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Adjournment: Senate convened at 9 a.m., and adjourned at 7:04 p.m., until 9:30 a.m., on Thursday, March 19, 1998. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today's Record, on Page S2235.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

APPROPRIATIONS—DEFENSE

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Defense resumed hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 1999 for the Department of Defense, focusing on the National Guard and Youth Challenge programs, receiving testimony from Mississippi Governor Kirk Fordice, Jackson; Lt. Gen. Edward D. Baca, Chief, National Guard Bureau; Maj. Gen. William Navas, Jr., Director, Army National Guard; Maj. Gen. Paul A. Weaver, Jr., Director, Air National Guard; Maj. Gen. Jake Lestenkof, Alaska Adjutant General; Joshua B. Phagan, Forsyth, Georgia; and Tiffany Brown, Savannah, Georgia.

Subcommittee will meet again tomorrow.

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA REVITALIZATION

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on the District of Columbia held hearings on the implementation of the National Capital Revitalization and Self-Government Improvement Act of 1997 (P.L. 105–34) as it relates to the revitalization of the District of Columbia, receiving testimony from Andrew F. Brimmer, Chairman, and Camille C. Barnett, Chief Management Officer, both of the District of Columbia Financial Responsibility and Management Assistance Authority; and Anthony Williams, Chief Financial Officer, Government of the District of Columbia.

Subcommittee recessed subject to call.

APPROPRIATIONS—LABOR

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education held hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 1999 for the Department of Labor, receiving testimony from Alexis M. Herman, Secretary of Labor.

Subcommittee will meet again on Tuesday, March 24.

DOD ACQUISITION REFORM

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Acquisition and Technology held hearings to review the status of acquisition reform in the Department of Defense, receiving testimony from Eleanor Hill, Inspector General, Jacques Gansler, Under Secretary for Acquisition and Technology, and Brig. Gen. Timothy P. Malishenko, USAF, Commander, Defense Contract Management Command, Defense Logistics Agency, all of the Department of Defense; Louis J. Rodriguez, Director, Defense Acquisition Issues, General Accounting Office; John Douglass, Assistant Secretary of the Navy (Research, Development and Acquisition); Kenneth Oscar, Acting Assistant Secretary of the Army (Research, Development and Acquisition); and Darleen A. Druyun, Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary of the Air Force (Acquisition and Management).

Subcommittee recessed subject to call.

AUTHORIZATION—DEFENSE

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Personnel resumed hearings on proposed legislation authorizing funds for fiscal year 1999 for the Department of Defense and the future years defense program, focusing on active and reserve military and civilian personnel programs and the Service safety programs, receiving testimony from Rudy de Leon, Under Secretary of Defense for Personnel and Readiness; Lt. Gen. Frederick E. Vollrath, USA, Deputy Chief of Army Staff for Personnel; Vice Adm. Daniel T. Oliver, USN, Chief of Navy Personnel; Lt. Gen. Carol A. Mutter, USMC, Deputy Chief of Staff for Manpower and Reserve Affairs; and Lt. Gen. Michael D. McGinty, USAF, Deputy Chief of Air Force Staff for Personnel.

Subcommittee recessed subject to call.

OTS YEAR 2000 PREPAREDNESS

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: Subcommittee on Financial Services and Technology concluded hearings to examine the status of the Office of Thrift Supervision's (OTS) efforts to ensure that the computer operations of OTS and the thrift industry are prepared for the Year 2000 computer conversion challenge, after receiving testimony from Ellen Seidman, Director, Office of Thrift Supervision, Department of the Treasury; and Jack L. Brock, Jr., Director, Governmentwide and Defense Information Systems, Accounting and Information Management Division, General Accounting Office.

1999 BUDGET

Committee on the Budget: Committee continued in evening session to mark up a proposed concurrent resolution setting forth the fiscal year 1999 budget for the Federal Government.

