

Cardell Cooper, of New Jersey, to be an Assistant Administrator, Office of Solid Waste, Environmental Protection Agency, vice Elliott Pearson Laws, resigned, which was sent to the Senate on September 2, 1997.

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Record Votes: Seven record votes were taken today. (Total—252) Pages S9357-59, S9372-73, S9392, S9416

Adjournment: Senate convened at 9 a.m., and adjourned at 11:05 p.m., until 10 a.m., on Friday, July 31, 1998. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on pages S9410-11.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

OVER-THE-COUNTER DERIVATIVES

Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry: Committee concluded hearings to examine the legal, economic, and regulatory implications of a recently issued Commodity Futures Trading Commission concept release on regulation of over-the-counter derivatives, and on proposed legislation to provide legal certainty to the over-the-counter derivative market, after receiving testimony from Brooksley Born, Chairperson, Commodity Futures Trading Commission; Lawrence H. Summers, Deputy Secretary of the Treasury; Alan Greenspan, Chairman, Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System; Arthur Levitt, Chairman, U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission; Thomas W. Jasper, Salomon Smith Barney, New York, New York, on behalf of the International Swaps and Derivatives Association, Inc.; and William P. Miller II, The Common Fund, Westport, Connecticut, on behalf of the End-Users of Derivatives Association.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: Committee ordered favorably reported the following business items:

S. 1405, to provide for improved monetary policy and regulatory reform in financial institution management and activities, to streamline financial regulatory agency actions, and to provide for improved consumer credit disclosure, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute; and

The nomination of Rebecca M. Blank, of Illinois, to be a Member of the Council of Economic Advisers.

NOMINATIONS

Committee on Environment and Public Works: Committee concluded hearings on the nominations of Romulo L. Diaz, Jr., of the District of Columbia, to be Assistant Administrator for Administration and Resources Management, and J. Charles Fox, of Maryland, to be Assistant Administrator for Water, both of the Environmental Protection Agency, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf. Mr. Fox was introduced by Senator Sarbanes.

NRC REFORM

Committee on Environment and Public Works: Subcommittee on Clean Air, Wetlands, Private Property, and Nuclear Safety concluded oversight hearings on the structure and functions of the Nuclear Regulatory Commission, focusing on its license renewal process, after receiving testimony from Shirley Ann Jackson, Chairman, and Nils J. Diaz and Edward McGaffigan, both Commissioners, all of the Nuclear Regulatory Commission; Gary Jones, Associate Director, Energy, Resources, and Science Issues, Resources, Community, and Economic Development Division, General Accounting Office; Joe F. Colvin, Nuclear Energy Institute, and David A. Lochbaum, Union of Concerned Scientists, both of Washington, D.C.; James T. Rhodes, Institute of Nuclear Power Operations, Atlanta, Georgia; and Steven M. Fetter, Fitch IBCA Inc., New York, New York.

MEDICARE+CHOICE PROGRAM

Committee on Finance: Committee held hearings to examine efforts to implement the Medicare+Choice program which provides new health care options for beneficiaries, receiving testimony from Michael Hash, Deputy Administrator, Health Care Financing Administration, Department of Health and Human Services; Sally Gronda, Tampa Bay Regional Council Area Agency on Aging, St. Petersburg, Florida, on behalf of the National Association of Area Agencies on Aging; Daniel Lestage, Blue Cross Blue Shield of Florida, Jacksonville, on behalf of the Blue Cross Blue Shield Association; Janet G. Newport, PacifiCare Health Systems, Santa Ana, California, on behalf of the American Association of Health Plans; James T. Paquette, Sisters of Charity of Leavenworth, Billings, Montana, on behalf of the American Hospital Association; Steven J. Smith, St. Joseph Healthcare System, Albuquerque, New Mexico; and Thomas R. Reardon, Portland, Oregon, on behalf of the American Medical Association.

Hearings were recessed subject to call.

