

James F. Battin U.S. Courthouse: Senate passed H.R. 158, to designate the Federal Courthouse located at 316 North 26th Street in Billings, Montana, as the “James F. Battin Federal Courthouse”, clearing the measure for the President.

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Richard C. White Federal Building: Senate passed H.R. 233, to designate the Federal building located at 700 East San Antonio Street in El Paso, Texas, as the “Richard C. White Federal Building”, clearing the measure for the President.

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Ronald V. Dellums Federal Building: Senate passed H.R. 396, to designate the Federal building located at 1301 Clay Street in Oakland, California, as the “Ronald V. Dellums Federal Building”, clearing the measure for the President.

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El Salvador Free Elections: Senate agreed to S. Res. 73, congratulating the Government and the people of the Republic of El Salvador on successfully completing free and democratic elections on March 7, 1999.

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Congressional Budget—Agreement: A unanimous-consent-time agreement was reached providing for the consideration of S. Con. Res. 20, setting forth the congressional budget for the United States Government for fiscal years 2000 through 2009, on Wednesday, March 24, 1999.

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Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

Gary L. Visscher, of Maryland, to be a Member of the Occupational Safety and Health Review Commission for a term expiring April 27, 2001.

1 Army nomination in the rank of general.

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Record Votes: Three record votes were taken today. (Total—57)

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Adjournment: Senate convened at 10 a.m., and adjourned at 8:49 p.m., until 9:30 a.m., on Wednesday, March 24, 1999. (For Senate’s program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today’s Record on page S3556.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

APPROPRIATIONS—LABOR

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education concluded hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2000 for the Department of Labor, after receiving testimony from Alexis M. Herman, Secretary of Labor.

APPROPRIATIONS—ARMY/AIR FORCE MILITARY CONSTRUCTION

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Military Construction concluded hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2000 for Army and Air Force military construction programs, after receiving testimony from Mahlon Apgar, IV, Assistant Secretary of the Army for Installations and Environment; and Ruby B. Demesme, Assistant Secretary of the Air Force for Manpower, Reserve Affairs, Installations, and Environment.

APPROPRIATIONS—NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION/OFFICE OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY POLICY

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on VA, HUD, and Independent Agencies concluded hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2000, after receiving testimony in behalf of funds for their respective activities from Rita Colwell, Director, and Eamon M. Kelly, Chairman, National Science Board, both of the National Science Foundation; and Neal Lane, Director, Office of Science and Technology Policy.

APPROPRIATIONS—FEDERAL AVIATION ADMINISTRATION

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Transportation concluded hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2000 for the Federal Aviation Administration, after receiving testimony from Jane F. Garvey, Administrator, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation.

PROLIFERATION THREATS

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Emerging Threats and Capabilities concluded hearings on the proliferation threat and the programs and policies of the Department of Defense and Department of Energy to counter this threat, after receiving testimony from Senator Lugar; Rose E. Gottemoeller, Director, Office of Nonproliferation and National Security, Department of Energy; Edward L. Warner, III, Assistant Secretary for Strategy and Threat Reduction, Jay Davis, Director, Defense Threat Reduction

Agency, and Robert Joseph, Director, Counterproliferation Center, National Defense University (Fort McNair), all of the Department of Defense; Kenneth Alibek, Battelle Memorial Institute, Arlington, Virginia; David A. Kay, Center for Counterterrorism, Science Applications International Corporation, McLean, Virginia; and Siegfried S. Hecker, Los Alamos National Laboratories, Los Alamos, Texas.

HUD MANAGEMENT

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: Subcommittee on Housing and Transportation concluded oversight hearings on management challenges affecting the Department of Housing and Urban Development, focusing on HUD's continued reclassification as a "high-risk" agency by the General Accounting Office, after receiving testimony from Judy A. England-Joseph, Director, Housing and Community Development Issues, Resources, Community, and Economic Development Division, General Accounting Office; and Susan M. Gaffney, Inspector General, and Saul N. Ramirez, Jr., Deputy Secretary, both of the Department of Housing and Urban Development.

