

**Record Votes:** One record vote was taken today. (Total—252) Page S8259

**Adjournment:** Senate met at 12 noon, and adjourned at 6:14 p.m., until 10 a.m., on Friday, July 27, 2001.

## Committee Meetings

*(Committees not listed did not meet)*

### NOMINATIONS

*Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry:* Committee concluded hearings on the nominations of Mark Edward Rey, of the District of Columbia, to be Under Secretary for Natural Resources and Environment, and Hilda Gay Legg, of Kentucky, to be Administrator, Rural Utilities Service, both of the Department of Agriculture, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf. Mr. Rey was introduced by Senators Murkowski and Craig, and Ms. Legg was introduced by Senator McConnell and Representative Harold Rogers.

### BUSINESS MEETING

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

An original bill, making appropriations for the Treasury Department, the United States Postal Service, the Executive Office of the President, and certain Independent Agencies, for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2002; and

H.R. 2506, making appropriations for foreign operations, export financing, and related programs for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2002, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute.

### NOMINATIONS

*Committee on Armed Services:* Committee ordered favorably reported 4,486 military nominations in the Army, Navy, Air Force, and Marine Corps.

### PREDATORY MORTGAGE LENDING

*Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs:* Committee held hearings to examine the problem, impact, and responses of predatory mortgage lending practices, receiving testimony from Iowa Attorney General Thomas J. Miller, Des Moines; Stephen W. Prough, Ameriquest Mortgage Company, Orange, California; Charles W. Calomiris, Columbia University Graduate School of Business, New York, New York; Martin Eakes, Self-Help Credit Union, Durham, North Carolina, on behalf of the Coalition for Responsible Lending; Carol Mackey, Rochester Hills, Michigan; Paul Satriano, St. Paul, Minnesota; Leroy Williams, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania; and Mary Podelco, Montgomery, West Virginia.

Hearings continue tomorrow.

### NOMINATIONS

*Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs:* Committee concluded hearings on the nominations of Melody H. Fennel, of Virginia, to be Assistant Secretary of Housing and Urban Development for Congressional and Intergovernmental Relations, Michael Minoru Fawn Liu, of Illinois, to be Assistant Secretary of Housing and Urban Development for Public and Indian Housing, Henrietta Holsman Fore, of Nevada, to be Director of the Mint, Department of the Treasury, Linda Mysliwy Conlin, of New Jersey, to be Assistant Secretary of Commerce for Trade Development, and Michael J. Garcia, of New York, to be Assistant Secretary of Commerce for Export Enforcement, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf. Mr. Liu was introduced by Senator Akaka and Ms. Fore was introduced by Senator Hutchison.

### CHEMICAL HARMONIZATION

*Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation:* Subcommittee on Consumer Affairs, Foreign Commerce, and Tourism concluded hearings to examine chemical harmonization issues, including related provisions of S. 532, to amend the Federal Insecticide, Fungicide, and Rodenticide Act to permit a State to register a Canadian pesticide for distribution and use within that State, after receiving testimony from Representative Pomeroy; Stephen L. Johnson, Assistant Administrator for the Office of Pollution, Pesticides, and Toxic Substances, Environmental Protection Agency; Roger Johnson, North Dakota Department of Agriculture, Bismarck; Ron Fitchhorn, Bloomington, Illinois, on behalf of the Illinois Corn Growers Association; David McClure, Lewistown, Montana, on behalf of the American Farm Bureau Federation and the Montana Farm Bureau; Jay Vroom, American Crop Protection Association, and Henry Zell, Montana Farmers Union, Great Falls, Montana.

### COMPREHENSIVE ELECTRICITY RESTRUCTURING

*Committee on Energy and Natural Resources:* Committee concluded hearings on proposals relating to comprehensive electricity restructuring that promotes competition, protects consumers, enhances reliability, promotes renewable energy, improves efficiency, repeals the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935, and reforms the Public Utility Regulatory Policies Act of 1978, and related provisions contained in the Committee's White Paper on Electricity Legislation (a discussion of the developments that necessitate the change of the legal structure of the electricity industry and legislative solutions), S.