CENSUS 2000

Committee on Governmental Affairs: Committee concluded hearings to examine the status of preparations for the Year 2000 Decennial Census, after receiving

testimony from J. Christopher Mihm, Associate Director, Federal Management and Workforce Issues, and Victoria Miller and Bruce Taylor, both Senior Evaluators, all of the General Government Division, General Accounting Office.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on the Judiciary: Committee ordered favorably reported the following business items:

The nominations of Carl J. Barbier, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Louisiana, David R. Herndon, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of Illinois, Gerald Bruce Lee, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Virginia, Nora M. Manella, to be United States District Judge for the Central District of California, Rebecca R. Pallmeyer, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of Illinois, Jeanne E. Scott, to be United States District Judge for the Central District of Illinois, Patricia A. Seitz, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of Florida; Paul M. Warner, to be United States Attorney for the District of Utah, and Howard Hikaru Tagomori, to be United States Marshal for the District of Hawaii;

S. 1031, to protect Federal law enforcement officers who intervene in certain situations to protect life or prevent bodily injury, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

H.R. 3528, to amend title 28, United States Code, with respect to the use of alternative dispute resolution processes in United States district courts, with amendments;

S.J. Res. 51, granting the consent of Congress to the Potomac Highlands Airport Authority Compact entered into between the States of Maryland and West Virginia; and

S. Res. 193, designating December 13, 1998, as "National Children's Memorial Day".

NOMINATIONS

Committee on the Judiciary: Committee concluded hearings on the nominations of Marsha L. Berzon, of California, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Ninth Circuit, Donovan W. Frank, to be United States District Judge for the District of Minnesota, and Richard M. Berman, Alvin K. Hellerstein, Colleen McMahon, and William H. Pauley, III, each to be a United States District Judge for the Southern District of New York, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf. Ms. Berzon was introduced by Senators Feinstein, Boxer, D'Amato, and Moynihan, Mr. Frank was introduced by Senators Wellstone and Grams, and Messrs. Berman, Hellerstein, and Pauley and Ms. McMahon were introduced by Senators D'Amato and Moynihan.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Bills Introduced: 11 public bills, H.R. 4353–4363; and 1 resolution, H. Con. Res. 313, were introduced. Page H6819

Reports Filed: Reports were filed today as follows:

H. Res. 513, providing for consideration of H.R. 3736, to amend the Immigration and Nationality Act to make changes relating to H-1B non-immigrants (H. Rept. 105–660); and

H.R. 2921, to amend the Communications Act of 1934 to require the Federal Communications Commission to conduct an inquiry into the impediments to the development of competition in the market for multichannel video programming distribution, amended (H. Rept. 105–661, Part 1). Page H6819

Speaker Pro Tempore: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he designated Representative Emerson to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. Page H6753

Guest Chaplain: The prayer was offered by the guest chaplain, Rev. Douglas Tanner of Washington, D.C. Page H6753

Education Committee Investigative Authority: The House agreed to H. Res. 507, providing special investigative authority for the Committee on Education and the Workforce, by a recorded vote of 222 ayes to 200 noes, Roll No. 357. Earlier, agreed to the Rules Committee amendment to the resolution. Pages H6754–66, H6781

Vietnam Waiver Disapproval: The House failed to pass H.J. Res. 120, disapproving the extension of the waiver authority contained in section 402(c) of the Trade Act of 1974 with respect to Vietnam, by a ye and nay vote of 163 yeas to 260 nays, Roll No. 356. Pages H6766–81

Commerce, Justice, State, Judiciary Appropriations: The House agreed to H. Res. 508, the rule providing for consideration of H.R. 4276, making appropriations for the Departments of Commerce, Justice, and State, the Judiciary, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1999, by voice vote. Pages H6781–90

Bipartisan Campaign Integrity Act: The House resumed consideration of amendments to H.R. 2183, to amend the Federal Election Campaign Act of