

Mack/Graham/Kennedy Modified Amendment No. 1253 (to Amendment No. 1252), in the nature of a substitute. (By 2 yeas to 97 nays (Vote No. 265), Senate failed to table the amendment.)

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**Department of the Treasury/Postal Service Appropriations—Conference Report:** By 55 yeas to 45 nays (Vote No. 264), Senate agreed to the conference report on H.R. 2378, making appropriations for the Treasury Department, the United States Postal Service, the Executive Office of the President, and certain Independent Agencies, for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1998, clearing the measure for the President.

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**Religious Workers Act:** Senate concurred in the amendments of the House to S. 1198, to amend the Immigration and Nationality Act to extend the special immigrant religious worker program, to amend the Illegal Immigration Reform and Immigrant Responsibility Act of 1996 to extend the deadline for designation of an effective date for paperwork changes in the employer sanctions program, and to require the Secretary of State to waive or reduce the fee for application and issuance of a nonimmigrant visa for aliens coming to the United States for certain charitable purposes, clearing the measure for the President.

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#### Appointments:

**Advisory Committee on Student Financial Assistance:** The Chair, on behalf of the President pro tempore, pursuant to Public Law 99–498, appointed Charles Terrell, of Massachusetts, to the Advisory Committee on Student Financial Assistance for a three-year term effective October 1, 1997.

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**Nominations Received:** Senate received the following nominations:

Steven J. Green, of Florida, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Singapore.

Daniel Charles Kurtzer, of Maryland, to be Ambassador to the Arab Republic of Egypt.

Duncan T. Moore, of New York, to be an Associate Director of the Office of Science and Technology Policy.

Steven Karl Pifer, of California, to be Ambassador to Ukraine.

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**Record Votes:** Two record votes were taken today. (Total—265)

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**Adjournment:** Senate convened at 10 a.m., and adjourned at 5:02 p.m., until 10 a.m., on Friday, October 3, 1997. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S10306.)

## Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

### RADIOACTIVE FALLOUT

**Committee on Appropriations:** Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, and Related Agencies held hearings to examine the findings of a National Cancer Institute report on radioactive fallout from atomic weapons tests conducted by the United States government in the 1950s, and the incidence of thyroid cancer in the State of Iowa, receiving testimony from Richard Klausner, Director, National Cancer Institute, National Institutes of Health, Department of Health and Human Services; Andrea Holden McGuire, Staff Physician, VA Medical Center (Des Moines, Iowa), Department of Veterans Affairs; Joseph L. Lyon, University of Utah, Salt Lake City; Jan Beyea, Consulting in the Public Interest, Lambertville, New Jersey; and Timothy J. Connor, Energy Research Foundation, Spokane, Washington.

Hearings were recessed subject to call.

### NOMINATION

**Committee on Armed Services:** Committee concluded hearings on the nomination of Jacques Gansler, of Virginia, to be Under Secretary of Defense for Acquisition and Technology, after the nominee testified and answered questions in his own behalf.

### NOMINATION

**Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation:** Committee concluded hearings on the nomination of William E. Kennard, of California, to be a Member of the Federal Communications Commission, after the nominee, who was introduced by Senator Moseley-Braun, testified and answered questions in his own behalf.

### NATIONAL MEMORIAL/WILD HORSES PRESERVATION

**Committee on Energy and Natural Resources:** Subcommittee on National Parks, Historic Preservation, and Recreation concluded hearings on S. 940, to provide for a study of the establishment of Midway

Atoll as a national memorial to the Battle of Midway, and H.R. 765, to ensure maintenance of a herd of wild horses in Cape Lookout National Seashore in North Carolina, after receiving testimony from Senator Helms; Representative Jones; Maureen Finnerty, Associate Director for Park Operations and Education, National Park Service, and John Rogers, Deputy Director, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, both of the Department of the Interior; Daniel I. Rubenstein, Princeton University, Princeton, New Jersey; James M. D'Angelo, Rockville, Maryland, and Rear Adm. Edward Feightner, USN (Ret.), Arlington, Virginia, both on behalf of the International Midway Memorial Foundation, Inc.; and Randall Davis, Midway Phoenix Corporation, Cartersville, Georgia; and Edward Feightner, Arlington, Virginia.

### BUSINESS MEETING

*Committee on Finance:* Committee ordered favorably reported the following measures:

An original bill to extend tariff proclamation authority and fast track procedures for congressional consideration of trade agreements; and

An original bill to expand the existing Caribbean Basin Initiative by providing for additional tariff preferences on certain products not previously covered by the program.

### ALGERIA

*Committee on Foreign Relations:* Subcommittee on Near Eastern and South Asian Affairs concluded hearings to examine the current situation in Algeria, including recent human rights violations, after receiving testimony from Ronald E. Newmann, Deputy Assistant Secretary of State for Near Eastern Affairs; Mary-Jane Deeb, Middle East Institute, Washington, D.C.; and Lisa Anderson, Columbia University, New York, New York.

### RELIGIOUS LIBERTY

*Committee on the Judiciary:* Committee held hearings to examine Congress' constitutional role in protecting religious liberty in the wake of the Supreme Court's decision in the case of *City of Boerne v. Flores* in which the court held the Religious Freedom Restoration Act unconstitutional under the 14th Amendment as applied to the States, receiving testimony from Douglas Laycock, University of Texas, Austin; Michael Stokes Paulsen, University of Minnesota Law School, Minneapolis; Erwin Chemerinsky,

University of Southern California Law Center, Los Angeles, California; and Daniel O. Conkle, Indiana University, Bloomington.

Hearings were recessed subject to call.

### HEALTH INSURANCE COVERAGE

*Committee on Labor and Human Resources:* Committee concluded hearings to examine certain efforts to expand health insurance coverage, and S. 729, to amend title I of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 to provide new portability, participation, solvency, and other health insurance protections and freedoms for workers in a mobile workforce, to increase the purchasing power of employees and employers by removing barriers to the voluntary formation of association health plans, to increase health plan competition providing more affordable choice of coverage, and to expand access to health insurance coverage for employees of small employers through open markets, after receiving testimony from Representative Fawell; Olena Berg, Assistant Secretary of Labor for Pension and Welfare Benefits; Glenn Pomeroy, North Dakota Department of Insurance, Bismarck, on behalf of the National Association of Insurance Commissioners; Patricia C. Gagne, Claim Technologies Incorporated, Des Moines, Iowa, on behalf of the Boys and Girls Club Workers Association; and Dale Gilliland, American Foam Center, Arlington, Virginia; and W. David Helms, Alpha Center, Dan Danner, National Federation of Independent Business, Judith G. Waxman, Families USA Foundation, and Mary Nell Lehnhard, Blue Cross Blue Shield Association, all of Washington, D.C.

### SENATE ELECTION

*Committee on Rules and Administration:* Committee met in open and closed session and agreed to a committee motion to terminate the committee's investigation of issues with regard to petitions filed in connection with a contested United States Senate election held in Louisiana in November 1996.

### NOMINATION

*Select Committee on Intelligence:* Committee concluded hearings on the nomination of Lt. Gen. John A. Gordon, USAF, to be Deputy Director of Central Intelligence, after the nominee, who was introduced by Senators Ashcroft and Bond, testified and answered questions in his own behalf.