597, Comprehensive and Balanced Energy Policy Act of 2001, S. 388, National Energy Security Act of 2001, and S. 1273, Federal Power Act Amendments of 1999, and S. 2098, Electric Power Market Competition and Reliability Act of 2000, after receiving testimony from Curt L. Hebert, Jr., Chairman, and Nora Mead Brownell, Pat Wood III, Linda Breathitt, and William L. Massey, each a Commissioner, all of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, Department of Energy; and New Mexico Secretary of Energy, Minerals and Natural Resources Jennifer Salisbury, Santa Fe, on behalf of the Western Governors' Association.

#### NATIONAL PARKS

*Committee on Energy and Natural Resources:* Subcommittee on National Parks, Historic Preservation, and Recreation concluded hearings on S. 423, to amend the Act entitled "An Act to provide for the establishment of Fort Clatsop National Memorial in the State of Oregon", S. 941, to revise the boundaries of the Golden Gate National Recreation Area in the State of California, to extend the term of the advisory commission for the recreation area, S. 1057, to authorize the addition of lands to Pu'uhonua o Honaunau National Historical Park in the State of Hawaii, S. 1105, to provide for the expeditious completion of the acquisition of State of Wyoming lands within the boundaries of Grand Teton National Park, and H.R. 640, to adjust the boundaries of Santa Monica Mountains National Recreation Area, after receiving testimony from Representatives Lantos, Eshoo, Wu, and Baird; John J. Reynolds, Regional Director, Pacific West Region, National Park Service, Department of the Interior; Ron Arnold, Wyoming Office of State Lands and Investments, Cheyenne; Audrey C. Rust, Peninsula Open Space Trust, Menlo Park, California; Jim Medeiros, Sr., Honaunau, Hawaii; and Wayne Leslie, Kealahou, Hawaii.

#### ELECTRIC POWER PLANT EMISSIONS

*Committee on Environment and Public Works:* Committee held hearings to examine the public health and environmental impacts associated with air emissions from electric utility power plants, and proposed legislation that would amend the Clean Air Act to reduce emissions from electric powerplants, receiving testimony from Senator Collins; Christine Todd Whitman, Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency; Scott Johnson, Vermont Agency of Natural Resources, Waterbury; George D. Thurston, New York University School of Medicine and National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences' Community Outreach and Education Program, New York, New York; C. Boyden Gray, Wilmer, Cutler and Pickering, Washington, D.C., on behalf of the Elec-

tric Reliability Coordinating Council; Dale E. Heydlaugg, American Electric Power Company, Columbus, Ohio, on behalf of the Edison Electric Institute; and Conrad G. Schneider, Clean Air Task Force, Brunswick, Maine, on behalf of the National Environmental Trust and U.S. Public Interest Research Group.

Hearings recessed subject to call.

#### BUSINESS MEETING

*Committee on Finance:* Committee ordered favorably reported S. 643, to implement the agreement establishing a United States-Jordan free trade area.

#### NOMINATION

*Committee on Governmental Affairs:* Committee concluded hearings on the nomination of Lynn C. Leibovitz, to be an Associate Judge of the Superior Court of the District of Columbia, after the nominee, who was introduced by District of Columbia Delegate Holmes Norton, testified and answered questions in her own behalf.

#### BUSINESS MEETING

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

S. 778, to expand the class of beneficiaries who may apply for adjustment of status under section 245(i) of the Immigration and Nationality Act by extending the deadline for classification petition and labor certification filings, with an amendment;

S. 625, to provide Federal assistance to States and local jurisdictions to prosecute hate crimes;

S. 1099, to increase the criminal penalties for assaulting or threatening Federal judges, their family members, and other public servants; and

The nominations of Asa Hutchinson, of Arkansas, to be Administrator of Drug Enforcement, and James W. Ziglar, of Mississippi, to be Commissioner of Immigration and Naturalization, both of the Department of Justice.

