

Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

C. Donald Johnson, Jr., of Georgia, for the Rank of Ambassador during his tenure of service as Chief Textile Negotiator.

William Clifford Smith, of Louisiana, to be a Member of the Mississippi River Commission for a term expiring October 21, 2005.

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Record Votes: Three record votes were taken today. (Total—287) Pages S10866–67, S10877

Adjournment: Senate convened at 9:30 a.m., and adjourned at 7:09 p.m., until 9:30 a.m., on Friday, September 25, 1998. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S10942.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

NOMINATIONS

Committee on Armed Services: Committee ordered favorably reported the nominations of Richard Danzig, of the District of Columbia, to be Secretary of the Navy, Bernard Daniel Rostker, of Virginia, to be Under Secretary of the Army, Stephen W. Preston, of the District of Columbia, to be General Counsel of the Department of the Navy; Herbert Lee Buchanan, III, of Virginia, to be an Assistant Secretary of the Navy, Jeh Charles Johnson, of New York, to be General Counsel of the Department of the Air Force, James M. Bodner, of Virginia, to be Deputy Under Secretary of Defense for Policy, and 5,539 military nominations in the Army, Navy, Air Force, and Marine Corps.

BALLISTIC MISSILE THREAT

Committee on Armed Services: Committee concluded open and closed hearings on the report of the Commission to Assess the Ballistic Missile Threat to the United States, after receiving testimony from Donald H. Rumsfeld, Chairman, Commission to Assess the Ballistic Missile Threat to the United States, who was accompanied by several of his associates.

ARMY/MARINE READINESS

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Readiness concluded hearings to examine the readiness challenges confronting the United States Army and Marine Corps forces and their ability to successfully execute the National Military Strategy, after receiving testimony from Gen. Thomas A. Schwartz, USA, Commanding General, U.S. Army Forces Command; Gen. David A. Bramlett, USA, former Commanding General, U.S. Army Forces Command; Maj. Gen. Wayne E. Rollings, USMC, Commanding General, II Marine Expeditionary Force; Maj. Gen. Emil R. Bedard, USMC, Commanding General, 2nd Marine Division; Maj. Gen. William L. Nyland, USMC, Commanding General, 2nd Marine Aircraft Wing; Maj. Gen. Ray L. Smith, USMC, Commanding General, Marine Corps Base Camp Lejeune; and Brig. Gen. Paul M. Lee, Jr., USMC, 2nd Force Service Support Group.

MIDWEST ELECTRICITY PRICE SPIKES

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Committee concluded oversight hearings on the need to provide consumers with the benefits of a competitive electric market, focusing on the electricity pricing abnormalities that occurred in the Midwest during the week of June 22 through 26, 1998, after receiving testimony from Senator Durbin; James J. Hoecker, Chairman, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission; Jolynn Barry Butler, Commissioner, Public Utility Commission of Ohio, on behalf of the National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners, and Susan Tomasky, American Electric Power Company, both of Columbus, Ohio; James L. Turner, Cinergy Corporation, Cincinnati, Ohio; Steven J. Kean, Enron Corporation, Houston, Texas; and Mark Millett, Steel Dynamics, Inc., Butler, Indiana.

NOMINATIONS

Committee on Finance: Committee concluded hearings on the nominations of Patricia T. Montoya, of New Mexico, to be Commissioner on Children, Youth, and Families, Department of Health and Human Services, and David C. Williams, of Maryland, to be Inspector General, Department of the Treasury, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf. Ms. Montoya was introduced by Senators Domenici and Bingaman.

BUSINESS MEETING

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

The nominations of Patricia A. Broderick, Natalia Combs Greene, and Neal E. Kravitz, each to be an Associate Judge of the Superior Court of the District of Columbia, Kenneth Prewitt, of New York, to be Director of the Census, Department of Commerce, and Robert M. Walker, of Tennessee, to be Deputy Director of the Federal Emergency Management Agency;

S. 2404, to establish designations for United States Postal Service buildings located in Coconut Grove, Opa Locka, Carol City, and Miami, Florida;

S. 2370, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at Tall Timbers Village Square, United States Highway 19 South, in Thomsville, Georgia, as the "Lieutenant Henry O. Flipper Station";

