

in the affirmative, Senate agreed to close further debate on the modified committee amendment in the nature of a substitute (Amendment No. 1676).

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A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the bill on Thursday, March 12, 1998.

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

Transmitting the report of a Presidential Determination (98–17) relative to Vietnam; referred to the Committee on Finance. (PM–110).

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Nominations Confirmed: Senate confirmed the following nominations:

Hilda G. Tagle, of Texas, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of Texas.

Sam A. Lindsay, of Texas, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of Texas.

Judith M. Barzilay, of New Jersey, to be a Judge of the United States Court of International Trade.

Delissa A. Ridgway, of the District of Columbia, to be a Judge of the United States Court of International Trade.

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Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

Thomas Ehrlich, of California, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Corporation for National and Community Service for a term of five years.

Dorothy A. Johnson, of Michigan, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Corporation for National and Community Service for a term of five years.

Alice Rae Yelen, of Louisiana, to be a Member of the National Museum Services Board for a term expiring December 6, 2001.

Stephen C. Robinson, of Connecticut, to be United States Attorney for the District of Connecticut for the term of four years.

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Nomination Withdrawn: Senate received notification of the withdrawal of the following nomination:

Ida L. Castro, of New York, to be Director of the Women's Bureau, Department of Labor, which was sent to the Senate on October 9, 1997.

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Record Votes: Three record votes were taken today. (Total–28) Pages S1752, S1757, S1762–63

Adjournment: Senate convened at 9 a.m., and adjourned at 6:48 p.m., until 9:30 a.m., on Thursday, March 12, 1998. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record, on page S1808.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

APPROPRIATIONS—DEFENSE

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Defense held hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 1999 for the Department of Defense, focusing on Navy and Marine Corps programs, receiving testimony from John H. Dalton, Secretary of the Navy; Adm. Jay L. Johnson, Chief of Naval Operations; and Gen. Charles C. Krulak, Commandant of the Marine Corps.

Subcommittee will meet again on Wednesday, March 18.

AUTHORIZATION—DEFENSE

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Airland Forces held hearings on proposed legislation authorizing funds for fiscal year 1999 for the Department of Defense and the future years defense program, focusing on land forces modernization, receiving testimony from Lt. Gen. Paul J. Kern, USA, Military Deputy Director/Assistant Secretary of the Army (Research, Development and Acquisition); Lt. Gen. John N. Abrams, USA, Deputy Commanding General, United States Training and Doctrine Command; Maj. Gen. Michael J. Williams, USMC, Commanding General, Marine Corps Systems Command; and Lt. Gen. John E. Rhodes, USMC, Commanding General, Marine Corps Combat Development Command.

Subcommittee will meet again on Wednesday, March 25.

AUTHORIZATION—DEFENSE

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Personnel held hearings on proposed legislation authorizing funds for fiscal year 1999 for the Department of Defense and the future years defense program, focusing on the military health system, receiving testimony from Gary A. Christopherson, Acting Assistant Secretary of Defense for Health Affairs; Lt. Gen. Ronald R. Blanck, USA, Surgeon General of the Army; Vice Adm. Harold M. Koenig, USN, Surgeon General of the Navy; Lt. Gen. Charles E. Roadman, II, USAF,

Surgeon General of the Air Force; David J. McIntyre, Jr., TriWest Healthcare Alliance, Phoenix, Arizona; Robert E. Shields, Humana Military Healthcare Services, Inc., Louisville, Kentucky; Capt. Calvin C. Dudley, USN (Ret.), Georgia Federal/Military Retiree Coalition, Royston; Cdr. Michael W. Lord, USN (Ret.), Commissioned Officers Association of the U.S. Public Health Service, Inc., and Sydney Hickey, National Military Family Association, Alexandria, Virginia, both on behalf of the Military Coalition; Col. Charles C. Partridge, USA (Ret.), National Association for Uniformed Services, Springfield, Virginia, on behalf of the National Military and Veterans Alliance; and W. Hal Franck, Mountain Home Air Force Base, Idaho.

Subcommittee will meet again on Wednesday, March 18.