#### MEDICARE ANTI-FRAUD EFFORTS

*Special Committee on Aging:* Committee concluded hearings to examine the Federal government's Medicare anti-fraud efforts, focusing on distinguishing human error from fraud, the coordination among government agencies fighting Medicare fraud, provider compliance and education issues, and the Medicare appeals process, after receiving testimony from Thomas Scully, Administrator, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, and Lewis Morris, Assistant Inspector General for Legal Affairs, Office of Inspector General, both of the Department of Health and Human Services; Leslie G. Aronovitz, Director, Health Care, Program Administration and Integrity Issues, General Accounting Office; Stuart

E. Schiffer, Acting Assistant Attorney General, Civil Division, Department of Justice; and Robert P. Charrow, Crowell and Moring, former Principal Deputy General Counsel of Health and Human Services, Joseph E. diGenova, diGenova and Toensing,

former U.S. Attorney for the District of Columbia, on behalf of the American Hospital Association, and James W. Moorman, Taxpayers Against Fraud, all of Washington, D.C.

## House of Representatives

### *Chamber Action*

**Bills Introduced:** 17 public bills, H.R. 2646, 2648–2663; 2 private bills, H.R. 2664–2665; and 2 resolutions, H. Con. Res. 201 and H. Res. 211, were introduced. **Pages H4723–24**

**Reports Filed:** Reports were filed as follows:

H. Res. 210, providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 2620) 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 (H. Rept. 107–164).

H.R. 988, to designate the United States courthouse located at 40 Centre Street in New York, New York, as the “Thurgood Marshall United States Courthouse” (H. Rept. 107–166);

H. Res. 193, requesting that the President focus appropriate attention on the issues of neighborhood crime prevention, community policing, and reduction of school crime by delivering speeches, convening meetings, and directing his Administration to make reducing crime an important priority (H. Rept. 107–167);

H.R. 943, to amend the Public Health Service Act with respect to the availability of influenza vaccine through the program under section 317 of such Act, amended (H. Rept. 107–168); and

H.R. 2647, making appropriations for the Legislative Branch for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2002 (H. Rept. 107–169). **Page H4723**

**Guest Chaplain:** The prayer was offered by the guest Chaplain, Rev. Msgr. James G. Kelly, St. Margaret’s Church of Buffalo, New York. **Page H4639**

**Failed to Pass Joint Resolution Disapproving Normal Trade Relations Treatment to Vietnam:** The House failed to pass H.J. Res. 55, disapproving the extension of the waiver authority contained in section 402(c) of the Trade Act of 1974 with respect to Vietnam by a yea-and-nay vote of 91 yeas to 324 nays with 1 voting “present” Roll No. 275. **Pages H4639–50**

The joint resolution was considered pursuant to the unanimous consent order of the House of July 25.

**Suspension ILSA Extension Act of 2001:** The House agreed to suspend the rules and pass H.R. 1954, amended, to extend the authorities of the Iran and Libya Sanctions Act of 1996 until 2006, debated on Tuesday, July 24 until Thursday, July 26 by a yea-and-nay vote of 409 yeas to 6 nays with 1 voting “present,” Roll No. 276. **Pages H4650–51**

**Recess:** The House recessed at 12:08 p.m. and reconvened at 1:17 p.m. **Page H4651**

**VA/HUD Appropriations Act for Fiscal Year 2002:** The House completed general debate and began considering amendments to H.R. 2620, 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. Consideration will resume on Friday, July 27. **Pages H4661–H4718**

Agreed To:

Hastings of Florida that increases funding for Veterans Health Administration Medical Care by \$1 million; **Page H4687**

Evans amendment No. 11 printed in the Congressional Record of July 25 that prohibits the implementation of any administrative proposal that would require military retirees to make an “irrevocable choice” for any specified period of time between the Department of Veteran Affairs and military health care under the TRICARE for Life plan. **Pages H4698–99**

Velázquez amendment No. 22 printed in the Congressional Record of July 25 that increases Youthbuild program funding by \$10 million and decreases HUD salaries and expenses accordingly (agreed to by a recorded vote of 216 yeas to 209 noes, Roll No. 284); **Pages H4708–10, H4717**

Rejected:

Foley amendment that sought to increase Veterans Administration benefit claims processing funding by