

Record Votes: Nine record votes were taken today. (Total—159)

Pages S5942, S5944, S5952, S5977–79, S5993–94

Adjournment: Senate convened at 9:30 a.m., and adjourned at 9:32 p.m., until 9:30 a.m., on Thursday, June 29, 2000. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S6040.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

AIRLINE CUSTOMER SERVICE

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Committee held hearings to examine the status after six months of the major airlines' implementation of their Airline Customer Service Commitment, to improve customer service, accountability, enforcement, and commercial air passengers protection, receiving testimony from Kenneth M. Mead, Inspector General, Department of Transportation; and Donald J. Carty, American Airlines, Dallas, Texas, Mary Jopplin, Continental Airlines, Houston, Texas, and Vicki Escarra, Delta Air Lines, Atlanta, Georgia, all on behalf of the Air Transport Association.

Hearings recessed subject to call.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Environment and Public Works: Committee ordered favorably reported the following business items:

S. 2797, to authorize a comprehensive Everglades restoration plan, with amendments; and

S. 2796, to provide for the conservation and development of water and related resources, to authorize the Secretary of the Army to construct various projects for improvements to rivers and harbors of the United States, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. (As approved by the Committee, the bill incorporates the text of S. 2797, a related measure.)

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Finance: Committee ordered favorably reported an original bill entitled the Marriage Tax Relief Reconciliation Act.

BUSINESS MEETING

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

An original bill to provide for international debt forgiveness and the strengthening of anticorruption measures and accountability at international financial institutions;

An original bill to authorize appropriations to carry out security assistance for fiscal year 2001;

An original bill to amend the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961 to authorize the provision of assistance to increase the availability of credit to microenterprises lacking full access to credit, to establish a Microfinance Loan Facility;

An original bill to authorize additional assistance to countries with large populations having HIV/AIDS, to authorize assistance for tuberculosis prevention, treatment, control, and elimination;

An original concurrent resolution expressing the sense of Congress that the President of the United States should support free and fair elections and respect for democracy in Haiti;

S. Res. 239, expressing the sense of the Senate that Nadia Dabbagh, who was abducted from the United States, should be returned home to her mother, Ms. Maureen Dabbagh;

S. Res. 309, expressing the sense of the Senate regarding conditions in Laos;

S. Res. 329, urging the Government of Argentina to pursue and punish those responsible for the 1994 attack on the AMIA Jewish Community Center in Buenos Aires, Argentina;

S. Con. Res. 57, concerning the emancipation of the Iranian Baha'i community, with an amendment;

S. Con. Res. 113, expressing the sense of the Congress in recognition of the 10th anniversary of the free and fair elections in Burma and the urgent need to improve the democratic and human rights of the people of Burma, with an amendment;

S. Con. Res. 122, recognizing the 60th anniversary of the United States nonrecognition policy of the Soviet takeover of Estonia, Latvia, and Lithuania, and calling for positive steps to promote a peaceful and democratic future for the Baltic region;

S. Con. Res. 124, expressing the sense of the Congress with regard to Iraq's failure to release prisoners of war from Kuwait and nine other nations in violation of international agreements;

H.R. 4249, to foster cross-border cooperation and environmental cleanup in Northern Europe; and

The nominations of Owen James Sheaks, of Virginia, to be an Assistant Secretary of State; John Edward Herbst, of Virginia, to be to the Republic of Uzbekistan; Carlos Pascual, of the District of Columbia, to be Ambassador to Ukraine; Ross L. Wilson, of Maryland, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Azerbaijan; Mary Ann Peters, of California, to be Ambassador to the People's Republic of Bangladesh; Janet A. Sanderson, of Arizona, to be Ambassador to the Democratic and Popular Republic of Algeria; E. Ashley Wills, of Georgia, to be Ambassador to the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka, and to serve concurrently and without additional compensation as Ambassador to the Republic of Maldives; Karl William Hofmann, of Maryland, to be Ambassador to the Togolese Republic; John W. Limbert, of Vermont, to be Ambassador to the Islamic Republic of Mauritania; Roger A. Meece, of Washington, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Malawi; Sharon P. Wilkinson, of New York, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Mozambique; Donald Y. Yamamoto, of New York, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Djibouti; and Pamela E. Bridgewater, of

Virginia, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Benin.