TELECOMMUNICATIONS ACT IMPLEMENTATION

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Subcommittee on Communications held oversight hearings on the implementation of the Telecommunications Act of 1996 (P.L. 104-104), focusing on the state of competition in local and long distance phone service, the cable industry, and newspaper and radio ownership, receiving testimony from George Reed-Dellinger, HSBC Washington Analysis, and Scott C. Cleland, Legg Mason Wood Walker, Inc., both of Washington, D.C.; and Tod A. Jacobs, Sanford C. Bernstein and Company, New York, New York.

Hearings were recessed subject to call.

AGRICULTURAL EXPORTS TO ASIA

Committee on Foreign Relations: Subcommittee on International Economic Policy, Export and Trade Promotion held hearings to examine the role of the International Monetary Fund (IMF) in supporting United States agricultural exports to Asia, receiving testimony from August Schumacher, Jr., Under Secretary of Agriculture for Farm and Foreign Agricultural Services; Errol Small, Maryland Department of Agriculture, Annapolis, Maryland; John Hardin, National Pork Producers Council, Danville, Indiana; Bryce Neidig, Nebraska Farm Bureau Federation, Lincoln, on behalf of the American Farm Bureau Federation; and John B. Campbell, AG Processing Inc. (AGP), Omaha, Nebraska.

Hearings were recessed subject to call.

VACANCIES ACT IMPLEMENTATION

Committee on Governmental Affairs: Committee concluded oversight hearings on the implementation of the Vacancies Act, which established methods for temporarily filling vacant positions in executive agencies and military departments that require Presidential appointment with the advice and consent of the Senate, after receiving testimony from Senators Byrd and Thurmond; Joseph N. Onek, Principal Deputy Associate Attorney General, and Daniel Koffsky, Special Counsel, Office of Legal Counsel, both of the Department of Justice; Joan M. Hollenbach, Associate General Counsel, General Accounting Office; Morton Rosenberg, Specialist in American Public Law, Congressional Research Service, Library of Congress; Paul C. Light, The Pew Charitable Trusts, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania; and Michael J. Gerhardt, Case Western Reserve University Law School, Cleveland, Ohio.

COMPREHENSIVE NUCLEAR TEST-BAN TREATY

Committee on Governmental Affairs: Subcommittee on International Security, Proliferation and Federal Services concluded hearings to examine the impact of the Comprehensive Nuclear Test-Ban Treaty on United States nuclear non-proliferation policy, after receiving testimony from John D. Holum, Acting Under Secretary of State and Director, United States Arms Control and Disarmament Agency; and Spurgeon M. Keeny, Jr., Arms Control Association, Washington, D.C. and former Deputy Director, and Kathleen C. Bailey, Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory, Livermore, California and former Assistant Director for Nonproliferation, both formally of the United States Arms Control and Disarmament Agency.

NOMINATIONS

Committee on the Judiciary: Committee concluded hearings on the nominations of Kermit Lipez, of Maine, to be United States Circuit Judge for the First Circuit, Robert T. Dawson, to be United States District Judge for the Western District of Arkansas, Garr M. King, to be United States District Judge for the District of Oregon, Johnnie B. Rawlinson, to be United States District Judge for the District of Nevada, and Gregory Moneta Sleet, to be United States District Judge for the District of Delaware, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf. Mr. Lipez was introduced by Senators Snowe and Collins and Representatives Baldacci and Allen, Mr. Dawson was introduced by Senators Bumpers and Hutchinson and Representative Dickey, Mr. King was introduced by Senators Wyden and Gordon Smith, Ms. Rawlinson was introduced by Senators Bryan and Reid, and Mr. Sleet was introduced by Senator Biden.

PREVENTING ADDICTION TO SMOKING AMONG TEENS ACT

Committee on Labor and Human Resources: Committee resumed 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 recessed subject to call.

1999 SBA BUDGET

Committee on Small Business: Committee held hearings to examine the President's proposed budget request for fiscal year 1999 for the Small Business Administration, receiving testimony from Aida Alvarez, Administrator, Small Business Administration.