

**Sequential Committee Referral—Agreement:** A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that when the Committee on Governmental Affairs reports S. 1977, Corporate Subsidy Reform Commission Act, the bill then be sequentially referred to the Committee on Finance for a period of up to 45 days during which the Senate is in session. **Page S301**

**Nominations Received:** Senate received the following nominations:

Thomas G. Weston, of Michigan, a Career Member of the Senior Foreign Service, Class of Minister-Counselor, for the rank of Ambassador during his tenure of service as Special Coordinator for Cyprus.

Susan S. Jacobs, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to Papua New Guinea, and to serve concurrently and without additional compensation as Ambassador to Solomon Islands, and as Ambassador to the Republic of Vanuatu.

Karl William Hofmann, of Maryland, to be Ambassador to the Togolese Republic.

John F. Tefft, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Lithuania.

Janet A. Sanderson, of Arizona, to be Ambassador to the Democratic and Popular Republic of Algeria.

Donald Y. Yamamoto, of New York, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Djibouti.

Laurens L. Wise II, of Virginia, to be Commissioner of Education Statistics for a term expiring June 21, 2003.

18 Air Force nominations in the rank of general.

1 Army nomination in the rank of general.

2 Navy nominations in the rank of admiral.

Routine lists in the Air Force, Army, Marine Corps. **Pages S302–04**

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**Record Votes:** Four record votes were taken today. (Total—5) **Pages S247–49, S255**

**Adjournment:** Senate convened at 9:30 a.m., and adjourned at 6:52 p.m., until 10:30 a.m., on Thursday, February 3, 2000. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S301.)

## Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

### BOSNIA AND KOSOVO SECURITY

*Committee on Armed Services:* Committee concluded open and closed hearings to examine current security status in Bosnia and Kosovo following U.S. military operations, after receiving testimony from Gen. Wesley K. Clark, USA, Commander-in-Chief, United States European Command, Supreme Allied Commander, Europe.

### INTERNET TAXATION

*Committee on the Budget:* Committee concluded hearings to examine Internet taxation issues, focusing on the implications of State and local government sales taxes applied to purchases made over the Internet, after receiving testimony from Massachusetts Governor Argeo Paul Cellucci, Boston; Michigan Governor John Engler, Lansing, on behalf of the National Governors' Association; Charles E. McLure, Jr., Stanford University Hoover Institute, Stanford, California; and Aaron Lukas, Cato Institute Center for Trade Policy Studies, and Iris J. Lav, Center on Budget and Policy Priorities, both of Washington, D.C.

### IRS REFORM

*Committee on Finance:* Committee held hearings on the status of Internal Revenue Service reform, focusing on the implementation of the Restructuring and Reform Act of 1998, receiving testimony from Charles O. Rossotti, Commissioner, and W. Val Oveson, National Taxpayer Advocate, both of the Internal Revenue Service, and David C. Williams, Inspector General for Tax Administration, all of the Department of the Treasury; and James R. White, Director, Tax Policy and Administration Issues, General Government Division, General Accounting Office.

Hearings recessed subject to call.

### GENE THERAPY SAFETY

*Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions:* Subcommittee on Public Health held hearings to examine certain issues regarding patient safety in gene therapy clinical trials, focusing on federal oversight procedures and guidelines for informing patients and their families of potential risks and benefits of gene therapy, receiving testimony from Amy Patterson, Director, Office of Biotechnology Activities, National Institutes of Health, and Jay P. Siegel, Director, Office of Therapeutics Research and Review, Center for Biologics Evaluation and Research, Food and Drug Administration, both of the Department

of Health and Human Services; Inder M. Verma, Salk Institute Laboratory of Genetics, La Jolla, California; LeRoy Walters, Georgetown University Kennedy Institute of Ethics, Washington, D.C.; H. Stewart Parker, Targeted Genetics Corporation, Seattle, Washington, on behalf of the Biotechnology Industry Organization; Eric Kast, Norman, Oklahoma, on behalf of the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation; and Paul L. Gelsinger, Tucson, Arizona.

Hearings recessed subject to call.

#### WORLD THREATS ASSESSMENT

*Select Committee on Intelligence:* Committee concluded open and closed hearings to examine worldwide threats to national security, focusing on traditional and unconventional threats, including proliferation of weapons of mass destruction, state-sponsored terrorism, and non-state terrorists, after receiving testimony from George J. Tenet, Director, Central Intelligence Agency; Vice Adm. Thomas R. Wilson, Director, Defense Intelligence Agency, Department of Defense; and J. Stapleton Roy, Assistant Secretary of State for Intelligence and Research.