

Transmitting a report concerning B-2 bombers; referred to the Committee on Armed Services. (PM-116). **Pages S2848-49**

**Nominations Received:** Senate received the following nominations: Nora M. Manella, of California, to be United States District Judge for the Central District of California vice Mariana R. Pfaelzer, retired. **Page S2878**

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**Record Votes:** Four record votes were taken today. (Total—52) **Pages S2786, S2799, S2811**

**Adjournment:** Senate convened at 9:30 a.m., and adjourned at 10:02 p.m., until 10 a.m., on Wednesday, April 1, 1998. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record, on page S2878.)

## Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

### APPROPRIATIONS—CFTC/FDA

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Agriculture, Rural Development, and Related Agencies concluded hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 1999, after receiving testimony in behalf of funds for their respective activities from Brooksley Born, Chairperson, Commodity Futures Trading Commission; and Michael A. Friedman, Lead Deputy Commissioner, Robert J. Byrd, Deputy Commissioner for Management and Systems, and William B. Schultz, Deputy Commissioner for Policy, all of the Food and Drug Administration, and Dennis P. Williams, Deputy Assistant Secretary for the Budget, all of the Department of Health and Human Services.

### APPROPRIATIONS—FOREIGN ASSISTANCE

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Foreign Operations held hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 1999 for foreign assistance programs, focusing on certain economic and political issues, receiving testimony from Strobe Talbott, Deputy Secretary, and Stuart E. Eizenstat, Under

Secretary for Economic Business and Agricultural Affairs, both of the Department of State.

Subcommittee will meet again on Tuesday, April 21.

### APPROPRIATIONS—JUSTICE

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, State, and the Judiciary, and Related Agencies concluded hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 1999 for the Department of Justice, focusing on counter terrorism programs, after receiving testimony from Janet Reno, Attorney General, and Louis J. Freeh, Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation, both of the Department of Justice.

### 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 strategic nuclear policy and related matters, receiving testimony from Edward L. Warner, III, Assistant Secretary of Defense for Strategy and Threat Reduction; Gen. Eugene E. Habiger, USAF, Commander-in-Chief, United States Strategic Command; Adm. Stansfield Turner, USN (Ret.), former Director of Central Intelligence; Kathleen C. Bailey, Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory/University of California, Berkeley; Keith B. Payne, National Institute for Public Policy, Fairfax, Virginia; and Bruce Blair, Brookings Institution, Washington, D.C.

Subcommittee recessed subject to call.

### AUTHORIZATION—SURFACE TRANSPORTATION BOARD

*Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation:* Subcommittee on Surface Transportation and Merchant Marine concluded hearings on S. 1802, authorizing funds for fiscal years 1999 through 2001 for the Surface Transportation Board, after receiving testimony from Linda J. Morgan, Chairman, Surface Transportation Board, Department of Transportation; Ed Rastatter, National Industrial Transportation League, Arlington, Virginia; Jon M. Huntsman, Jr., Huntsman Corporation, Salt Lake City, Utah, on behalf of the Chemical Manufacturers Association and the Society of the Plastics Industry, Inc.; Kendell Keith, Washington, D.C., and Ed Lauer, Attebury Grain Inc., Amarillo, Texas, both on behalf of the National Grain and Feed Association; Robert G. Szabo, Consumers United for Rail Equity, Terry C. Whiteside, Alliance for Rail Competition, James A. Hagen, Association of American Railroads, and Edward Wytkind, Transportation Trades Department (AFL-CIO), all of Washington, D.C.; Robb Todd, City Council of Houston, Texas; K. Earl Durden,

Rail Management and Consulting Corporation, Panama City Beach, Florida, on behalf of the American Shortline and Regional Railroads Association; and Joseph M. Harrison, American Moving and Storage Association, Alexandria, Virginia.

#### NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS

*Committee on Energy and Natural Resources:* Committee concluded hearings on S. 1100 and S. 1275, bills to make the United States Immigration and Nationality Act and the minimum wage provisions of the United States Fair Labor Standards Act applicable to the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, and to impose certain restrictions on textile products manufactured in the Commonwealth, after receiving testimony from Bruce Babbitt, Secretary of the Interior; Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands Governor Pedro P. Tenorio, Speaker of the House of Representatives Diego T. Benavente, and President of the Senate Paul A. Manglona, both of the Northern Marianas Commonwealth Legislature, Kerry McKinney, Saipan Chamber of Commerce, Eric Gregoire, Diocese of Chalan Kanoa, Ron Sablan, Hotel Association of the Northern Mariana Islands, all of Saipan, Northern Mariana Islands; and Carlos Moore, American Textile Manufacturers Institute, Washington, D.C.

#### BUSINESS MEETING: IRS REFORM

*Committee on Finance:* Committee ordered favorably reported an original bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to restructure and reform the Internal Revenue Service of the Department of the Treasury, in lieu of H.R. 2676.

#### CHARTER SCHOOLS

*Committee on Labor and Human Resources:* Committee concluded hearings to examine the role of charter schools in educational reform, State and Federal efforts to help charter schools access Federal funds, and S. 1380 and H.R. 2616, bills to extend the authorization of funds through fiscal year 2002 for titles VI and X of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act to expand the implementation of public charter schools, after receiving testimony from Senator Lieberman; Representative Roemer; Cornelia M. Blanchette, Associate Director for Education and Employment Issues, Health, Education, and Human Services Division, General Accounting Office; Joan Heffernan, Integrated Day Charter School, Norwich,

Connecticut; Raymond Jackson, ATOP Academy, and Lisa Graham Keegan, Arizona Department of Education, on behalf of the Education Leaders Council, both of Phoenix, Arizona; Tim Sindelar, Disability Law Center, Boston, Massachusetts; and Eric Rofes, University of California at Berkeley.

#### VA COMPENSATION FOR TOBACCO-RELATED ILLNESSES

*Committee on Veterans Affairs:* Committee concluded hearings on proposed legislation to limit the provision of veterans' benefits for tobacco-related disability and death, after receiving testimony from Togo D. West, Jr., Acting Secretary, Joseph Thompson, Under Secretary for Benefits, John Thompson, Associate General Counsel, Thomas Garthwaite, Deputy Under Secretary for Health, and Mary Lou Kenner and James Endicott, both a former General Counsel, all of the Department of Veterans Affairs; and Philip R. Wilkerson, American Legion, David W. Gorman, Disabled American Veterans, Gordon H. Mansfield, Paralyzed Veterans of America, Kenneth A. Steadman, Veterans of Foreign Wars, and William F. Russo, Vietnam Veterans of America, all of Washington, D.C.

#### HOME HEALTH CARE ACCESS

*Special Committee on Aging:* Committee concluded hearings to examine the effect on seniors of certain policy changes to the home health care provisions under Medicare as directed by the Balanced Budget Act of 1997, focusing on the interim payment system, venipuncture or the drawing of blood, and surety bonds requirements, after receiving testimony from Nancy-Ann Min DeParle, Administrator, Health Care Financing Administration, Department of Health and Human Services; Barbara Markham Smith, George Washington University Medical Center, and William Dombi, Center for Health Care Law, on behalf of the National Association for Home Care, both of Washington, D.C.; Cindi Slack, Sioux Valley Hospital Visiting Nurses Association, Sioux Falls, South Dakota; David J. Martin, Apple Home Healthcare, Inc., Metairie, Louisiana; Linda Fanton, Eastern Iowa Visiting Nurses and Home Health Care, Monticello; and James C. Pateidl, Lockton Companies, Kansas City, Missouri, on behalf of the National Association of Surety Bond Producers.