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Quorum Calls: One quorum call was taken today. (Total—2)

Record Votes: Five record votes were taken today. (Total—243) Pages S7897, S7905, S7937, S7938, S7939

Adjournment: Senate met at 10 a.m., and adjourned at 10:38 p.m., until 9:15 a.m., on Friday, July 20, 2001. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S7986.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

FEDERAL FARM BILL

Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry: Committee concluded hearings to elicit suggestions for the nutrition title of the proposed federal farm bill and to examine the reauthorization of the Food Stamp Program, focusing on improvement through streamlined applications, stable benefit levels, transitional assistance, simplified eligibility, and employment and training for economic self sufficiency, after receiving testimony from Eric M. Bost, Under Secretary of Agriculture for Food, Nutrition, and Consumer Services; Kevin W. Concannon, Maine Department of Human Services, Augusta; Robert Greenstein, Center on Budget and Policy Priorities, and Ron Haskins, Brookings Institution, both of Washington, D.C.; Karen Ford, Food Bank of Iowa, Des Moines; Dean M. Leavitt, U.S. Wireless Data, Inc., New York, New York; Deborah A. Frank, Boston Medical Center Grow Clinic for Children and Children's Sentinel Nutrition Assessment Program, Boston, Massachusetts; Cutberto Garza, Cornell University Division of Nutritional Sciences, Ithaca, New York; and Celine Dieppa, Manchester, Connecticut.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Appropriations: Committee ordered favorably reported the following bills:

An original bill, making appropriations for the Departments of Commerce, Justice, State, and the Judiciary, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2002; and

An original bill, making appropriations for the Departments of Veterans Affairs and Housing and Urban Development, and for sundry independent agencies, boards, commissions, corporations, and offices for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2002.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on VA, HUD, and Independent Agencies approved for full committee consideration an original bill, making appropriations for the Departments of Veterans Affairs and Housing and Urban Development, and for sundry independent agencies, boards, commissions, corporations, and offices for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2002.

BALLISTIC MISSILE DEFENSE

Committee on Armed Services: Committee concluded hearings on proposed legislation authorizing funds for fiscal year 2002 for the Department of Defense and the Future Years Defense Program, focusing on ballistic missile defense policies and programs, after receiving testimony from Samuel R. Berger, Stonebridge International, former Assistant to the President for National Security Affairs, Philip E. Coyle, Center for Defense Information, former Assistant Secretary of Defense and Director, Operational Test and Evaluation, Department of Defense, and Richard N. Perle, American Enterprise Institute, former Assistant Secretary of Defense for International Security Policy, all of Washington, D.C.

AUTHORIZATION—ARMY MODERNIZATION

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Airland concluded hearings on proposed legislation authorizing funds for fiscal year 2002 for the Department of Defense and the Future Years Defense Program, focusing on Army modernization and transformation, after receiving testimony from Lt. Gen. Paul J. Kern, USA, Military Deputy, Office of the Assistant Secretary of the Army for Acquisition, Logistics, and Technology; and Maj. Gen. William L. Bond, USA, Director, Force Development, Office of the Deputy Chief of Staff for Programs.

NOMINATION

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: Committee concluded hearings on the nomination of Harvey Pitt, of North Carolina, to be a Member of the Securities and Exchange Commission, after the nominee, who was introduced by Senator Schumer, testified and answered questions in his own behalf.

RENEWABLE ENERGY AND HYDROELECTRICITY

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Committee continued hearings on proposed energy policy legislation, focusing on issues related to removing barriers to distributed generation, renewable energy and other advanced technologies in electricity generation and transmission, including Sections 301 and Title VI of S. 597, the Comprehensive and Balanced Energy Policy Act of 2001, Sections 110, 111, 112, 710, and 711 of S. 388, the National Energy Security Act of 2001, S. 933, the Combined Heat and Power Advancement Act of 2001, hydroelectric relicensing procedures of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, including Title VII of S. 388, Title VII of S. 597, and S. 71, the Hydroelectric Licensing Process Improvement Act of 2001, receiving testimony from David K. Garman, Assistant Secretary for Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy, and J. Mark Robinson, Director, Office of Energy Projects, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, both of the Department of Energy; William Bettenberg, Deputy Director, Office of Policy Analysis, Department of the Interior; Robert T. Boyd, Enron Wind Corporation, Los Angeles, California; Christian P. Demeter, Antares Group Inc., Landover, Maryland; Mark Hall, Trigen Energy Corporation, White Plains, New York; Thomas J. Starrs, Kelso, Starrs and Associates, Vashon Island, Washington; S. Elizabeth Birnbaum, American Rivers, on behalf of the Hydropower Reform Coalition, and Gerald J. Gray, American Forests, both of Washington, D.C.; and Julie Keil, Portland General Electric Company, Portland, Oregon.

Hearings continue on Tuesday, July 24.

CALIFORNIA ECOSYSTEM

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Subcommittee on Water and Power concluded hearings on S. 976, to provide authorization and funding for the enhancement of ecosystems, water supply, and water quality of the State of California, after receiving testimony from Senator Boxer; Representatives George Miller and Tauscher; Gale A. Norton, Secretary of the Interior; California Secretary for Resources Mary D. Nichols, and Patrick Wright, CALFED Bay-Delta Program, Stuart L. Somach, Somach, Simmons and Dunn, on behalf of the Glenn-Colusa Irrigation District, all of Sacramento; Phillip J. Pace, Metropolitan Water District of Southern California, Los Angeles; Richar M. Moss, Friant Water Users Authority, Lindsay, California; Stephen K. Hall, Association of California Water Agencies, Washington, D.C.; James Cunneen, San Jose Silicon Valley Chamber of Commerce, San Jose,

California; and Grant Davis, Bay Institute of San Francisco, San Rafael, California.

