

Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

Lowell Junkins, of Iowa, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Federal Agricultural Mortgage Corporation. (Reappointment)

Glen Klippenstein, of Missouri, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Federal Agricultural Mortgage Corporation.

Julia Bartling, of South Dakota, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Federal Agricultural Mortgage Corporation.

Ralph Frank, of Washington, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Croatia.

William M. Bellamy, of California, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Kenya.

John W. Leslie, Jr., of Connecticut, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the African Development Foundation for a term expiring September 22, 2007.

Mary Lucille Jordan, of Maryland, to be a Member of the Federal Mine Safety and Health Review Commission for a term of six years expiring August 30, 2008. (Reappointment)

Raul David Bejarano, of California, to be United States Marshal for the Southern District of California for the term of four years.

Eduardo Aguirre, Jr., of Texas, to be Director of the Bureau of Citizenship and Immigration Services, Department of Homeland Security. (New Position)

Elizabeth Courtney, of Louisiana, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Corporation for Public Broadcasting for the remainder of the term expiring January 31, 2004.

4 Army nominations in the rank of general.

8 Navy nominations in the rank of admiral.

Routine lists in the Army, Coast Guard, Marine Corps.

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Record Vote: One record vote was taken today. (Total—45) Pages S3478–79

Adjournment: Senate met at 9:30 a.m., and adjourned at 9:02 p.m., until 9:30 a.m., on Wednesday, March 12, 2003. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S3557.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

MEDICARE

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education concluded hearings to examine Medicare outlier payments to hospitals, focusing on the successful implementation of a new outlier policy that contains an adequate transition period, and a proposed rule issued by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Service that would prevent further gaming of the Medicare system by a few hospitals that obtain the majority of these outlier payments, after receiving testimony from Thomas A. Scully, Administrator, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, Department of Health and Human Services; and Joseph W. Marshall, Temple University Health Care System, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

2004 BUDGET: PERSONNEL PROGRAMS

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Personnel concluded hearings to examine proposed legislation authorizing funds for fiscal year 2004 for the Department of Defense, focusing on active and reserve military and civilian personnel programs, after receiving testimony from David S.C. Chu, Under Secretary for Personnel and Readiness, William Winkenwerder, Jr., Assistant Secretary for Health Affairs, and Thomas F. Hall, Assistant Secretary for Reserve Affairs, all of the Department of Defense; Lieutenant General John M. LeMoyne, USA, Deputy Chief of Staff for Personnel, United States Army; Vice Admiral Gerald L. Hoewing, USN, Chief of Naval Personnel, United States Navy; Lieutenant General Garry L. Parks, USMC, Deputy Chief of Staff for Manpower and Reserve Affairs, United States Marine Corps; Lieutenant General Richard E. Brown, USAF, Deputy Chief of Staff for Personnel, United States Air Force; James E. Lokovic, Air Force Sergeants Association, Temple Hills, Maryland; Steven Anderson, Reserve Officers Association, Washington, D.C.; and Joseph L. Barnes, Fleet Reserve Association, Joyce W. Raezer, National Military Family Association, Inc., and Susan Schwartz, Military Officers Association of America, all of Alexandria, Virginia.

SMALL AND RURAL COMMUNITY AIR SERVICE

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Subcommittee on Aviation concluded hearings to examine the existing federal programs and new proposals to promote air service to small and rural communities, focusing on the Essential Air Service program

and the Small Community Air Service Development Pilot Program, after receiving testimony from Read Van de Water, Assistant Secretary of Transportation for Aviation and International Affairs; JayEtta Z. Hecker, Director, Physical Infrastructure Issues, General Accounting Office; and Bryan O. Elliott, Charlottesville Albemarle Airport Authority, Charlottesville, Virginia.

ENERGY EFFICIENCY

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Committee held hearings to examine federal programs for energy efficiency and conservation, focusing on the Federal Energy Management Program, the appliance efficiency standards programs under the National Appliance Energy Conservation Act, and the Energy Policy of Act of 1992, receiving testimony from David K. Garman, Assistant Secretary of Energy for Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy; Paul Lynch, Assistant Commissioner of Business Operations, Public Buildings Service, General Services Administration; Erbin Keith, Sempra Energy Solutions, San Diego, California, on behalf of the Federal Performance Contracting Coalition; and Joseph M. McGuire, Association of Home Appliance Manufacturers, and David M. Nemtzw, Alliance to Save Energy, both of Washington, D.C.

PENSION PLANS

Committee on Finance: Committee held hearings to examine defined benefit pension plans, focusing on possible reforms for funding, receiving testimony from Steven A. Kandarian, Executive Director, Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation; Christopher W. O'Flinn, AT&T Corporation, Bedminster, New Jersey, on behalf of the ERISA Industry Committee; Mark Schuler, U.S. Airways, Inc., Barrington, New Hampshire; Henry Eickelberg, General Dynamics Corporation, Falls Church, Virginia, on behalf of the American Benefits Council; and Ron Gebhardt-bauer, American Academy of Actuaries, Washington, D.C.

Committee recessed subject to the call.

IRAQ: RECONSTRUCTION

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee concluded hearings to examine the commitment of U.S. financial and personnel resources to post-conflict transitional assistance and reconstruction in Iraq, focusing

on the cost of maintaining a military presence in the region, the restoration of governance and any steps toward democracy, securing the elimination of Iraqi weapons of mass destruction, ending Iraqi contacts with international terrorist organizations, ensuring that a post-transition Iraqi government can maintain the country's territorial integrity and economic independence while contributing to regional stability, and the costs of not going to war with Iraq, which include the costs of maintaining a military presence in the region, the continuation of inspections of weapons of mass destruction, accelerated funding to combat terrorism abroad, and maintaining a high level of homeland security, after receiving testimony from Eric P. Schwartz, Council on Foreign Relations, Gordon Adams, George Washington University, Sandra Mitchell, International Rescue Committee, and Phebe Marr, all of Washington, DC.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Indian Affairs: Committee met and approved the committees views and estimates with respect to the President's proposed budget request for fiscal year 2004 for Indian programs.

INTELLIGENCE

Select Committee on Intelligence: Committee held closed hearings on intelligence matters, receiving testimony from officials of the intelligence community.

Committee will meet again on Thursday, March 13.

HEALTHY AGING

Special Committee on Aging: Committee concluded hearings to examine the prescription for healthy aging, focusing on the benefits of fitness and nutrition care, and exercise, after receiving testimony from Judith A. Salerno, Deputy Director, National Institute on Aging, National Institutes of Health, and Lynn C. Swann, Chairman, President's Council on Physical Fitness and Sports, Office of Public Health and Science, both of the Department of Health and Human Services; Linda Netterville, on behalf of Meals On Wheels Association of America, Alexandria, Virginia; Jane V. White, University of Tennessee at Knoxville Graduate School of Medicine, on behalf of Nutrition Screening Initiative; Alfred Maguire, Twin Falls, Idaho; and Sam Ulano, New York, New York.