S. 2310, to designate the United States Post Office located at 297 Larkfield Road in East Northport, New York, as the "Jerome Anthony Ambro, Jr. Post Office Building";

H.R. 3999, to designate the United States Postal Service building located at 5209 Greene Street, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, as the "David P. Richardson, Jr., Post Office Building";

H.R. 3939, to designate the United States Postal Service building located at 658 63rd Street, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, as the "Edgar C. Campbell, Sr., Post Office Building";

H.R. 3810, to designate the United States Post Office located at 202 Center Street in Garwood, New Jersey, as the "James T. Leonard, Sr. Post Office";

H.R. 3808, to designate the United States Post Office located at 47526 Clipper Drive in Plymouth, Michigan, as the "Carl D. Pursell Post Office";

H.R. 3630, to redesignate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 9719 Candelaria Road NE. in Albuquerque, New Mexico, as the "Steven Schiff Post Office";

H.R. 2799, to redesignate the building of the United States Postal Service located at 324 South Laramie Street, in Chicago, Illinois, as the "Reverend Milton R. Brunson Post Office Building";

H.R. 2798, to redesignate the building of the United States Postal Service located at 2419 West Monroe Street, in Chicago, Illinois, as the "Nancy B. Jefferson Post Office Building"; and

H.R. 2623, to designate the United States Post Office located at 16250 Highway 603 in Kiln, Mississippi, as the "Ray J. Favre Post Office Building".

FOOD IMPORT SAFETY

Committee on Governmental Affairs: Permanent Subcommittee on Investigations resumed hearings to examine the safety of food imports, focusing on imported fruits and vegetables, receiving testimony from Senators Coverdell, Kennedy, Mikulski, and Harkin; Raymond W. Kelly, Commissioner, United States Customs Service, Department of the Treasury; Thomas J. Billy, Administrator, Food Safety and Inspection Service, Department of Agriculture; William B. Schultz, Deputy Commissioner for Policy, Food and Drug Administration, Department of Health and Human Services; and Sanford A. Miller, University of Texas Health Science Center, San Antonio, on behalf of the Committee to Ensure Safe Food From Production to Consumption, Institute of Medicine/National Research Council/National Academy of Sciences.

Subcommittee will meet again tomorrow.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on the Judiciary: Committee ordered favorably reported the following bills:

S. 2151, to clarify Federal law to prohibit the dispensing or distribution of a controlled substance for the purpose of causing, or assisting in causing, the suicide, euthanasia, or mercy killing of any individual, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 2099, to provide for enhanced Federal sentencing guidelines for counterfeiting offenses, with an amendment;

S. 2235, to amend part Q of the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968 to encourage the use of school resource officers;

S. 2253, to establish a matching grant program to help State and local jurisdictions purchase bullet resistant equipment for use by law enforcement departments;

H.R. 379, for the relief of Larry Errol Pieterse;.

H.R. 2744, for the relief of Chong Ho Kwak;

S. 1551, for the relief of Kerantha Poole-Christian;

H.R. 378, for the relief of Heraclio Tolley;

S. 1202, providing relief for Sergio Lozano, Fauricio Lozano, and Ana Lozano; and

S. 1460, for the relief of Alexandre Malofienko, Olga Matsko, and their son Vladimir Malofienko.

CAPITOL SECURITY

Committee on Rules and Administration: Committee held closed hearings to examine United States Capitol security issues, receiving testimony from Larry E. Torrence, Acting Assistant Director, and Robert M. Blitzer, Section Chief, Domestic Terrorism Unit, both of the National Security Division, Federal Bureau of Investigation, Department of Justice; Gregory S. Casey, Sergeant at Arms, United States Senate; Wilson Livingood, Sergeant at Arms, U.S. House of Representatives; Alan M. Hantman, Architect of the Capitol; Gary Abrecht, Chief of Police, and Bob Greeley, Director, Physical Division, both of the United States Capitol Police; and Sam Raines, Booz, Allen & Hamilton, Inc., Falls Church, Virginia.

Hearings continue tomorrow.