AUTHORIZATION—DEFENSE

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Readiness held hearings on proposed legislation authorizing funds for fiscal year 1999 for the Department of Defense and the future years defense program, focusing on environmental and military construction programs, receiving testimony from Sherri W. Goodman, Deputy Under Secretary of Defense for Environmental Security; Jan B. Reitman, Staff Director, Environment and Safety, Defense Logistics Agency; Raymond J. Fatz, Deputy Assistant Secretary of the Army for Environment, Safety and Occupational Health; Robert B. Pirie, Jr., Assistant Secretary of the Navy for Installations and Environment; Thomas W. McCall, Jr., Deputy Assistant Secretary of the Air Force for Environmental, Safety and Occupational Health; John B. Goodman, Deputy Under Secretary of Defense for Industrial Affairs and Installations; Paul Johnson, Deputy Assistant Secretary of the Army for Installations and Housing; and Jimmy Dishner, Deputy Assistant Secretary of the Air Force for Installations.

Subcommittee recessed subject to call.

AUTHORIZATION—DEFENSE

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Strategic Forces held hearings on proposed legislation authorizing funds for fiscal year 1999 for the Department of Defense and the future years defense program, focusing on United States national security space programs and policies, receiving testimony from Gen. Howell M. Estes, USAF, Commander-in-Chief, United States Space Command; and Keith R. Hall, Assistant Secretary of the Air Force for Space/Director, National Reconnaissance Office.

Subcommittee will meet again tomorrow.

ELECTRONIC AUTHENTICATION

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: Subcommittee on Financial Services and Technology concluded hearings on S. 1594, to facilitate the use of electronic authentication techniques by financial institutions, after receiving testimony from P. Michael Nugent, Citibank, New York, New York; and Ken Lieberman, VISA U.S.A., Inc., Harris Miller, ITAA, and Alfred M. Pollard, Bankers Roundtable, all of Washington, D.C.

GLOBAL TOBACCO SETTLEMENT

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Committee resumed hearings on proposed legislation to reform and restructure the processes by which tobacco products are manufactured, marketed, and distributed, to prevent the use of tobacco products by minors, and to redress the adverse health effects of tobacco use, receiving testimony from Senators Hatch, Chafee, Baucus, Lugar, and Conrad.

Hearings continue on Tuesday, March 17.

BUSINESS MEETING

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

S. 633, to adjust the boundary of the Petroglyph National Monument in New Mexico to exclude the Paseo del Norte road corridor, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 1132, to modify the boundaries of the Bandelier National Monument to include the lands within the headwaters of the Upper Alamo Watershed which drain into the monument and which are not currently within the jurisdiction of a Federal land management agency, and to authorize purchase or donation of those lands, with amendments; and

S. 1069, to designate the American Discovery Trail as the first National Discovery Trail and to establish a new category within the National Trails System, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute.

Committee also completed its review of those programs which fall within the committee's jurisdiction as contained in the President's proposed budget for fiscal year 1999, and agreed on recommendations it will make thereon to the Committee on the Budget.

Also, committee began markup of S. 1403, to establish a national historic lighthouse preservation program, but did not complete action thereon, and recessed subject to call.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee ordered favorably reported S. Res. 187, expressing the sense of the Senate regarding the human rights situation in the People's Republic of China.

MIDDLE EAST

Committee on Foreign Relations: Subcommittee on Near Eastern and South Asian Affairs held hearings to examine recent developments in the Middle East, focusing on the Israel-PLO negotiating process and the role of the United States in that process, receiving testimony from Senators Kyl and Lieberman; Martin S. Indyk, Assistant Secretary of State for Near Eastern Affairs; Daniel Pipes, *Middle East Quarterly*, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania; Henry Siegman, Council on Foreign Relations, New York, New York; and Robert Satloff, Washington Institute for Near East Policy, and Steven Emerson, both of Washington, D.C.

Hearings were recessed subject to call.

