

**Messages From the President:** Senate received the following messages from the President of the United States:

Transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of the District of Columbia's Fiscal Year 2001 Budget Request Act; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs. (PM-121) **Page S7387**

**Nominations Confirmed:** Senate Confirmed the following nominations:

Norman Y. Mineta, of California, to be Secretary of Commerce. **Page S7349**

**Nominations Received:** Senate received the following nominations:

Andrew Fois, of the District of Columbia, to be an Associate Judge of the Superior Court of the District of Columbia for the term of fifteen years.

Miguel D. Lausell, of Puerto Rico, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Overseas Private Investment Corporation for a term expiring December 17, 2000.

Miguel D. Lausell, of Puerto Rico, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Overseas Private Investment Corporation for a term expiring December 17, 2003. (Reappointment)

7 Army nominations in the rank of general.

Routine list in the Air Force. **Page S7349**

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**Record Votes:** Eight record votes were taken today. (Total—225)

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**Adjournment:** Senate convened at 9:45 a.m., and adjourned at 10:24 p.m., until 9:00 a.m. Friday, July 21, 2000. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S7349.)

## Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

### APPROPRIATIONS—TREASURY/POSTAL SERVICE

*Committee on Appropriations:* Committee ordered favorably reported an original bill (S. 2900) 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, 2001.

### ENERGY AND AGRICULTURE

*Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry:* Committee concluded hearings to examine current energy policy and its implications on American energy security and environmental interests, including the role of energy in U.S. agriculture and the effects of this year's increases in energy prices on agriculture as both a user and a producer of energy, after receiving testimony from former Senator Johnston; Bill Richardson, Secretary of Energy; James Schlesinger, former Secretary of Defense and former Secretary of Energy; Keith Collins, Chief Economist, Department of Agriculture; Harry S. Baumes, WEFA Inc., Eddystone, Pennsylvania; Eric Vaughn, Renewable Fuels Association, and R. Skip Horvath, Natural Gas Supply Association, both of Washington, D.C.; James McCarthy, CITGO Petroleum Corporation, Tulsa, Oklahoma; and Don Hutchens, Nebraska Corn Board, Lincoln.

### IRAQ

*Committee on Armed Services:* Committee held closed hearings to examine the situation in Iraq and United States military operations in and around Iraq, receiving testimony from Vice Adm. Scott A. Fry, USN, Director, Operations Directorate (J-3), and Rear Adm. Lowell E. Jacoby, USN, Director, Intelligence Directorate (J-2), both of the Office of the Joint Chiefs of Staff; and Bruce Pease, Director, Office of Near Eastern, South Asian and African Analysis, Directorate of Intelligence, Central Intelligence Agency.

Committee recessed subject to call.

### MONETARY POLICY

*Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs:* Committee concluded hearings to examine the conduct of monetary policy and economic outlook by the Federal Reserve, after receiving testimony from

Alan Greenspan, Chairman, Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System.

#### BUSINESS MEETING

*Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation:* Committee ordered favorably reported the nominations of Norman Y. Mineta, of California, to be Secretary of Commerce, Francisco J. Sanchez, of Florida, to be an Assistant Secretary of Transportation, Debbie D. Branson, of Texas, to be a Member of the Federal Aviation Management Advisory Council, Department of Transportation, and Katherine Milner Anderson, of Virginia, Frank Henry Cruz, of California, Kenneth Y. Tomlinson, of Virginia, and Ernest J. Wilson III, of Maryland, each to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Corporation for Public Broadcasting, and a United States Coast Guard promotion list received in the Senate on July 18, 2000.

#### INTERNET AIRLINE TICKET SALES

*Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation:* Committee concluded hearings to examine the Internet's role in the marketing of airline services, including whether or not it benefits consumers in purchasing airline tickets through the Internet, after receiving testimony from A. Bradley Mims, Deputy Assistant Secretary for Aviation and International Affairs, and Kenneth M. Mead, Inspector General, both of the Department of Transportation; Terrell B. Jones, Travelocity.com, Dallas, Texas; Jeffrey G. Katz, Orbitz, Chicago, Illinois; Mark Silbergeld, Consumers Union, Washington, D.C.; and Paul M. Ruden, American Society of Travel Agents, Inc., Alexandria, Virginia.

#### BUSINESS MEETING

*Committee on Energy and Natural Resources:* Committee continued markup of H.R. 701, to provide Outer Continental Shelf Impact Assistance to State and local governments, to amend the Land and Water Conservation Fund Act of 1965, the Urban Park and Recreation Recovery Act of 1978, and the Federal Aid in Wildlife Restoration Act (commonly referred to as the Pittman-Robertson Act) to establish a fund to meet the outdoor conservation and recreation needs of the American people, but did not complete action thereon, and will meet again tomorrow.

