

scheduled to occur on McCain Amendment No. 1646 and the bill.

**Messages From the President:** Senate received the following messages from the President of the United States:

Transmitting the report of the notice of the continuation of the national emergency relating to Cuba and of the emergency authority relating to the regulation of the anchorage and movement of vessels; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs. (PM-98). **Page S1002**

Transmitting a report on the Loan Guarantees to Israel Program; referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations. (PM-99). **Page S1002**

Transmitting the report of the Corporation for Public Broadcasting; referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation. (PM-100). **Page S1002**

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

Sue Bailey, of Maryland, to be an Assistant Secretary of Defense.

William C. Apgar, Jr., of Massachusetts, to be an Assistant Secretary of Housing and Urban Development.

Michael J. Copps, of Virginia, to be an Assistant Secretary of Commerce.

Ruth Y. Goldway, of California, to be a Commissioner of the Postal Rate Commission for a term expiring November 22, 2002.

Deidre A. Lee, of Oklahoma, to be Administrator for Federal Procurement Policy. **Page S1034**

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**Record Votes:** Three record votes were taken today. (Total—15) **Pages S999-1001**

**Adjournment:** Senate convened at 10 a.m., and adjourned at 7:58 p.m., until 10 a.m. on Thursday, February 26, 1998. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today's Record, on page S1033.)

## Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

### OPERATIONAL READINESS

*Committee on Armed Services:* Subcommittee on Readiness concluded hearings to examine the status of the operational readiness of the United States Military Forces including the availability of resources and training opportunities necessary to meet our national security requirements, after receiving testimony from Gen. William W. Crouch, USA, Vice Chief of Staff, United States Army; Adm. Donald L. Pilling, USN, Vice Chief of Naval Operations; Gen. Ralph E. Eberhart, USAF, Vice Chief of Staff, United States Air Force; Gen. Richard I. Neal, USMC, Assistant Commandant, United States Marine Corps; Lt. Gen. John W. Hendrix, USA, Commanding General, V Corps, U.S. Army Europe and VII Army; Vice Adm. Steve Abbot, USN, Commander, Sixth Fleet; Lt. Gen. John W. Handy, USAF, Commander, 21st Air Force, Air Mobility Command; and Lt. Gen. Carlton W. Fulford, Jr., USMC, Commanding General, 1 Marine Expeditionary Force.

### MONETARY POLICY

*Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs:* Committee concluded hearings to examine the Federal Reserve's report on the economic situation and monetary policy of the United States, after receiving testimony from Alan Greenspan, Chairman, Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System.

### BUDGET PROJECTIONS

*Committee on the Budget:* Committee concluded hearings to examine long term budget projections, focusing on overall policy and Federal spending, after receiving testimony from Paul L. Posner, Director, Budget Issues, Accounting and Information Management Division, General Accounting Office; former Representative Bill Frenzel and Timothy Penny, both on behalf of the Committee for a Responsible Federal Budget, and C. Eugene Steuerle, Urban Institute, all of Washington, D.C.; and Uwe E. Reinhardt, Princeton University, Princeton, New Jersey.

### AUTHORIZATION-RAIL SAFETY

*Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation:* Subcommittee on Surface Transportation and Merchant Marine concluded hearings on proposed legislation authorizing funds for programs of the Rail Safety Act, after receiving testimony from Jolene M. Molitoris, Administrator, Federal Railroad Administration, Department of Transportation; Robert T.

Francis II, Chairman, and Robert Lauby, Director, Office of Railroad Safety, both of the National Transportation Safety Board; M.B. Oglesby, Jr., Association of American Railroads, and Dan Pickett, AFL-CIO, both of Washington, D.C.; Gerri L. Hall, Operation Lifesaver, Inc., Alexandria, Virginia; and Lonnie E. Blaydes, Jr., Dallas Area Rapid Transit, Dallas, Texas, on behalf of the American Public Transit Association.