NOMINATION

Committee on the Judiciary: Committee concluded an additional hearing on the nomination of Frederica A. Massiah-Jackson, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania (pending on Senate Executive Calendar), after the nominee testified and answered further questions in her own behalf.

BANKRUPTCY REFORM

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Administrative Oversight and the Courts concluded hearings on S. 1301, to provide for consumer bankruptcy protection, focusing on certain abuses occurring under the current Bankruptcy Code, after receiving testimony from Richard M. Stana, Legislative Advisor, General Accounting Office; Lawrence A. Friedman, Friedman and Kohut, Southfield, Michigan, on behalf of the National Association of Bankruptcy Trustees; A. Thomas Small, Chief Bankruptcy Judge, Eastern District of North Carolina; Tahira K. Hira, Iowa State University, Ames; George J. Wallace, Eckert Seamans Cherin & Mellott, on behalf of the American Financial Services Association, Michael E. Staten, Credit Research Center/Georgetown University School of Business, and Stephen Brobeck, Consumer Federation of America, all of Washington, D.C.; William E. Brewer, Jr., Raleigh, North Carolina, on behalf of the National Association of Consumer Bankruptcy Attorneys; Stanton Bluestone, Carson Pirie Scott & Company, Milwaukee, Wisconsin, on behalf of the National Retail Federation; Brian McDonnell, National Association of Federal Credit Unions, Arlington, Virginia; Robert Elliot, Household International, Inc., Prospect Heights, Illinois; Douglas Boshkoff, Indiana University School of Law, Bloomington; Randal C. Picker, University of Chicago Law School, Chicago, Illinois, on behalf of the National Bankruptcy Conference; Deborah D. Williamson, Cox & Smith, San Antonio, Texas, on behalf of the American Bankruptcy Institute; and Matthew J. Mason, Detroit, Michigan, on behalf of

the International Union, United Automobile, Aerospace, and Agricultural Implement Workers of America and the UAW-GM Legal Services Plan.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Labor and Human Resources: Committee ordered favorably reported the nomination of Richard M. McGahey, of New York, to be an Assistant Secretary of Labor.

Also, committee began markup of S. 1648, to amend the Public Health Service Act and the Food, Drug and Cosmetic Act to provide for reductions in youth smoking, for advancements in tobacco-related research, and the development of safer tobacco products, but did not complete action thereon, and will meet again on Wednesday, March 18.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Indian Affairs: Committee completed its review of those programs which fall within the committee's jurisdiction as contained in the President's proposed budget for fiscal year 1999, and agreed on recommendations it will make thereon to the Committee on the Budget.

TRIBAL SOVEREIGN IMMUNITY

Committee on Indian Affairs: Committee held hearings to examine the status of tribal sovereign immunity and the role it plays to preserve the Federal Government's protection of tribal self-government, and its impact on Indian economic development, commercial dealings and taxation, and related proposals, including S. 1691, to provide for Indian legal reform, receiving testimony from Representatives Istook and LaHood; Derril B. Jordan, Associate Solicitor, Division of Indian Affairs, Department of the Interior; Thomas L. LeClaire, Director, Office of Tribal Justice, Department of Justice; Judge R.A. Randall, Minnesota State Court of Appeals, St. Paul; New York State Assembly Jeffrey Klein, Albany; Michael Harris, Michael D. Harris Law Office, Tahlequah, Oklahoma; Phillip Martin, Mississippi Band of Choctaw Indians, Philadelphia; W. Ron Allen, Jamestown S'Klallam Tribe, Sequim, Washington, on behalf of the National Congress of American Indians; Mark A. Jarboe, Dorsey & Whitney, Minneapolis, Minnesota; John Lattaudio, J & J Mini-Markets, Alamogordo, New Mexico; Greg Love, Love's Country Stores, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, on behalf of the Society of Independent Gasoline Marketers of America; Gregory E. Pyle, Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma, Durant; David Kwait, Inter Tribal Council of Arizona, Phoenix; Reid Peyton Chambers, Sonosky, Chambers, Sachse & Endreson, Washington, D.C.; and Scott Morrison, Wilburton, Oklahoma.

Hearings were recessed subject to call.