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Adjournment: Senate convened at 10:30 a.m., and adjourned at 3:52 p.m., until 11 a.m., on Monday, February 9, 1998. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today's Record on page S461.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

TELEMARKETING FRAUD

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, State, and the Judiciary concluded hearings to examine the scope of telecommunications fraud and abuse and its victimization of the elderly, after receiving testimony from Robert Pitofsky, Chairman, Federal Trade Commission; Walter L. Maroney, New Hampshire Attorney General's Office of Consumer Protection, Concord; Harold Phillips, Charleston County Sheriff's Department, Charleston, South Carolina; and Helen Boosalis, Lincoln, Nebraska, on behalf of the American Association of Retired Persons.

NOMINATIONS/AUTHORIZATION—DOD

Committee on Armed Services: Committee ordered favorably reported the nominations of Gen. Joseph W. Ralston, USAF, for appointment as the Vice Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff and for appointment to the grade of General, Maj. Gen. Thomas R. Case, USAF, for appointment in the United States Air Force to the grade of Lieutenant General, Col. Mi-

chael J. Squier, USA, for appointment in the Reserve of the Army to the grade of Brigadier General, and Col. Robert L. Echols, USA, for appointment in the Reserve of the Army to the grade of Brigadier General.

Also, committee resumed hearings on proposed legislation authorizing funds for fiscal year 1999 for the Department of Defense and the future years defense program, receiving testimony from John H. Dalton, Secretary of the Navy; Adm. Jay L. Johnson, USN, Chief of Naval Operations; and Gen. Charles C. Krulak, USMC, Commandant of the Marine Corps.

Hearings continue on Tuesday, February 10.

IRS REFORM

Committee on Finance: Committee resumed hearings on proposals and recommendations to restructure and reform the Internal Revenue Service, including related measures S.1096 and H.R. 2676, focusing on increasing Congressional and Executive Branch oversight of the IRS, receiving testimony from Richard B. Calahan, Deputy Inspector General, Department of the Treasury; Lynda D. Willis, Director, Tax Policy and Administration Issues, General Government Division, General Accounting Office; Bruce A. Strauss, Jacksonville, Florida, former Division Chief, Collection Division, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury; Nina E. Olson, Community Tax Law Project, Richmond, Virginia; Michael I. Saltzman, White & Case, New York, New York; and Robert S. Schriebman, Rolling Hills Estates, California.

Hearings continue on Wednesday, February 11.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Bills introduced: 12 public bills, H.R. 3163-3174; and 4 resolutions, H. Con. Res. 209-210, and H. Res. 351, 353, were introduced. Page H385

Reports Filed: A reports was filed today as follows: H. Res. 352, providing for consideration of motions to suspend the rules (H. Rept. 105-415). Page H385

Speaker Pro Tempore: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he designated Representative Emerson to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. Page H337

Guest Chaplain: The prayer was offered by the guest Chaplain, the Reverend Douglas Tanner of Washington, D.C. Page H337

National Education Testing: The House passed H.R. 2846, to prohibit spending Federal education funds on national testing without explicit and specific legislation by a ye and nay vote of 242 yeas to 174 nays, Roll No. 9. Pages H345-55

Agreed to the Committee amendment in the nature of a substitute made in order by the rule. Page H354

The Clerk was authorized to make technical corrections and conforming changes to the bill. Page H355

Agreed to H. Res. 348, the rule that provided for consideration of the bill by a voice vote. Earlier, agreed to order the previous question by a yea and nay vote of 220 yeas to 185 nays, Roll No. 8.

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Ronald Reagan Washington National Airport: The House passed S. 1575, to rename the Washington National Airport located in the District of Columbia and Virginia as the “Ronald Reagan Washington National Airport”—clearing the measure for the President. Subsequently, H.R. 2625, a similar House-passed bill was laid on the table.

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Earlier, agreed to H. Res. 349, the rule that provided for consideration of the bill.

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Military Construction Appropriations Act Line Item Veto: By a yea and nay vote of 347 yeas to 69 nays, Roll No. 10, the House voted to override the President’s veto of H.R. 2631, disapproving the cancellations transmitted by the President on October 6, 1997, regarding Public Law 105–45 (two-thirds of those present voting in favor)—clearing the measure for Senate action.

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Member Sworn: Representative-elect Gregory W. Meeks presented himself in the well of the House and was administered the oath of office by the Speaker.

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Committee Election: The House agreed to H. Res. 351, electing Representatives Sandlin and Meeks of New York to the Committee on Banking and Financial Services.

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Legislative Program: The Chief Deputy Majority Whip announced the Legislative Program for the week of February 9.

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Calendar Wednesday: Agreed to dispense with Calendar Wednesday business of February, 11.

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Presidential Messages: Read the following messages from the President:

Commodity Credit Corporation: Message wherein he transmitted the fiscal year 1995 report of the Commodity Credit Corporation—referred to the Committee on Agriculture;

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National Endowment for the Humanities: Message wherein he transmitted the 1996 annual report of the National Endowment for the Humanities—referred to the Committee on Education and the Workforce; and

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United States and Poland Fisheries Agreement: Message wherein he transmitted the agreement between the United States and the Republic of Poland concerning fisheries off the coasts of the United

States—referred to the Committee on Resources and ordered printed (H. Doc. 105–211).

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Quorum Calls—Votes: One quorum call (Roll No. 11) and three yea and nay votes developed during the proceedings of the House today and appear on pages H345, H345–55, H362, and H364.

Adjournment: Met at 10:00 a.m. and pursuant to H. Con. Res. 201 adjourned at 5:05 p.m. until 3:00 p.m. on Wednesday, February 11.

Committee Meetings

FOOD STAMP ACT—ANTI-FRAUD PROVISIONS ENFORCEMENT

Committee on Agriculture: Subcommittee on Department Operations, Nutrition, and Foreign Agriculture held a hearing on the enforcement of anti-fraud provisions of the Food Stamp Act. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the USDA: Roger C. Viadero, Inspector General; and Yvette S. Jackson, Administrator, Food and Nutrition Service; James H. DeAtley, U.S. Attorney, Southern District of Texas; and Christo M. Tolia, Director, Division of Public Assistance Fraud, Office of the Auditor General, State of Florida.

INTERIOR APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Interior held an oversight hearing on the Smithsonian, National Gallery of Art, Kennedy Center and the Holocaust Museum. Testimony was heard from I. Michael Heyman, Secretary, Smithsonian Institution; Lawrence J. Wilker, President, John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts; Earl A. Powell III, Director, National Gallery of Art; and Walter Reich, Museum Director, U.S. Holocaust Memorial Museum.

OVERSIGHT—LABOR DEPARTMENT; LABOR-HHS-EDUCATION APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Labor-Health and Human Services, and Education held an oversight hearing on the Department of Labor. Testimony was heard from Carlotta C. Joyner, Director, Education and Employment Issues, Health, Education, and Human Services Division, GAO.

The Subcommittee also continued appropriation hearings. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

LEGISLATIVE APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Legislative held a hearing on the CBO, and the GPO. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the CBO: June E. O’Neill, Director; James L. Blum,