

A message from the President of the United States transmitting, a report entitled "The National Money Laundering Strategy for 1999"; referred to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs. (PM-60). Page S11359

Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

Ira Berlin, of the District of Columbia, to be a Member of the National Council on the Humanities for a term expiring January 26, 2004.

Evelyn Edson, of Virginia, to be a Member of the National Council on the Humanities for a term expiring January 26, 2004.

Skila Harris, of Kentucky, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Tennessee Valley Authority for the remainder of the term expiring May 18, 2005.

Glenn L. McCullough, Jr., of Mississippi, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Tennessee Valley Authority for a term expiring May 18, 2008.

Routine lists in the Army and Marine Corps.

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Record Votes: Five record votes were taken today. (Total—291) Pages S11278, S11280, S11327, S11329

Adjournment: Senate convened at 9:31 a.m., and adjourned at 7:38 p.m., until 9:30 a.m., on Friday, September 24, 1999. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S11377.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

NOMINATIONS

Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry: Committee concluded hearings on the nominations of Paul W. Fiddick, of Texas, to be Assistant Secretary of Agriculture for Administration, and Andrew C. Fish, of Vermont, to be Assistant Secretary of Agriculture for Congressional Relations, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf. Mr. Fish was introduced by Senators Harkin and Leahy.

COMMODITY EXCHANGE ACT: ELECTRIC TRADING

Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry: Committee concluded hearings on proposed legislation authorizing funds for the Commodity Exchange Act, focusing on the impact of electronic trading on the futures and derivatives market place, after receiving testimony from Roger Barton, BrokerTec Global, Jersey City, New Jersey; David P. Brennan, Chicago Board of Trade, Leo Melamed, Chicago Mercantile Exchange, and David G. Downey, InterActive Brokers, all of Chicago, Illinois; Shawn A. Dorsch, DNI Holdings, Inc., Charlotte, North Carolina; Howard W. Lutnick, Cantor Fitzgerald, Edward J. Rosen, Cleary, Gottlieb, Steen and Hamilton, on behalf of the Coalition, and Matthew Andresen, Island ECN, all of New York, New York; and Philip McBride Johnson, Skadden Arps, Slate, Meagher and Flom, Washington, D.C.

NOMINATIONS

Committee on Armed Services: Committee ordered favorably reported 3,086 military nominations in the Army, Navy, Air Force, and Marine Corps.

BUSINESS MEETING

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

An original bill, titled the Export Administration Act of 1999; and

The nominations of Roger W. Ferguson, Jr., of Massachusetts, to be Vice Chairman of the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, John D. Hawke, Jr., of the District of Columbia, to be Comptroller of the Currency, Department of the Treasury, Armando Falcon, Jr., of Texas, to be Director of the Office of Federal Housing Enterprise Oversight, Department of Housing and Urban Development, Harry J. Bowie, of Mississippi, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the National Consumer Cooperative Bank, and Dan H. Renberg, of Maryland, and Dorian V. Weaver, of Arkansas, each to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Export-Import Bank of the United States.

ELECTRIC POWER INDUSTRY Y2K READINESS

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Committee concluded oversight hearings on the potential consequences of the year 2000 computer problem to the Nation's supply of electricity, after receiving testimony from T.J. Glauthier, Deputy Secretary of Energy; Frank J. Miraglia, Deputy Executive Director for Reactor Programs, Nuclear Regulatory Commission; and Michehl R. Gent, North American Electric Reliability Council, Princeton, New Jersey.

NOMINATIONS

Committee on Environment and Public Works: Committee concluded hearings on the nominations of Richard A. Meserve, of Virginia, to be a Member of the Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Paul L. Hill, Jr., of West Virginia, to be Chairperson of the Chemical Safety and Hazard Investigation Board, Maj. Gen. Phillip R. Anderson, United States Army, to be a Member and President of the Mississippi River Commission, and Sam Epstein Angel, of Arkansas, and Brig. Gen. Robert H. Griffin, United States Army, each to be a Member of the Mississippi River Commission, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf. Mr. Hill was introduced by Senator Byrd.

CORRUPTION IN RUSSIA

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee concluded hearings to examine issues on corruption in Russia and the status of United States and Russian relations, after receiving testimony from Strobe Talbott, Deputy Secretary of State; Jim E. Moody, Jim Moody and Associates, McLean, Virginia, former Deputy Assistant Director, Criminal Investigative Division, Federal Bureau of Investigation, Department of Justice; E. Wayne Merry, Atlantic Council of the United States, Washington, D.C.; Robert Legvold, Columbia University, New York, New York; and Fritz W. Ermarth, Fairfax, Virginia.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on the Judiciary: Committee ordered favorably reported S. Res. 99, designating November 20,

1999, as “National Survivors for Prevention of Suicide Day”.

Also, committee approved a committee resolution on issuance of subpoenas pursuant to Rule 26.

INS REFORM AND BORDER SECURITY

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Immigration concluded hearings on proposals to reform current immigration structure and border security, including S. 1563, proposed Immigration and Naturalization Service Reform and Border Security Act of 1999, after receiving testimony from Doris Meissner, Commissioner, and Paul M. Berg, Chief, Del Rio Sector, U.S. Border Patrol, both of the Immigration and Naturalization Service, Department of Justice; Warren R. Leiden, Berry, Appleman and Leiden, San Francisco, California, on behalf of the American Immigration Lawyers Association; Rachel S. Yoskowitz, Jewish Family Service Metro Detroit, Detroit, Michigan; T.J. Bonner, National Border Patrol Council, Campo, California; and Richard J. Gallo, Federal Law Enforcement Officers Association, East Northport, New York.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Rules and Administration: Committee continued to discuss procedural issues relating to S. Res. 172, to establish a special committee of the Senate to address the cultural crisis facing America.

Committee recessed subject to call.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Bills Introduced: 19 public bills, H.R. 2922–2940; and 3 resolutions, H. Res. 301–303, were introduced. Pages H8627–28

Reports Filed: Reports were filed today as follows:

H.R. 2392, to amend the Small Business Act to extend the authorization for the Small Business Innovation Research Program (H. Rept. 106–329, Pt. 1); and

H. Res. 300, waiving a requirement of clause 6(a) of rule XIII with respect to consideration of certain resolutions reported from the Committee on Rules (H. Rept. 106–330). Page H8627

Speaker Pro Tempore: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he designated Representative Hefley to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. Page H8559

Interstate Class Action Jurisdiction Act: The House passed H.R. 1875, to amend title 28, United States Code, to allow the application of the principles of Federal diversity jurisdiction to interstate class actions by a recorded vote of 222 ayes to 207 noes, Roll No. 443. Pages H8568–95

Agreed to the committee amendment in the nature of a substitute made in order by the rule.

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Agreed to:

The Boucher substitute amendment to the Watt of North Carolina amendment that allows a class action to be removed to a district court before or after a State has certified the class. Except that a plaintiff