### SPECIALTY FOREST PRODUCTS

*Committee on Energy and Natural Resources:* Subcommittee on Forests and Public Land Management concluded oversight hearings to examine the harvest of specialty forest products from national forests, focusing on the Forest Service's progress and plans for managing specialty forest products, how Native Americans will be able to obtain the plant materials they depend on, and how community-based solutions can protect environmental values while meeting the social and economic needs of local communities, after receiving testimony from Ronald Stewart, Deputy Chief for Programs and Legislation, Forest Service, Department of Agriculture; Christina Johnson, Trinity Alps Botanicals, Burnt Ranch, California; Victor Benavides, Forest Workers and Harvesters Alliance, White Salmon, Washington; Melissa Borsting, Rogue Institute for Ecology and Economy, Ashland, Oregon; Bodi K. Shaw, Confederated Tribes, Warm Springs, Oregon; Carla HighEagle, Nez Perce Tribal Executive Committee, Lapwai, Idaho; Rebecca Templin Richards, University of Montana, Missoula; Chris C. Schnepf, University of Idaho, Coeur d'Alene; Keith A. Blatner, Washington State University, Pullman; and Jason W. Clay, World Wildlife Fund, Washington, D.C.

### IRS REFORM

*Committee on Finance:* Committee resumed hearings on proposals and recommendations to restructure and reform the Internal Revenue Service, including a related measure H.R. 2676, receiving testimony from Paul C. Light, Pew Charitable Trusts, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania; and Ronald P. Sanders, George Washington University, Thomas H. Stanton, National Academy of Public Administration, G. Jerry Shaw, Senior Executives Association, Robert M. Tobias, National Treasury Employees Union, and Ray Woolner, Professional Managers Association, all of Washington, D.C.

Hearings were recessed subject to call.

### NOMINATION

*Committee on Foreign Relations:* Committee concluded hearings on the nomination of Robert T. Grey, Jr., of Virginia, for the rank of Ambassador during his tenure of service as United States Representative to

the Conference on Disarmament, after the nominee testified and answered questions in his own behalf.

### CASPIAN SEA OIL PIPELINE

*Committee on Foreign Relations:* Subcommittee on International Economic Policy, Export and Trade Promotion held hearings on the implementation of U.S. energy policy in the Caspian region, focusing on the construction of a Western Caspian Sea oil pipeline, receiving testimony from Robert W. Gee, Assistant Secretary of Energy for Policy and International Affairs; Jan Kalicki, Counselor to the Department of Commerce; Lawrence R. Fisher, Fluor-Daniel Incorporated, Sugar Land, Texas; and Charles William Maynes, Eursaia Foundation, Washington, D.C.

Hearings were recessed subject to call.

### HIGH-TECH WORKER SHORTAGE AND IMMIGRATION POLICY

*Committee on the Judiciary:* Committee concluded hearings to examine United States immigration policy with regard to labor market conditions in high-technology industries, and the Administration's proposal to raise the annual quota of H1-B visas, which enable skilled engineers to enter the United States to work for American high-tech companies, after receiving testimony from Raymond J. Uhalde, Acting Assistant Secretary of Labor for Employment and Training; T.J. Rodgers, Cypress Semiconductor Corporation, San Jose, California; Michael Murray, Microsoft Corporation, Robert I. Lerman, Urban Institute, both of Washington, D.C.; Stephen H. Leven, Texas Instruments Incorporated, Dallas, on behalf of the American Electronics Association; Kenneth M. Alvares, Sun Microsystems, Inc., Palo Alto, California; Stephen Director, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor; Peter R. Genereaux, Utah Information Technologies Association, Midvale; Harris N. Miller, Information Technology Association of America, Arlington, Virginia; and John R. Reinert, Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers—United States of America, Colorado Springs, Colorado.

