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Adjournment: Senate convened at 9:30 a.m., and adjourned at 11:09 p.m., until 9:30 a.m., on Thursday, February 26, 2004. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S1609.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

APPROPRIATIONS: DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on the District of Columbia concluded a hearing to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2005 for the government of the District of Columbia, after receiving testimony from Rufus G. King III, Chief Judge, Superior Court of the District of Columbia; Annice M. Wagner, Chief Judge, D.C. Court of Appeals and Chair, Joint Committee on Judicial Administration; and Frederick Lindstrom, U.S. Commission of Fine Arts, Craig W. Floyd, National Law Enforcement Memorial Fund, and Patricia Gallagher, National Capital Planning Commission, all of Washington, D.C.

SEXUAL ASSAULT PREVENTION

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Personnel concluded a hearing to examine policies and programs for preventing and responding to incidents of sexual assault in the armed services, after receiving testimony from David S.C. Chu, Under Secretary of Defense for Personnel and Readiness; General George W. Casey, Jr., USA, Vice Chief of Staff, United States Army; Admiral Michael G. Mullen, USN, Vice Chief of Naval Operations, and Terri J. Rau, Head, Policy and Prevention Section, Counseling, Advocacy and Prevention Branch, Navy Personnel Command, Bureau of Naval Personnel, both of the United States Navy; General William L. Nyland, USMC, Assistant Commandant, United States Marine Corps; General T. Michael Moseley, USAF, Vice Chief of Staff, United States Air Force; Susan H. Mather, Chief Officer, Office of Public Health and Environmental Hazards, Veterans Health Administration, Department of Veterans' Affairs; Christine Han-

sen, The Miles Foundation, Newtown, Connecticut; and Deborah D. Tucker, National Center on Domestic and Sexual Violence, Austin, Texas.

DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Strategic Forces concluded a hearing to examine the Department of Energy's Office of Environmental Management, Office of Future Liabilities, and Office of Legacy Management, in review of the defense authorization request for fiscal year 2005, after receiving testimony from Jessie H. Roberson, Assistant Secretary for Environment Management, and Michael W. Owen, Director, Office of Legacy Management, both of the Department of Energy.

MUTUAL FUND INDUSTRY

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: Committee concluded a hearing to examine current investigations and regulatory actions regarding the mutual fund industry, focusing on understanding the fund industry from the investor's perspective, including the role of State Treasurers, financial literacy Programs, management fee disclosure, and the recent scandals in the industry, after receiving testimony from Gary Gensler, Brooklandville, Maryland, former Under Secretary of the Treasury for Domestic Finance; Tim Berry, Indiana State Treasurer, Indianapolis, on behalf of the National Association of State Treasurers; James S. Riepe, T. Rowe Price Group, Inc., Baltimore, Maryland; Don Phillips, Morningstar, Inc., Chicago, Illinois; and James K. Glassman, American Enterprise Institute, Washington, D.C.

HOUSING GSEs

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: Committee concluded a hearing to examine proposals for improving the regulation of the housing government sponsored enterprises (GSEs), after receiving testimony from Franklin D. Raines, Fannie Mae, Washington, D.C.; Richard F. Syron, Freddie Mac, McLean, Virginia; and Norman B. Rice, Federal Home Loan Bank of Seattle, Seattle, Washington.

DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY BUDGET

Committee on the Budget: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the President's proposed budget request for fiscal year 2005 for the Department of Homeland Security, after receiving testimony from Tom Ridge, Secretary of Homeland Security.