SMALL BUSINESS COMPETITION

Committee on Small Business: Committee concluded hearings to examine how small businesses can compete with campus bookstores, and related provisions of S. 2490, to prohibit postsecondary educational institutions from requiring the purchase of goods and services from on-campus businesses, intentionally withholding course information from off-campus businesses, or preventing students from obtaining course information or materials from off-campus businesses, after receiving testimony from William D. Gray, Gray's College Bookstore, Charlotte, North

Carolina, on behalf of the Campus Area Small Business Alliance; Graham Gillette, Pinnacle Communications, Des Moines, Iowa, on behalf of the Campus Book Store, Inc.; Rob Karr, Illinois Retail Merchants Association, Chicago; and Anthony Samu, United States Student Association, Washington, D.C.

AUBURN INDIAN RESTORATION ACT

Committee on Indian Affairs: Committee concluded hearings on H.R. 1805, to amend the Auburn In-

dian Restoration Act to establish restrictions related to gaming on and use of land held in trust for the United Auburn Indian Community of the Auburn Rancheria of California, after receiving testimony from Representative Doolittle; Kevin Gover, Assistant Secretary of the Interior for Indian Affairs; and Jessica Tavares, United Auburn Indian Community, Newcastle, California.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Bills Introduced: 10 public bills, H.R. 4617–4626; and 1 resolution, H. Res. 554, were introduced.

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Reports Filed: Reports were filed today as follows:

H.R. 2370, to amend the Organic Act of Guam for the purposes of clarifying the local judicial structure and the office of Attorney General, amended (H. Rept. 105–742);

H. Res. 551, providing for the consideration of H.R. 4618, to provide emergency assistance to American farmers and ranchers for crop and livestock feed losses due to disasters and to respond to loss of world markets for American agricultural commodities (H. Rept. 105–743);

H. Res. 552, providing for consideration of H.R. 4578, to amend the Social Security Act to establish the Protect Social Security Account into which the Secretary of the Treasury shall deposit budget surpluses until a reform measure is enacted to ensure the long-term solvency of the OASDI trust fund, and for consideration of H.R. 4579, to provide tax relief for individuals, families, and farming and other small businesses, to provide tax incentives for education, to extend certain expiring provisions (H. Rept. 105–744); and

H. Res. 553, providing for consideration of H.R. 2621, to extend trade authorities procedures with respect to reciprocal trade agreements (H. Rept. 105–745).

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

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Guest Chaplain: The prayer was offered by the guest Chaplain, Rev. A. David Argo of Washington, D.C.

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Legislative Branch Appropriations: The House agreed to the conference report on H.R. 4112, making appropriations for the Legislative Branch for the

fiscal year ending September 30, 1999, by a ye and nay vote of 356 yeas to 65 nays, Roll No. 457.

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Agreed to H. Res. 550, the rule waiving points of order against the conference report by voice vote.

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Defense Authorization: The House agreed to the conference report on H.R. 3616, to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 1999 for military activities of the Department of Defense, to prescribe military personnel strengths for fiscal year 1999, by a ye and nay vote of 373 yeas to 50 nays, Roll No. 458.

Pages H8563–71

Agreed to H. Res. 549, the rule waiving points of order against the conference report by voice vote.

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Workforce Improvement and Protection Act: The House passed H.R. 3736, to amend the Immigration and Nationality Act to make changes relating to H-1B nonimmigrants, by a recorded vote of 288 yeas to 133 noes, Roll No. 460.

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Agreed to the amendment in the nature of a substitute made in order by the rule, as amended.

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Rejected the Watt of North Carolina amendment in the nature of a substitute numbered 2 printed in the Congressional Record that temporarily increases H-1B program visas from 65,000 to 95,000 in 1998, 105,000 in 1999, 115,000 in 2000; and then returns to 65,000 in 2001 and subsequent years. The increases are offset by a decrease in H-2B visas allowed each year (rejected by a ye and nay vote of 177 yeas to 242 nays, Roll No. 459).

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The Clerk was authorized in the engrossment of the bill to make technical and conforming changes to reflect the actions of the House.

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Agreed to H. Res. 513, the rule providing for consideration of the bill by voice vote. Earlier, agreed to the Dreier amendment that made in order as self-executing the amendment in the nature of a