TRADE ADJUSTMENT ASSISTANCE

Committee on Finance: Committee held hearings on proposed legislation authorizing funds for and to expand eligibility and improve the Trade Adjustment Assistance program, receiving testimony from Senators Wellstone, Bayh, and Dayton; Clayton Yeutter, former United States Trade Representative, George Becker, United Steelworkers of America, and William A. Reinsch, National Foreign Trade Council, Inc., all of Washington, D.C.; and Gary G. Kuhar, Northwest Trade Adjustment Assistance Center, Seattle, Washington.

Hearings continue tomorrow.

INTERNATIONAL FAMILY PLANNING

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee concluded hearings to examine the United States' international family planning program, focusing on the impact of the Administration's global gag rule (also known as the Mexico City Policy) on the incidence of abortion, family planning, female health services, and American foreign policy objectives that promote democracy and free speech in certain countries, and a related measure, S. 367, to prohibit the application of certain restrictive eligibility requirements to foreign nongovernmental organizations with respect to the provision of assistance under part I of the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961, after receiving testimony from Senators Hutchinson and Reid; Representatives Lowey and Chris Smith; Alan J. Kreczko, Acting Assistant Secretary of State/Bureau of Population, Refugees, and Migration; Daniel E. Pellegrom, Pathfinder International, Watertown, Massachusetts; Nicholas N. Eberstadt, American Enterprise Institute, Cathy Cleaver, U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops, and Maria Sophia Aguirre, Catholic University Department of Business Economics, all of Washington, D.C.; Aryeh Neier, Open Society Institute, New York, New York; Nirmal K. Bista, Family Planning Association of Nepal, Kathmandu; and Susana Galdos Silva, Movimiento Manuela Ramos, Lima, Peru.

NOMINATIONS

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee concluded hearings on the nominations of Stuart A. Bernstein, of the District of Columbia, to be Ambassador to Denmark, Michael E. Guest, of South Carolina, to be Ambassador to Romania, Charles A. Heimbold, Jr., of Connecticut, to be Ambassador to Sweden, Thomas J. Miller, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to Greece, Larry C. Napper, of Texas, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Kazakhstan, Jim Nicholson, of Colorado, to be Ambassador to the Holy See, and

Mercer Reynolds, of Ohio, to be Ambassador to Switzerland, and to serve concurrently and without additional compensation as Ambassador to the Principality of Liechtenstein, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf. Mr. Bernstein was introduced by Senator Bob Smith and Congressman Dingell, Mr. Heimbold was introduced by Senator Dodd, Mr. Miller was introduced by Senator Sarbanes, Mr. Nicholson was introduced by Senators Allard and Campbell, and Mr. Reynolds was introduced by Senators DeWine and Voinovich, and Representative Portman.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on the Judiciary: Committee ordered favorably reported the following business items:

S. 407, to amend the Trademark Act of 1946 to provide for the registration and protection of trademarks used in commerce, in order to carry out provisions of certain international conventions, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. Res. 16, designating August 16, 2001, as "National Airborne Day";

S. Con. Res. 16, expressing the sense of Congress that the George Washington letter to Touro Synagogue in Newport, Rhode Island, which is on display at the B'nai B'rith Klutznick National Jewish Museum in Washington, D.C., is one of the most significant early statements buttressing the nascent American constitutional guarantee of religious freedom; and

The nominations of Roger L. Gregory, of Virginia, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Fourth Circuit; Richard F. Cebull and Sam E. Haddon, each to be a United States District Judge for the District of Montana, Ralph F. Boyd, Jr., of Massachusetts, to be an Assistant Attorney General, Civil Rights Division, Robert D. McCallum, Jr., of Georgia, each to be an Assistant Attorney General, Civil Division, and Eileen J. O'Connor, of Maryland, to be an Assistant Attorney General, Tax Division, all of the Department of Justice.

NOMINATION

Committee on Small Business: Committee ordered favorably reported the nomination of Hector V. Barreto,

Jr., of California, to be Administrator of the Small Business Administration.

Prior to this action, committee concluded hearings on the nomination, after the nominee testified and answered questions in his own behalf.

VETERANS HEALTH ASSISTANCE

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: Committee concluded hearings on S. 739, to amend title 38, United States Code, to improve programs for homeless veterans, S. 1188, to amend title 38, United States Code, to enhance the authority of the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to recruit and retain qualified nurses for the Veterans Health Administration, S. 1160, to amend section 1714 of title 38, United States Code, to modify the authority of the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to provide dog-guides to blind veterans and authorize the provision of service dogs to hearing-impaired veterans and veterans with spinal cord injuries, S. 1042, to amend title 38, United States Code, to improve benefits for Filipino veterans of World War II, S. Res. 61, expressing the sense of the Senate that the Secretary of Veterans Affairs should recognize board certifications from the American Association of Physician Specialists, Inc., for purposes of the payment of special pay by the Veterans Health Administration, and proposed legislation to change the means test used by the Veterans Administration in determining whether veterans will be placed in enrollment priority group 5 or 7, after receiving testimony from Representative Evans; Thomas L. Garthwaite, Under Secretary of Veterans Affairs for Health, who was accompanied by several of his associates; Linda Boone, National Coalition for Homeless Veterans, Washington, D.C.; Jimmie L. Coulthard, Minnesota Assistance Council for Veterans, Minneapolis; Richard C. Schneider, Pentagon Federal Credit Union, Alexandria, Virginia, on behalf of the Non Commissioned Officers Association of the United States of America and the National Military and Veterans Alliance; and Daniel Shaughnessy, Tucson VA Medical Center, Tucson, Arizona, on behalf of the American Federation of Government Employees.