

Adjournment: Senate convened at 9 a.m., and adjourned at 10:48 p.m., until 10 a.m., on Thursday, July 16, 1998. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S8268.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

ATM SURCHARGING

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: Committee concluded oversight hearings to examine a Federal Government study on the status of automated teller machine deployment and surcharge fees assessed by banks and thrift institutions, after receiving testimony from Susan S. Westin, Associate Director, Financial Institutions and Markets Issues, General Government Division, General Accounting Office; Jan Paul Acton, Assistant Director, Natural Resources and Commerce Division, Congressional Budget Office; Connecticut Attorney General Richard Blumenthal, Hartford; Edmund Mierzwinski, U.S. Public Interest Research Group, Washington, D.C.; Wayne A. Cottle, Dean Co-operative Bank, Franklin, Massachusetts, on behalf of the Community Bank League of New England; Raymond Curtin, Empire Federal Credit Union, Syracuse, New York, on behalf of the National Association of Federal Credit Unions; Linda Echard, IBAA Bancard, Arlington, Virginia, on behalf of the Independent Bankers Association of America; Richard E. Bolton, Jr., Charter Bank, Waltham, Massachusetts, on behalf of the American Bankers Association and the Massachusetts Bankers Association; and John Ward, First American Bank, Elk Grove, Illinois, on behalf of the Consumer Bankers Association.

ELECTRONIC COMMERCE

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Committee concluded hearings on S. 2107, to enhance electronic commerce by promoting the reliability and integrity of commercial transactions through establishing authentication standards for electronic communications, after receiving testimony from Representative Eshoo; Andrew J. Pincus, General Counsel, Department of Commerce; Scott Cooper, Hewlett-Packard Company, Washington, D.C.; Kirk LeCompte, PenOp, Inc., New York, New York; and Daniel Greenwood, Commonwealth of Massachusetts Information Technology Division, Boston.

PUERTO RICO

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Committee continued hearings on H.R. 856, to provide a process leading to full self-government for Puerto Rico,

and S. 472, to provide for referenda in which the residents of Puerto Rico may express democratically their preferences regarding the political status of the territory, receiving testimony from Senators D'Amato and Lieberman; Representatives Velazquez, Serrano, and Gutierrez; Puerto Rico Resident Commissioner Carlos A. Romero-Barcelo; and Jeffrey L. Farrow, Co-Chair, The President's Interagency Group on Puerto Rico.

Hearings were recessed subject to call.

NOMINATION

Committee on Environment and Public Works: Committee concluded hearings on the nomination of Nikki Rush Tinsley, of Maryland, to be Inspector General, Environmental Protection Agency, after the nominee testified and answered questions in her own behalf.

U.S. BALTIC POLICY

Committee on Foreign Relations: Subcommittee on European Affairs concluded hearings to examine United States policy towards the Republics of Estonia, Latvia, and Lithuania, focusing on developments in these countries seven years after they regained their independence pending membership in the European Union and the North Atlantic Treaty Organization, after receiving testimony from Marc Grossman, Assistant Secretary of State for European and Canadian Affairs; Richard J. Krickus, Mary Washington College, Fredericksburg, Virginia; Andrejs Plakans, Iowa State University, Ames; and Toivo Raun, Indiana University, Bloomington.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Governmental Affairs: Committee ordered favorably reported the following business items:

S. 389, to improve congressional deliberation on proposed Federal private sector mandates, with amendments;

S. 2228, to amend the Federal Advisory Committee Act to modify termination and reauthorization requirements or advisory committees;

S. 314, to require that the Federal Government procure from the private sector the goods and services necessary for the operations and management of certain Government agencies, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 1397, authorizing funds for fiscal years 1999 through 2004 to establish a commission to assist in commemoration of the centennial of powered flight and the achievements of the Wright brothers, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute; and

The nomination of Jacob J. Lew, of New York, to be Director of the Office of Management and Budget.

DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Committee on the Judiciary: Committee held oversight hearings on activities of the Department of Justice, receiving testimony from Janet Reno, Attorney General, and Eric H. Holder, Jr., Deputy Attorney General, both of the Department of Justice.

Hearings were recessed subject to call.

HOME HEALTH CARE

Committee on Small Business: Committee held hearings to examine how the Health Care Financing Administration's interim payment system and surety bond regulations are affecting small home health care agencies, receiving testimony from Senators Grassley and Baucus; Jere W. Glover, Chief Counsel for Advocacy, Small Business Administration; Carole Burkemper, Great Rivers Home Care, Inc., St. Peters, Missouri; Delia Young, Delia Young & Associates, Kansas City, Missouri; Marty C. Hoelscher, Superior Home Care, Inc., Salt Lake City, Utah; Lynn Hardy, Duplin Home Care and Hospice, Kenansville, North Carolina; Bonnie Matthews, South Shore Health System, Braintree, Massachusetts, on behalf of the South Shore Visiting Nurse Association; and Bob Reynolds, Franey, Parr & Associates, Inc., Lanham, Maryland, on behalf of the National Association of Surety Bond Producers.

Hearings were recessed subject to call.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Indian Affairs: Committee ordered favorably reported the following bills:

H.R. 700, to remove the restriction on the distribution of certain revenues from the Mineral Springs parcel to certain members of the Agua Caliente Band of Cahuilla Indians, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute; and

S. 109, to provide Federal housing assistance to Native Hawaiians, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute.

INDIAN TRIBAL CONFLICT RESOLUTION

Committee on Indian Affairs: Committee concluded hearings on S. 2097, to encourage and facilitate the resolution of conflicts involving Indian tribes, after receiving testimony from Kevin Gover, Assistant Secretary of the Interior for Indian Affairs; Charles

R. Barnes, Acting Director, Federal Mediation and Conciliation Service; William C. Canby, Jr., United States Circuit Judge for the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals; Renny Fagan, Colorado Department of Revenue, Denver; R. Timothy Columbus, Collier, Shannon, Rill and Scott, on behalf of the National Association of Convenience Stores and the Society of Independent Gasoline Marketers of America, Phyllis C. Borzi, George Washington University Medical Center, and W. Ron Allen, National Congress of American Indians, all of Washington, D.C.; Billy Frank, Jr., Northwest Indian Fisheries Commission, Olympia, Washington; Apesanahkwat, Menominee Indian Tribe of Wisconsin, Keshena; and Philip S. Deloria, American Indian Law Center, Inc., Albuquerque, New Mexico.

TECHNOLOGY TRANSFERS TO CHINA

Select Committee on Intelligence: Committee held hearings to examine the safeguards and monitoring process established to ensure that no prohibited technology transfers occur before, during, or after launches of United States commercial satellites on Chinese boosters, receiving testimony from David Tarbell, Director, Defense Technology Security Administration, Department of Defense.

Hearings were recessed subject to call.

SOCIAL SECURITY RETIREMENT AGE

Special Committee on Aging: Committee concluded hearings to examine how an increase in the retirement age will affect the long-term solvency of the Social Security system and the United States economy, the labor market for older workers, and the Disability Insurance and Supplemental Security Income programs, receiving testimony from Barbara D. Bovbjerg, Associate Director, Income Security Issues, Health, Education, and Human Services Division, General Accounting Office; David A. Smith, AFL-CIO Public Policy Department, Gary Burtless, Brookings Institution, Paul R. Huard, National Association of Manufacturers, and Carolyn J. Lukensmeyer, Americans Discuss Social Security, all of Washington, D.C.; and Donna L. Wagner, Center for Productive Aging/Towson University, Towson, Maryland.