

Law 99–93, as amended by Public Law 99–151, appointed Senator Norman Coleman of Minnesota as a member of the United States Senate Caucus on International Narcotics Control. **Page S9823**

Nominations Confirmed: Senate confirmed the following nominations:

Nicole R. Nason, of Virginia, to be an Assistant Secretary of Transportation.

Pamela Harbour, of New York, to be a Federal Trade Commissioner for the term of seven years from September 26, 2002. **Pages S9823, S9825**

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Record Votes: Seven record votes were taken today. (Total—298) **Pages S9755–56, S9763, S9774–75, S9783**

Recess: Senate met at 9 a.m., and recessed at 8:48 p.m., until 9:30 a.m., on Thursday, July 24, 2003. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S9824.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: Subcommittee on Housing and Transportation concluded hearings to examine enhancing the role of the private sector in public transportation, focusing on competitive contracting, the Denver Experience, intercity motorcoach security funding, intermodal facilities funding, rural transportation, and public funds versus private operators, after receiving testimony from Irwin Rosenberg, Laidlaw Transit Services, Inc., Burlington, Ontario, on behalf of the American Transit Services Council; Robert Molofsky, Amalgamated Transit Union, and Peter J. Pantuso, American Bus Association, both of Washington, D.C.; and Margie Wilcox, Taxicab, Limousine, and Paratransit Association, Kensington, Maryland.

PUBLIC INTEREST AND LOCALISM: MEDIA OWNERSHIP

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Committee concluded hearings on public interest and localism issues with respect to media ownership, including public interest obligations of local broadcasters and the role of broadcasters in the delivery of local news and public affairs programming, after receiving testimony from Michael J. Copps, Commissioner, Federal Communications Commission; Robert Corn-Revere, Davis Wright Tremaine, LLP, Washington, D.C.; Barry M. Faber, Sinclair Broadcast Group, Inc., Hunt Valley, Maryland; David J. Davis, WPVI–Channel 6, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania; Dean Martin Kaplan, University of Southern California Annenberg School for Communication, Los Angeles; and L. Brent Bozell III, Parents Television Council and the Conservative Communications Center, Alexandria, Virginia.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Committee ordered favorably reported the following bills:

S. 391, to enhance ecosystem protection and the range of outdoor opportunities protected by statute in the Skykomish River valley of the State of Washington by designating certain lower-elevation Federal lands as wilderness, with an amendment;

S. 434, to authorize the Secretary of Agriculture to sell or exchange all or part of certain parcels of National Forest System land in the State of Idaho and use the proceeds derived from the sale or exchange for National Forest System purposes, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 435, to provide for the conveyance by the Secretary of Agriculture of the Sandpoint Federal Building and adjacent land in Sandpoint, Idaho, with an amendment;

S. 452, to require that the Secretary of the Interior conduct a study to identify sites and resources, to recommend alternatives for commemorating and interpreting the Cold War, with an amendment;

S. 714, to provide for the conveyance of a small parcel of Bureau of Land Management land in Douglas County, Oregon, to the county to improve management of and recreational access to the Oregon Dunes National Recreation Area, with an amendment;

S. 1003, to clarify the intent of Congress with respect to the continued use of established commercial outfitter hunting camps on the Salmon River, with an amendment;

H.R. 622, to provide for the exchange of certain lands in the Coconino and Tonto National Forests in Arizona, with an amendment;

H.R. 1012, to establish the Carter G. Woodson Home National Historic Site in the District of Columbia, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute.

BUSINESS MEETING

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

The Convention for the Unification of Certain Rules for International Carriage by Air, done at Montreal May 28, 1999 (Treaty Doc. 106–45), with 1 reservation;

Protocol to Amend the Convention for the Unification of Certain Rules Relating to International Carriage by Air Signed at Warsaw on October 12, 1929, done at The Hague September 28, 1955 (The Hague Protocol) (Treaty Doc. 107–14);

Agreement Between the Government of the United States of America and the Government of the Russian Federation on the Conservation and Management of the Alaska-Chukotka Polar Bear Population done at Washington on October 16, 2000 (Treaty Doc. 107–10), with 1 condition;

Agreement Amending the Treaty Between the Government of the United States of America and the Government of Canada on Pacific Coast Albacore Tuna Vessels and Port Privileges done at Washington May 26, 1981 (the “Treaty”), effected by an exchange of diplomatic notes at Washington on July 17, 2002, and August 13, 2002 (the “Agreement”) (Treaty Doc 108–1);

Amendments to the 1987 Treaty on Fisheries Between the Governments of Certain Pacific Island States and the Government of the United States of America, with Annexes and agreed statements, done at Port Moresby, April 2, 1987, done at Koror, Palau, March 30, 1999, and at Kiritimati, Kiribati, March 24, 2002 (Treaty Doc. 108–2), with 1 declaration;

H. Con. Res. 209, commending the signing of the United States-Adriatic Charter, a charter of partnership among the United States, Albania, Croatia, and Macedonia, with amendments; and

S. Res. 184, calling on the Government of the People’s Republic of China immediately and unconditionally to release Dr. Yang Jianli, with amendments; and

A Foreign Service Officer promotion list received in the Senate on June 25, 2003.

IRAQ RECONSTRUCTION

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee held hearings to examine status and prospects for reconstruction relating to Iraq, focusing on establishing public safety, Iraqi ownership, employment, providing basic services, decentralization, changing the Iraqi national mindset, mobilizing a new reconstruction coalition,

money and flexibility, Ba’athist media, and U.S. media operations, receiving testimony from John Hamre, Center for Strategic and International Studies, Washington, D.C.; and Anthony Borden, Institute for War and Peace Reporting, London, United Kingdom.