LIBERATION OF IRAQ

Committee on Foreign Relations: Subcommittee on Near Eastern and South Asian Affairs concluded hearings to examine the progress report of the liberation of Iraq, after receiving testimony from Richard N. Perle, former Assistant Secretary of Defense for International Security; and Ahmad Chalabi, Iraqi National Congress, London, England.

TREATMENT OF U.S. BUSINESS IN CENTRAL AND EASTERN EUROPE

Committee on Foreign Relations: Subcommittee on European Affairs concluded hearings to examine the treatment of U.S. business in Central and Eastern Europe, after receiving testimony from Earl Anthony Wayne, Assistant Secretary of State for Economic, Business, and Agricultural Affairs; Ronald S. Lauder, Central European Media Enterprises, New York, New York; Kempton Jenkins, Ukraine U.S. Business Council, Washington, D.C.; and Peter K. Nevitt, Greenbrier Europe, San Francisco, California.

WWII POW SLAVE LABOR LAWSUIT

Committee on the Judiciary: Committee concluded hearings to determine whether those who profited from the forced labor of American World War II Prisoners of War once held and forced into labor for private Japanese companies have an obligation to remedy their wrongs and whether the United States can help facilitate an appropriate resolution, after receiving testimony from Senator Bingaman; David W. Ogden, Acting Assistant Attorney General, Civil Division, Department of Justice; Ronald J. Bettauer, Deputy Legal Adviser, Department of State; Harold G. Maier, Vanderbilt University Law School, Nashville, Tennessee; and Harold W. Poole, Salt Lake City, Utah, Frank Bigelow, Brooksville, Florida, Les-

ter I. Tenney, La Jolla, California, Maurice Mazer, Boca Raton, Florida, and Edward Jackfert, Wellsburg, West Virginia, all former WWII Prisoners of War.

INTERNATIONAL TERRORISM

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Technology, Terrorism, and Government Information concluded hearings on the National Commission on Terrorism's report on issues relating to efforts being made by the intelligence and law enforcement communities to counter, and U.S. policies regarding, the changing threat of international terrorism to the United States, after receiving testimony from L. Paul Bremer III, Chairman, National Commission on Terrorism; R. James Woolsey, Shea and Gardner, Washington, D.C., former Director of Central Intelligence; Jane Harman, Harman International, Los Angeles, California; John F. Lewis Jr., Goldman, Sachs and Company, New York, New York; and Juliette N. Kayyem, Harvard University John F. Kennedy School of Government Belfer Center for Science and International Affairs, Cambridge, Massachusetts.

INDIAN TRIBAL SURFACE TRANSPORTATION ACT

Committee on Indian Affairs: Committee concluded hearings on S. 2283, to amend the Transportation Equity Act for the 21st Century to make certain amendments with respect to Indian tribes, after receiving testimony from Kevin Gover, Assistant Secretary of the Interior for Indian Affairs; Kenneth R. Wykle, Administrator, Federal Highway Administration, Department of Transportation; Rodger Vicenti, Jicarilla Apache Tribe, Dulce, New Mexico; Pete Red Tomahawk, Standing Rock Sioux Tribe, Ft. Yates, North Dakota; David Whitener, Sr., Squaxin Island Tribe, Shelton, Washington; and Pat Ragsdale, Cherokee Nation, Tahlequah, Oklahoma.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Bills Introduced: 6 public bills, H.R. 4776–4781, and 1 resolution, H. Con. Res. 365, were introduced. **Page H5435**

Reports Filed: Reports were filed today as follows.

H.R. 2848, to amend the Small Business Investment Act of 1958 and the Small Business Act to establish a New Markets Venture Capital Program, to establish an America's Private Investment Company Program, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to establish a New Markets Tax Credit, amended (H. Rept. 106–706, Pt. 1).

H. Res. 540, 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. 106–707);

H. Res. 541, providing for consideration of a concurrent resolution providing for adjournment of the House and Senate for the Independence Day district work period (H. Rept. 106–708); and

H. Res. 542, providing for consideration of H.R. 1304, to ensure and foster continued patient safety and quality of care by making the antitrust laws apply to negotiations between groups of health care professionals and health plan and health plans and health insurance issuers in the same manner as such