STEEL IMPORT IMPACT

Committee on Finance: Committee held hearings to examine the impact of the steel import surge on the United States market and industry, the Administration's response, and related measures, including H.R. 975, to provide for a reduction in the volume of steel imports, and to establish a steel import notification and monitoring program, H.R. 1120, to modify the standards for responding to import surges under section 201 of the Trade Act of 1974, to establish mechanisms for import monitoring and the prevention of circumvention of United States trade laws, and to strengthen the enforcement of United States trade remedy laws, S. 61, to eliminate disincentives to fair trade conditions, S. 261, to repeal the requirement that the cause of serious injury (or threat) be substantial to the domestic industry producing an article like or directly competitive with an article that is being imported into the United States in such increased quantities with respect to the President taking action to facilitate efforts by such industry to make a positive adjustment to the import competition, S. 395, to ensure that the volume of steel imports does not exceed the average monthly volume of such imports during the 36-month period preceding July 1997, and S. 528, to provide for a private right of action in the case of injury from the importation of certain dumped and subsidized merchandise, receiving testimony from Senators DeWine and Specter; Representatives Houghton and Levin; Charlene Barshefsky, United States Trade Representative; William M. Daley, Secretary of Commerce;

Curtis H. Barnette, Bethlehem Steel Corporation, Bethlehem, Pennsylvania; George Becker, United Steelworkers of America, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania; Thomas G. Belot, Vollrath Company, Sheboygan, Wisconsin, on behalf of the North American Association of Food Equipment Manufacturers; Joseph A. Cannon, Geneva Steel Corporation, Vineyard, Utah; David L. Daniel, Quality Tubing, Inc., Houston, Texas; and Jack B. Porter, Caterpillar Inc., Peoria, Illinois, on behalf of the Emergency Committee for American Trade.

Hearings recessed subject to call.

SUDAN HUMANITARIAN CRISIS

Committee on Foreign Affairs: Subcommittee on African Affairs held hearings on Sudan's humanitarian crisis and the United States response, focusing on road repair, food distribution and self-reliance, health care, expanding the cease-fire, and political recommendations, receiving testimony from J. Brian Atwood, Administrator, Agency for International Development; and Roger Winter, U.S. Committee for Refugees, Washington, D.C.

Hearings recessed subject to call.

U.S.-CHINA POLICY

Committee on Foreign Relations: Subcommittee on East Asian and Pacific Affairs held hearings to reexamine United States and China policy issues, receiving testimony from Stanley O. Roth, Assistant Secretary of State for East Asian and Pacific Affairs.

Hearings recessed subject to call.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee ordered favorably reported the following business items:

S. 579, to amend the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961 to target assistance to support the economic and political independence of the countries of the South Caucasus and Central Asia;

An original bill (S. 688) to amend the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961 to reauthorize the Overseas Private Investment Corporation;

S. Res. 26, relating to Taiwan's Participation in the World Health Organization, with amendments;

S. Res. 54, condemning the escalating violence, the gross violation of human rights and attacks against civilians, and the attempt to overthrow a democratically elected government in Sierra Leone;

S. Res. 73, congratulating the Government and the people of the Republic of El Salvador on successfully completing free and democratic elections on March 7, 1999;

S. Con. Res. 17, concerning the 20th Anniversary of the Taiwan Relations Act, with amendments;

H.R. 432, to designate the North/South Center as the Dante B. Fascell North-South Center;

H.R. 669, to amend the Peace Corps Act to authorize appropriations for fiscal years 2000 through 2003 to carry out that Act;

S. Res. 68, expressing the sense of the Senate regarding the treatment of women and girls by the Taliban in Afghanistan;

The Convention on Nuclear Safety done at Vienna on September 20, 1994 (Treaty Doc. 104-6), with six conditions and two understandings;