Hearings continue on Tuesday, July 29, 2003.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: Committee ordered favorably reported the following business items:

S. 720, to amend title IX of the Public Health Service Act to provide for the improvement of patient safety and to reduce the incidence of events that adversely affect patient safety, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute; and

The nominations of Charles Edward Horner, of the District of Columbia, and Stephen D. Krasner, of California, each to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the United States Institute of Peace, and Eric S. Dreiband, of Virginia, to be General Counsel of the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission.

INDIAN HEALTH CARE

Committee on Indian Affairs: Committee concluded hearings on S. 556, to amend the Indian Health Care Improvement Act to revise and extend that Act, after receiving testimony from Melanie Benjamin, Mille Lacs Band of Ojibwe, Onamia, Minnesota; Buford L. Rolin, Poarch Creek Band of Indians, Atmore, Alabama, on behalf of the Indian Health Board; Myra M. Munson, Sonosky, Chambers, Sachse, Miller and Munson, Juneau, Alaska; and Mim Dixon, Dixon and Associates, Boulder, Colorado.

LAW ENFORCEMENT AND TERRORISM

Committee on the Judiciary: Committee concluded hearings on law enforcement and terrorism issues, focusing on ongoing federal efforts to improve the collection and use of intelligence to protect the American people from terrorist attacks, and the Department of Justice Inspector General Report, “The September 11 Detainees: A Review of the Treatment of Aliens Held on Immigration Charges in Connection with the Investigation of the September 11 Attacks” after receiving testimony from Robert S. Mueller III, Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation, Department of Justice; and Asa Hutchinson, Under Secretary of Homeland Security for Border and Transportation Security.

NOMINATION

Committee on the Judiciary: Committee ordered favorably reported the nomination of William H. Pryor,

Jr., of Alabama, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Eleventh Circuit.

NOMINATIONS

Committee on the Judiciary: Committee concluded hearings to examine the nominations of Rene Acosta, of Virginia, to be an Assistant Attorney General, who was introduced by Senator Allen and Representative Ros-Lehtinen, and Daniel J. Bryant, of Virginia, to be an Assistant Attorney General, who was introduced by Senators Allen and Biden, both of the Department of Justice, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

SMITHFIELD/FARMLAND DEAL

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Antitrust, Competition Policy, and Consumer Rights concluded hearings to examine agricultural consolidation and the Smithfield/Farmland Deal, after receiving testimony from Senator Johnson; Joseph Sebring, John Morrell, Inc., Cincinnati, Ohio; William Hughes, Wisconsin Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection, Madison; Russ Kremer, Missouri Farmers' Union, Jefferson City; Michael Stumo, Organization for Competitive Markets, Winstead, Connecticut; Luther Tweeten, Columbus, Ohio; and Patrick Bell, Kenansville, North Carolina.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Measures Introduced: 19 public bills, H.R. 2823–2841; 1 private bill, H.R. 2842; and 6 resolutions, H. Con Res. 250–251 and H. Res. 330–333, were introduced. **Pages H7453–54**

Additional Cosponsors: **Pages H7454–55**

Reports Filed: Reports were filed as follows:

H. Res. 334, providing for consideration of H.R. 2765, making appropriations for the government of the District of Columbia and other activities chargeable in whole or in part against the revenues of said District for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2004 (H. Rept. 108–230);

H. Res. 335, providing for consideration of H.R. 2427, to authorize the Secretary of Health and Human Services to promulgate regulations for the reimportation of prescription drugs (H. Rept. 108–231); and

H. Res. 336, providing for consideration of H.R. 2210, to reauthorize the Head Start Act to improve the school readiness of disadvantaged children (H. Rept. 108–232). **Page H7453**

Chaplain: The prayer was offered by the guest Chaplain, Dr. Ben Haden of Changed Lives in Chattanooga, Tennessee. **Page H7333**

Question of Privileges of the House: The House agreed to table H. Res. 330, concerning a matter of the privileges of the House, by a yea-and-nay vote of 223 yeas to 193 nays, Roll No. 410. **Pages H7336–37**

Rule Providing for Consideration of the Chile and Singapore Free Trade Agreements: The

House agreed to H. Res. 329, the rule that is providing for consideration of H.R. 2738, to implement the United States-Chile Free Trade Agreement, and for consideration of H.R. 2739, to implement the United States-Singapore Free Trade Agreement by a recorded vote of 281 yeas to 144 noes, Roll No. 415, and agreed to table the motion to reconsider the vote by a recorded vote of 228 yeas to 197 noes, Roll No. 416. Earlier, agreed to order the previous question by a recorded vote of 226 yeas to 200 noes, Roll No. 413, and agreed to table the motion to reconsider the vote by a recorded vote of 223 yeas to 201 noes, Roll No. 414. **Pages H7339–47, H7348–51**

Motions to Adjourn: Rejected the Hastings of Florida motion to adjourn by a yea-and-nay vote of 28 yeas to 389 nays, Roll No. 412, and later rejected a second motion to adjourn by a recorded vote of 29 yeas to 394 noes and 1 voting “present”, Roll No. 417. **Pages H7347–48, H7351**

Question of Personal Privilege: Representative Thomas rose to a point of personal privilege and was recognized. **Pages H7351–52**

Commerce, Justice, and State, Judiciary, and Related Agencies Appropriations: The House passed H.R. 2799, making appropriations for the Departments of Commerce, Justice, and State, the Judiciary, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2004 by a yea-and-nay vote of 400 yeas to 21 nays, Roll No. 422. The bill was also considered on July 22. **Pages H7337–39, H7352–69**

Agreed To:

Ose amendment that prohibits any funding to issue visas to anyone who violates the child abduction provisions of the Immigration and Nationality