navy nomination in the rank of admiral.

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Adjournment: Senate convened at 9:15 a.m., and adjourned at 9:23 p.m., until 10 a.m., on Friday, May 16, 1997. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S4620.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

APPROPRIATIONS—FOREIGN ASSISTANCE

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Foreign Operations held hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 1998 for foreign assistance, focusing on programs to combat infectious diseases, receiving testimony from Nils Daulaire, Senior Health Policy Analyst, Global Program, Agency for International Development; Barry Bloom, Albert Einstein College of Medicine, New York, New York; David Heymann, World Health Organization, Geneva, Switzerland; John Sbarbaro, University of Colorado School of Medicine, Denver; and Gordon Douglas, Merck Pharmaceuticals, Whitehouse Station, New Jersey.

Subcommittee will meet again on Tuesday, May 20.

HOLOCAUST VICTIMS PROPERTY RESTITUTION

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: Committee concluded hearings to examine United States and allied efforts to recover and restore gold and other assets belonging to victims of the Holocaust taken by Nazi Germany during World War II, after receiving testimony from Stuart E. Eizenstat, Under Secretary of Commerce for International

Trade; William Z. Slany, Historian, Department of State; Thomas G. Borer, Chief of the Swiss Foreign Ministry Task Force, Bern; Carl Henrik Sihver Liljegren, Ambassador of Sweden to the United States; Israel Singer, General Secretary of the World Jewish Congress, New York, New York; Rabbi Marvin Hier, Simon Wiesenthal Center, Los Angeles, California; Tom Bower, British Broadcasting Corporation, London, England; and Rabbi Chaim Stauber, Brooklyn, New York, on behalf of the World Council of Orthodox Communities.

1998 BUDGET

Committee on the Budget: Committee met to begin markup of an original concurrent resolution setting forth the congressional budget for the United States Government, but did not complete action thereon, and recessed subject to call.

FCC SPECTRUM MANAGEMENT

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Committee concluded hearings on S. 255, to provide for the reallocation and auction of a portion of the electromagnetic spectrum to enhance law enforcement and public safety telecommunications, after receiving testimony from Representative Weldon; Bruce A. Franca, Deputy Chief, Office of Engineering and Technology, Federal Communications Commission; Howard Safir, New York Police Department, New York, New York; Mark Schwartz, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, on behalf of the National League of Cities; Ralph A. Haller, Fox Ridge Communications, Inc., Arlington, Virginia; Dale Hatfield, Hatfield Associates, Inc., Boulder, Colorado; Charles L. Jackson, Strategic Policy Research, Bethesda, Maryland.

NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Subcommittee on Science, Technology, and Space concluded hearings on proposed legislation authorizing funds for fiscal year 1998 for the National Weather Service (NWS), focusing on the NWS's proposed staff reductions for fiscal year 1997 and related project cuts for fiscal year 1998, after receiving testimony from Senators Mack and Sarbanes; D. James Baker, Under Secretary for Oceans and Atmosphere and Administrator, and Elbert W. Friday, Jr., Assistant Administrator for Weather Services, both of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, Department of Commerce; Mayor James N. Mathias, Jr., Ocean City, Maryland; Richard E. Hallgren, American Meteorological Society, Washington, D.C.; William A. Wagner, Jr., Monroe County Emergency Management, Marathon, Florida; Ronald D. McPherson, Crofton, Maryland; and X. William Proenza, Colleyville, Texas;

AGRICULTURE EXPORTS

Committee on Finance: Subcommittee on International Trade held hearings to examine how to open new markets for United States products and what can be done to break down non-tariff trade barriers that may be detrimental to U.S. agricultural exports, receiving testimony from Jeffrey M. Lang, Deputy United States Trade Representative; Paul Drazek, Special Assistant to the Secretary of Agriculture for Trade; Leonard W. Condon, American Meat Institute, Arlington, Virginia; Linda J. Fisher, Monsanto Company, Washington, D.C.; John D. Hardin, Jr., Danville, Indiana, on behalf of the National Pork Producers Council; Carl Peterson, Delanson, New York, on behalf of Agri-Mark, Incorporated; and Jack Laurie, Michigan Farm Bureau, Lansing, on behalf of the American Farm Bureau Federation.

Hearings were recessed subject to call.

SUDAN

Committee on Foreign Relations: Subcommittee on African Affairs concluded hearings to examine United States counterterrorism policy towards Sudan, after receiving testimony from Representative McCollum; George E. Moose, Assistant Secretary for African Affairs, and Kenneth R. McKune, Associate Coordinator for Counter-Terrorism, both of the Department of State; R. Richard Newcomb, Director, Office of Foreign Assets Control, Department of the Treasury; Charles Maikish, Columbia University, New York, New York; Ed Smith, Hamilton Hallmark, Woodland Hills, California; and Roger Winter, U.S. Committee for Refugees, and Steven Emerson, both of Washington, D.C.

AUTHORIZATION—HIGHER EDUCATION ACT: STUDENT AID

Committee on Labor and Human Resources: Committee resumed hearings on proposed legislation authorizing funds for programs of the Higher Education Act, focusing on the management structure of the office of Postsecondary Education for the financial aid delivery system, receiving testimony from David A. Longanecker, Assistant Secretary of Education for Postsecondary Education; Cornelia M. Blanchette, Associate Director, Education and Employment Issues, Health, Education, and Human Services Division, General Accounting Office; Robert E. Alexander, University of South Carolina, Aiken, on behalf of the Advisory Committee on Student Financial Assistance; Judith N. Flink, University of Illinois, Chi-

cago, on behalf of the Coalition of Higher Education Assistance Organizations; Barmak Nassirian, American Association of State Colleges and Universities, Washington, D.C.; and Barbara E. Tornow, Boston University, Boston, Massachusetts.

Committee will meet again tomorrow.

SBA FINANCE PROGRAMS

Committee on Small Business: Committee resumed oversight hearings on the management of Small Business Administration finance programs, focusing on the 7(a) General Business Loan Guaranty Program, the Section 504 Development Company Loan Program, the Small Business Investment Company Program, the Microloan Program, the Disaster Loan Program, and the Surety Bond Guaranty Program, receiving testimony from Aida Alvarez, Administrator, Small Business Administration; and 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.

Hearings were recessed subject to call.

VA SEXUAL HARASSMENT

Committee on Veterans Affairs: Committee concluded hearings to examine certain allegations of sexual harassment within the Department of Veterans Affairs, focusing on VA policies and practices regarding sexual harassment and other forms of discrimination in the workplace, after receiving testimony from Senator Faircloth; Hershel W. Gober, Deputy Secretary, and William T. Merriman, Deputy Inspector General, both of the Department of Veterans Affairs; Ronnie Blumenthal, Director, and Ellen Vargyas, Legal Counsel, both of the U.S. Equal Employment Opportunity Commission; Cynthia A. Force, Susan M. Caruana, and Doris Moore-Russell, all of the VA Medical Center, Fayetteville, North Carolina; Mary Cavanaugh, VA Medical Center, Lyons, New Jersey; Cathy Claycomb, National Association of Government Employees, Alexandria, Virginia; and Kitty Peddicord, American Federation of Government Employees (AFL-CIO), 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 Tuesday, May 20.