### NOMINATIONS

*Committee on the Judiciary:* Committee concluded hearings on the nominations of Susan Graber, of Oregon, and Richard A. Paez, of California, each to be a United States Circuit Judge for the Ninth Circuit, Sam A. Lindsay, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of Texas, Hilda G. Tagle, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of Texas, and Judith M. Barzilay, of New Jersey, and Delissa A. Ridgway, of the District of Columbia, each to be a Judge of the United States Court of International Trade, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

Ms. Graber was introduced by Senators Smith and Wyden, Mr. Paez was introduced by Senators Feinstein and Boxer, Mr. Lindsay was introduced by Senator Hutchison, Ms. Tagle was introduced by Senator Hutchison and Representative Ortiz and Eddie Bernice Johnson, and Ms. Ridgway was introduced by District of Columbia Delegate Eleanor Holmes Norton.

### QUALITY SCHOOL-AGE CARE

*Committee on Labor and Human Resources:* Committee concluded hearings to examine certain initiatives to mobilize school and community resources to provide quality programs to address the needs of students during non-school hours, including the Administration's proposed expansion of the 21st Century Community Learning Centers program designed to provide funds to school-community partnerships to start up or expand after-school, extended learning programs for school-age children, after receiving testimony from Gerald N. Tirozzi, Assistant Secretary of Education for Elementary and Secondary Education; Shepherd Smith, Institute for Youth Development, Washington, D.C.; Sue Luck, Greater Burlington YMCA, Burlington, Vermont; Brad Luck, Essex Teen Center, Essex Junction, Vermont; Arthur W. Sheninger, Hatchery Hill School, Hackettstown, New Jersey, on behalf of the National Association of Elementary School Principals; Linda Childers, Young American's Bank, Denver, Colorado, on behalf of the National Assembly of National Voluntary Health and Human Welfare Organizations; and Thomas C. Frazier, Baltimore City Police Depart-

ment, Baltimore, Maryland, on behalf of Fight Crime: Invest in Kids.

### BUDGET REQUESTS

*Committee on Rules and Administration:* Committee concluded oversight hearings to review the strategic plan implementation, including the budget requests for fiscal year 1999, after receiving testimony on behalf of funds for their operations from Gary Sisco, Secretary of the Senate; Gregory S. Casey, Senate Sergeant at Arms; and Alan M. Hantman, Architect of the Capitol.

### INDIAN PROGRAMS BUDGET

*Committee on Indian Affairs:* Committee held hearings on the President's proposed budget request for fiscal year 1999 for Indian programs, receiving testimony from Kevin Gover, Assistant Secretary of the Interior for Indian Affairs; Michael H. Trujillo, Assistant Surgeon General, and Director, Indian Health Service, Department of Health and Human Services; Jacqueline L. Johnson, Deputy Assistant Secretary of Housing and Urban Development for Native American Programs; W. Ron Allen, Jamestown S'Klallam Tribe, Sequim, Washington, on behalf of the National Congress of American Indians; Chester Carl, Navajo Nation's Housing Authority, Window Rock, Arizona, on behalf of the National American Indian Housing Council; Julia A. Davis, Northwest Portland Area Indian Health Board, Portland, Oregon; John Cheek, National Indian Education Association, Alexandria, Virginia; and Buford Rolin, National Indian Health Board, Denver, Colorado.

Committee will meet again tomorrow.

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## House of Representatives

### Chamber Action

**Bills Introduced:** 21 public bills, H.R. 3258–3278; and 2 resolutions, H. Con. Res. 224, and H. Res. 369 were introduced.

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**Reports Filed:** One report was filed today as follows:

H. Res. 368, providing for consideration of H.R. 2460, to amend title 18, United States Code, with respect to scanning receivers and similar devices (H. Rept. 105–421).

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

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**Federal Agency Compliance Act:** The House passed H.R. 1544, to prevent Federal agencies from pursuing policies of unjustifiable nonacquiescence in, and relitigation of, precedents established in the Federal judicial circuits by a recorded vote of 241 ayes to 176 noes, Roll No. 24.

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Rejected:

The Nadler amendment that sought to limit the scope of the bill to agency actions which involve Federal benefits programs or the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 (rejected by a recorded vote of 172 ayes to 238 noes, Roll No. 19);

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The Jackson-Lee amendment that sought to exempt the adherence to court precedent if the agency matter is under consideration by a U.S. court of appeals and involves issues of civil rights, labor rights,