

Record Votes: Eight record votes were taken today. (Total—285) **Pages S9456–57, S9463, S9471, S9480**

Adjournment: Senate met at 9:30 a.m., and adjourned at 8:50 p.m., until 9 a.m., on Thursday, July 17, 2003. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S9513.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

APPROPRIATIONS: ENERGY AND WATER DEVELOPMENT

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Energy and Water Development approved for full Committee consideration an original bill making appropriations for energy and water development programs for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2004.

Nominations:

Committee on Armed Services: Committee ordered favorably reported the nominations of Thomas W. O'Connell, of Virginia, to be an Assistant Secretary of Defense, and Paul Morgan Longworth, of Virginia, to be Deputy Administrator for Defense Nuclear Nonproliferation, National Nuclear Security Administration.

MONETARY POLICY REPORT

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: Committee concluded hearings to examine the semi-annual Monetary Policy Report of the Federal Reserve and the economic outlook, after receiving testimony from Alan Greenspan, Chairman, Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System.

INTERNET TAX MORATORIUM

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Committee concluded hearings to examine proposed legislation to make permanent the moratorium on taxes on Internet access, focusing on the costs of tax compliance, and benefits achieved under the Internet Tax Freedom Act, after receiving testimony from Billy Hamilton, Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts, Austin; Joseph A. Ripp, America Online, Inc., Dulles, Virginia; Paul Misener, Amazon.com, Inc., Washington, D.C.; and Mark Beshears, Sprint Corporation, Overland Park, Kansas.

MARINE MAMMAL PROTECTION ACT AUTHORIZATION

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Subcommittee on Oceans, Fisheries, and Coast Guard concluded hearings on proposed legislation authorizing funds for programs of the Marine Mammal Protection Act, focusing on improvements to marine

mammal bycatch reduction efforts, enforcement, and other important aspects of marine mammal conservation management policy, after receiving testimony from Rebecca Lent, Deputy Assistant Administrator for Fisheries, National Marine Fisheries Service, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, Department of Commerce; Marshall P. Jones, Jr., Deputy Director, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Department of the Interior; Vice Admiral Charles W. Moore, Jr., USN, Deputy Chief of Naval Operations for Fleet Readiness and Logistics; David Cottingham, Marine Mammal Commission, Bethesda, Maryland; Rear Admiral Richard West, USN, (Ret.), Consortium for Oceanographic Research and Education, and Nina M. Young, The Ocean Conservancy, both of Washington, D.C.; Peter Tyack, Woods Hole Oceanographic Institution, Woods Hole, Massachusetts; and Charles Johnson, Alaska Nanuq Commission, Nome, Alaska.

GREAT LAKES RESTORATION

Committee on Governmental Affairs: Subcommittee on Oversight of Government Management, Federal Workforce and the District of Columbia concluded hearings to examine the recent General Accounting Office report entitled: "An Overall Strategy and Indicators for Measuring Progress Are Needed to Better Achieve Restoration Goals", focusing on the ramifications of an uncoordinated Great Lakes restoration strategy, current management of various environmental programs, and possible next steps to improve the management of Great Lakes programs, after receiving testimony from Senators DeWine and Levin; John B. Stephenson, Director, Natural Resources and Environment, General Accounting Office; Robyn Thorson, Regional Director, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Department of the Interior; Thomas V. Skinner, Region V Administrator, National Program Manager for the Great Lakes, Environmental Protection Agency; Colonel William E. Ryan III, Deputy Commander, Great Lakes and Ohio River Division, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers; Timothy R.E. Keeney, Deputy Assistant Secretary of Commerce for Oceans and Atmosphere, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration; Illinois State Senator Susan Garrett, Springfield; Christopher Jones, Ohio Environmental Protection Agency, Columbus, on behalf of the Council of Great Lakes Governors; Dennis L. Schornack, Chair, United States Section, International Joint Commission, Washington, D.C.; and Margaret Wooster, Great Lakes United, Buffalo, New York.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Indian Affairs: Committee ordered favorably reported the following bills:

S. 618, to provide for the use and distribution of the funds awarded to the Western Shoshone identifiable group under Indian Claims Commission Docket Numbers 326-A-1, 326-A-3, 326-K, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute; and

S.1146, to implement the recommendations of the Garrison Unit Tribal Advisory Committee by providing authorization for the construction of a rural health care facility on the Fort Berthold Indian Reservation, North Dakota, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute.

INDIAN HEALTH CARE

Committee on Indian Affairs: Committee concluded joint hearings with House Committee on Resources, Office of Native American and Insular Affairs on S. 556, to amend the Indian Health Care Improvement Act to revise and extend that Act, and H.R. 2440, to improve the implementation of the Federal responsibility for the care and education of Indian people by improving the services and facilities of Federal health programs for Indians and encouraging maximum participation of Indians in such programs, after receiving testimony from Charles W. Grim, Interim Director, Indian Health Service, Department of Health and Human Services; Steven B. Nesmith, Assistant Secretary of Housing and Urban Development for Congressional and Intergovernmental Relations; Rachel A. Joseph, National Steering Committee on the Reauthorization of the Indian Health Care Improvement Act, Lone Pine, California; Ben Muneta, Association of American Indian Physicians, and Everett R. Rhoades, Central Oklahoma Amer-

ican Indian Health Council, Inc., both of Oklahoma City, Oklahoma; Steven Weaver, Alaska Native Tribal Health Consortium, Anchorage; Kay A. Culbertson, Denver Indian Health and Family Services, Denver, Colorado; and Carmelita Skeeter, Indian Health Care Resource Center of Tulsa, Inc., Tulsa, Oklahoma.

HOSPITAL GROUP PURCHASING

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Antitrust, Competition Policy and Consumer Rights concluded hearings on competition in the marketplace in relation to hospital group purchasing, focusing on how Group Purchasing Organizations (GPOs) affect the cost and quality of health care in America, including whether the benefits of GPOs outweigh the potential for harm to hospitals, consumers and competition, after receiving testimony from Mark McKenna, Novation, Irving Texas; Richard Norling, Premier, San Diego, California; Said Hilal, Applied Medical Resources Corporation, Rancho Santa Margarita, California; Thomas Brown, BIOTRONIK, Inc., Lake Oswego, Oregon; Gary Heiman, Standard Textile, Cincinnati, Ohio; Elizabeth Weatherman, Warburg Pincus, LLC, New York, New York; and Lynn James Everard, Coconut Creek, Florida.

INTELLIGENCE

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

Committee recessed subject to call.