Protocols to the 1980 Convention on Prohibitions or Restrictions on the Use of Certain Conventional Weapons Which May Be Deemed to Be Excessively Injurious or to Have Indiscriminate Effects: the amended Protocol on Prohibitions or Restrictions on the Use of Mines, Booby-Traps and Other Devices (Protocol II or the Amended Mines Protocol); the Protocol on Prohibitions or Restrictions on the Use of Incendiary Weapons (Protocol III or the Incendiary Weapons Protocol); and the Protocol on Blinding Laser Weapons (Protocol IV) (Treaty Doc. 105-1) with one reservation, nine understandings and thirteen conditions; and

The nominations of Robert A. Seiple, of Washington, to be Ambassador at Large for International Religious Freedom; William Lacy Swing, of North Carolina, to be Ambassador to the Democratic Republic of the Congo; Diane Edith Watson, of California, to be Ambassador to the Federal States of Micronesia; Kent M. Wiedemann, of California, to be Ambassador to the Kingdom of Cambodia; Mary A. Ryan for the personal rank of Career Ambassador in recognition of especially distinguished service over a sustained period; Richard L. Baltimore, III, for promotion to the Class of Minister-Counselor, Senior Foreign Service of the Department of State; and a foreign service officer promotion list received in the Senate on March 2, 1999.

INTERNET SECURITIES FRAUD

Committee on Governmental Affairs: Permanent Subcommittee on Investigations continued hearings to examine federal and State enforcement efforts to combat securities fraud on the Internet, focusing on penny stock fraud, and the adequacy of federal and State consumer education programs, receiving testimony from Richard H. Walker, Director, Division of Enforcement, Securities and Exchange Commission; Peter C. Hildreth, Concord, New Hampshire, on behalf of the North American Securities Administrators Association, Inc.; and G. Philip Rutledge, Pennsylvania Securities Commission, Harrisburg.

Hearings recessed subject to call.

INTERNET GAMBLING

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Technology, Terrorism, and Government Information concluded hearings on issues relating to Internet gambling, including youth gamblers, addiction, bankruptcy, unfair payout, crime, the Wire Act, and the proposed Internet Gambling Prohibition Act, after receiving testimony from Wisconsin Attorney General James E. Doyle, Madison; Ohio Attorney General Betty Montgomery, Columbus; James R. Hurley, New Jersey Casino Control Commission, Atlantic City; Jeffrey Pash, National Football League, New York, New York; Bill Saum, National Collegiate Athletic Association, Overland Park, Kansas; and Marianne McGettigan, Major League Baseball Players Association, Portland, Maine.

AUTHORIZATION—ELDER ABUSE PREVENTION

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: Subcommittee on Aging concluded hearings on proposed legislation authorizing funds for programs of the Older Americans Act, focusing on elder abuse prevention provisions, the Preventing Elder Financial Exploitation project, Medicaid Fraud Control Units, and the Long Term Care Ombudsman Program, after receiving testimony from Senator Wyden; Stephen J. Schneider, Oregon Department of Human Resources, Salem; Paul D. Hodge, National Healthcare Law Enforcement Alliance, Providence, Rhode Island; Lisa Heermans, Long Term Care Ombudsman Program, Joint Office of Citizen Complaints, Dayton, Ohio; Bob Fuecker, Child Abuse Unit, Anne Arundel County Police Department, Crownsville, Maryland; and Barbara Sue Faries Sipos, Loveland, Colorado.

FAMILY CAREGIVERS

Special Committee on Aging: Committee concluded hearings to examine the National Family Caregiver Support Program, a proposal to bolster support for family caregivers who provide long-term care for relatives with chronic illnesses or disabilities, after receiving testimony from Donna E. Shalala, Secretary of Health and Human Services; Ohio State Representative Barbara H. Boyd, Columbus; Pennsylvania Secretary of Aging, Richard Browdie, Harrisburg; Donna K. Harvey, Hawkeye Valley Area Agency on Aging, Waterloo, Iowa; and Stuart Awbrey, Westfield, New Jersey.