SEAFOOD PROCESSOR QUOTAS

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the economic implications of seafood processor quotas, focusing on the Alaska crab rationalization plan developed by North Pacific Fishery Management Council, including effects on competition of the rationalization plan and antitrust issues associated with the plan's price arbitration system, after receiving testimony from J. Bruce McDonald, Deputy Assistant Attorney General, Antitrust Division, Department of Justice; Anu K. Mittal, Director, National Resources and Environment, and Keith Oleson, Assistant Director, both of the General Accounting Office; Robert Halvorsen, University of Washington, and Joseph T. Plesha, Trident Seafoods Corporation, both of Seattle; Scott C. Matulich, Washington State University, Pullman; Richard D. Young, Crescent City, California, on behalf of the Fishermen's Marketing Association; and Richard Powell, Kodiak, Alaska.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee ordered favorably reported the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea, with Annexes, done at Montego Bay, December 10, 1982 (the "Convention"), and the Agreement Relating to the Implementation of Part XI of the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea of 10 December 1982, with Annex, adopted at New York, July 28, 1994 (the "Agreement"), and signed by the United States, subject to ratification, on July 29, 1994 (Treaty Doc. 103-39).

TAX TREATIES

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the Convention Between the Government of the United States of America and the Government of Japan for the Avoidance of Double Taxation and the Prevention of Fiscal Evasion with respect to Taxes on Income, signed at Washington on November 6, 2003, together with a Protocol and an exchange of notes (the "Convention") (Treaty Doc. 108-14), and the Protocol Amending the Convention Between the Government of the United States of America and the Government of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka for the Avoidance of Double Taxation and the Prevention of Fiscal Evasion with Respect to Taxes on Income signed at Colombo on March 14, 1985, together with an exchange of notes, signed at Washington on September 20, 2002 (the "Protocol") (Treaty Doc. 108-9), focusing on a zero-rate dividend provision, anti-conduit rules, insurance excise tax, restructured financial institutions, and the U.S. operating subsidiary, after receiving testimony from Barbara M. Angus, Inter-

national Tax Counsel, Department of the Treasury; George Yin, Chief of Staff, Joint Committee on Taxation; William A. Reinsch, National Foreign Trade Council, and James W. Fatheree, U.S.-Japan Business Council, both of Washington, D.C.

USAID CONTRACTING POLICIES

Committee on Foreign Relations: Subcommittee on International Economic Policy, Export and Trade Promotion concluded a hearing to examine the United States Agency for International Development's (USAID) contracting policies, focusing on programs in Afghanistan and Iraq, after receiving testimony from Everett L. Mosley, Inspector General, and Tim Beans, Director, Office of Procurement, both of the United States Agency for International Development; Frederick D. Barton, Center for Strategic and International Studies, Allan V. Burman, Jefferson Solutions, and Marcus L. Stevenson, The Urban Institute, all of Washington, D.C.

INDIAN PROGRAMS BUDGET

Committee on Indian Affairs: Committee concluded hearings to examine the President's proposed budget request for fiscal year 2005 for Indian Programs, after receiving testimony from Ross Swimmer, Special Trustee for American Indians, Department of the Interior; Gary J. Hartz, Acting Director, Office of Public Health, Indian Health Service, and Douglas Black, Director, Office of Tribal Programs, Indian Health Service, both of the Department of Health and Human Services; Victoria Vasques, Deputy Under Secretary, and Director, Office of Indian Education, and Lonna Jones, Acting Director, Elementary, Secondary and Vocational Analysis Division, Budget Service, both of the Department of Education; Michael Liu, Assistant Secretary of Housing and Urban Development for Public and Indian Housing; David Garman, Assistant Secretary of Energy for Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy; and Tracy Henke, Deputy Associate Attorney General, Department of Justice.

NOMINATION

Committee on the Judiciary: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nomination of Roger T. Benitez, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of California, after the nominee, who was introduced by Senator Feinstein, testified and answered questions in his own behalf. Testimony was also received from Marilyn L. Huff, Chief Judge, U.S. District Court for the Southern District of California; and Thomas Z. Hayward, Jr., Chicago, Illinois, and Richard M. Macias, Los Angeles, California, both on behalf of the Standing Committee on Federal Judiciary, American Bar Association.