

J. Richard Fredericks, of California, to be Ambassador to Switzerland, and to serve concurrently and without additional compensation as Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to the Principality of Liechtenstein.

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Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

Anna Blackburne-Rigsby, of the District of Columbia, to be an Associate Judge of the Superior Court of the District of Columbia for the term of fifteen years.

Thomas J. Motley, of the District of Columbia, to be an Associate Judge of the Superior Court of the District of Columbia for the term of fifteen years.

2 Air Force nominations in the rank of general.

2 Army nominations in the rank of general.

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Record Votes: One record vote was taken today. (Total—341)

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Adjournment: Senate convened at 9:30 a.m., and adjourned at 7:26 p.m., until 9:30 a.m., on Wednesday, October 27, 1999. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S13192.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

PADUCAH GASEOUS DIFFUSION PLANT

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Energy and Water Development concluded hearings on issues relating to the investigation into allegations of the Department of Energy's failure to protect the safety of the workforce and the environment at the Gaseous Diffusion Plant in Paducah, Kentucky, focusing on accelerating cleanup, protecting worker safety, and identifying health problems related to exposure to plutonium, after receiving testimony from Senator Bunning; Representative Whitfield; David Michaels, Assistant Secretary for Environment, Safety, and Health, and Carolyn L. Huntoon, Assistant

Secretary for Environmental Management, both of the Department of Energy; Richard D. Green, Director, Region IV, Waste Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency; Kentucky Governor Paul Patton, and James Bickford, Kentucky Department of Natural Resources, both of Frankfort; David Fuller, PACE Union Local, Paducah, Kentucky; Steve Markowitz, Queens College, Flushing, New York; and Richard C. Bird, Jr., Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center, Boston, Massachusetts.

U.S. MILITARY READINESS

Committee on Armed Services: Committee concluded hearings to examine issues of readiness of the United States military forces, after receiving testimony from Gen. Henry H. Shelton, USA, Chairman, Joint Chiefs of Staff; Gen. Eric K. Shinseki, USA, Chief of Staff, United States Army; Adm. Jay L. Johnson, USN, Chief of Naval Operations; Gen. James L. Jones, Jr., USMC, Commandant of the Marine Corps; and Gen. Michael E. Ryan, USAF, Chief of Staff, United States Air Force.

DOD REAL PROPERTY MANAGEMENT PROGRAM

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Readiness and Management Support concluded hearings on the Department of Defense Real Property Management Program and the maintenance of the historic homes and senior officers' quarters, after receiving testimony from Kwai-Cheung Chan, Director, Sushil K. Sharma, Assistant Director, and Jonathan R. Tumin, Senior Evaluator, all of the Special Studies and Evaluations, National Security and International Affairs Division, General Accounting Office; Randall A. Yim, Deputy Under Secretary of Defense for Installations; Maj. Gen. Robert L. Van Antwerp, USA, Assistant Chief of Staff of the Army for Installation Management; Rear Adm. Michael W. Shelton, USN, Director, Facilities and Engineering Division, Chief of Naval Operations; Brig. Gen. Earnest O. Robbins, II, USAF, The Civil Engineer, United States Air Force; and Maj. Gen. Gary S. McKissock, USMC, Deputy Chief of Staff for Installations and Logistics, United States Marine Corps.

ALASKA SUBSISTENCE MANAGEMENT REGULATIONS

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Committee concluded oversight hearings on the interpretation and implementation plans of subsistence management regulations for public lands in Alaska, after receiving testimony from Bruce Babbitt, Secretary of the Interior; and Rick Cables, Regional Forester, and Jim Caplan, Deputy Regional Forester, both of the Alaska Region, Forest Service, Department of Agriculture.

MENTAL HOSPITAL SECLUSION AND RESTRAINT USE

Committee on Finance: Committee held hearings on the improper use of seclusion and restraints in mental hospitals, and S. 736, to amend titles XVIII and XIX of the Social Security Act to ensure that individuals enjoy the right to be free from restraint and other abuse while in a psychiatric hospital or other care facility or treatment center, receiving testimony from Senators Dodd and Lieberman; Leslie G. Aronovitz, Associate Director, Health Financing and Public Health Issues, Health, Education, and Human Services Division, General Accounting Office; Michael Hash, Deputy Administrator, Health Care Financing Administration, Department of Health and Human Services; Dennis Klima, Bayhealth, Inc., Dover, Delaware; Laura Prescott, Sister Witness International, Worthington, Massachusetts; Charles E. Riordan, Yale New Haven Hospital, New Haven, Connecticut, on behalf of the American Psychiatric Association; and Terrance Johnson, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

Hearings recessed subject to call.

NOMINATION

Committee on Finance: Committee concluded hearings on the nomination of William A. Halter, of Arkansas, to be Deputy Commissioner of the Social Security Administration, after the nominee, who was in-

troduced by Senator Lincoln, testified and answered questions in his own behalf.

NOMINATIONS

Committee on the Judiciary: Committee concluded hearings on the nominations of Ann Claire Williams, of Illinois, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Seventh Circuit, Faith S. Hochberg, to be United States District Judge for the District of New Jersey, Frank H. McCarthy, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of Oklahoma, and Virginia A. Phillips, to be United States District Judge for the Central District of California. Ms. Williams was introduced by Senators Durbin, Fitzgerald, and Abraham, Ms. Hochberg was introduced by Senators Lautenberg and Torricelli, Mr. McCarthy was introduced by Senators Nickles and Inhofe, and Ms. Phillips was introduced by Senators Feinstein and Boxer, and Representative Calvert.

ALLEGED CHINESE ESPIONAGE

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Administrative Oversight and the Courts held closed hearings to examine alleged Chinese espionage at United States nuclear facilities and the transfer of United States technology to China, receiving testimony from John Dion, Acting Chief, Internal Security Section, Criminal Division, Department of Justice; and James Griffin, Technical Director, Submarine Security, Office of Chief of Naval Operations.

Hearings recessed subject to call.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Bills Introduced: 7 public bills, H.R. 3145–3151; and 2 resolutions, H. Con. Res. 208–209, were introduced. Page H10861

Reports Filed: One report was filed today as follows: H.R. 2531, to authorize appropriations for the Nuclear Regulatory Commission for fiscal year 2000, amended (H. Rept. 106–415). Page H10861

Speaker Pro Tempore: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he designated Representative Ose to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. Page H10771

Guest Chaplain: The prayer was offered by the guest Chaplain, Rev. Stuart York of West Covina, California. Pages H10771–72

Recess: The House recessed at 9:04 a.m. and reconvened at 10:00 a.m. Page H10771

Suspensions: The House agreed to suspend the rules and pass the following measures:

Extending the Period for Admission of an Alien as a Nonimmigrant: H.R. 3061, to amend the Immigration and Nationality Act to extend for an additional 2 years the period for admission of an alien as a nonimmigrant under section 101(a)(15)(S) of such Act, and to authorize appropriations for the refugee assistance program under chapter 2 of title IV of the Immigration and Nationality Act; Pages H10775–76

Reauthorizing the Junior Duck Stamp Conservation and Design Program Act: H.R. 2496, amended, to reauthorize the Junior Duck Stamp Conservation and Design Program Act of 1994; Pages H10786–87