#### TREATIES

*Committee on Foreign Relations:* Committee concluded hearings on Inter-American Convention for the Protection and Conservation of Sea Turtles, with Annexes, done at Caracas December 1, 1996, (the "Convention"), which was signed by the United States, subject to ratification, on December 13, 1996 (Treaty Doc. 105-48); International Plant Protection

Convention (IPPC), adopted at the Conference of the Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) of the United Nations at Rome on November 17, 1997 (Treaty Doc. 106-23); Food Aid Convention 1999, which was opened for signature at the United Nations Headquarters, New York, from May 1 through June 30, 1999. Convention was signed by the United States June 16, 1999 (Treaty Doc. 106-14); Convention (No. 176) Concerning Safety and Health in Mines, adopted by the International Labor Conference at its 82nd Session in Geneva on June 22, 1995 (Treaty Doc. 106-08); and United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification in Those Countries Experiencing Serious Drought and/or Desertification, Particularly in Africa, with Annexes, adopted at Paris, June 17, 1994, and signed by the United States on October 14, 1994 (Treaty Doc. 104-29), after receiving testimony from David B. Sandalow, Assistant Secretary for Oceans and International Environmental and Scientific Affairs, and E. Anthony Wayne, Assistant Secretary for Economic and Business Affairs, both of the Department of State.

#### NOMINATION

*Committee on Foreign Relations:* Committee concluded hearings on Everett L. Mosley, of Virginia, to be Inspector General, Agency for International Development, after the nominee testified and answered questions in his own behalf.

#### AFGHANISTAN AND THE TALIBAN

*Committee on Foreign Relations:* Subcommittee on Near Eastern and South Asian Affairs concluded hearings on issues relating to United States policy towards the government of Afghanistan and the militia that rules Afghanistan, known as the Taliban, after receiving testimony from Karl F. Inderfurth, Assistant Secretary of State for South Asian Affairs; Peter Tomsen, University of Nebraska, Omaha, former Ambassador and Special Envoy to the Afghan Resistance; Zieba Shorish-Shamley, Women's Alliance for Peace and Human Rights in Afghanistan, Washington, D.C.; and Hamid Karzai, Glenwood, Maryland.

#### BUSINESS MEETING

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

S. 2812, to amend the Immigration and Nationality Act to provide a waiver of the oath of renunciation and allegiance for naturalization of aliens having certain disabilities;

S. Con. Res. 53, condemning all prejudice against individuals of Asian and Pacific Island ancestry in the United States and supporting political and civic participation by such individuals throughout the

United States, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 2516, to fund task forces to locate and apprehend fugitives in Federal, State, and local felony criminal cases and give administrative subpoena authority to the United States Marshals Service, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. Res. 133, supporting religious tolerance toward Muslims;

S.J. Res. 48, calling upon the President to issue a proclamation recognizing the 25th anniversary of the Helsinki Final Act; and

The nominations of Johnnie B. Rawlinson, of Nevada, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Ninth Circuit, Dennis M. Cavanaugh, to be United States District Judge for the District of New Jersey, James S. Moody, Jr., Gregory A. Presnell, and John E. Steele, each to be a United States District Judge for the Middle District of Florida, and Glenn A. Fine, of Maryland, to be Inspector General, Daniel Marcus, of Maryland, to be Associate Attorney General, and David W. Ogden, of Virginia, to be an Assistant Attorney General, all of the Department of Justice.

#### GENETIC INFORMATION IN THE WORKPLACE

*Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions:* Committee concluded hearings to examine issues relating to the development of federal policy governing the treatment of an individual's genetic information in the workplace in light of the recent Human Genome Project breakthroughs, after receiving testimony from Senator Daschle; Francis S. Collins, Director, National Human Genome Research Institute, National Institutes of Health, Department of Health and Human Services; Paul S. Miller, Commissioner, Equal Employment Opportunity Commission; Susan R. Meisinger, Society for Human Resource Management, Alexandria, Virginia; and Harold P. Coxson, Ogletree, Deakins, Nash, Smoak, and Stewart, and Susannah Baruch, National Partnership for Women and Families, both of Washington, D.C.

#### SBA PERFORMANCE AND ACCOUNTABILITY

*Committee on Small Business:* Committee held hearings on the General Accounting Office's performance and accountability review of the Small Business Administration, receiving testimony from David M. Walker, Comptroller General of the United States, Stanley J. Czerwinski, Associate Director, Housing and Community Development Issues, Resources, Community, and Economic Development Division, Joel C. Willemssen, Director, Civil Agencies Information Systems, Accounting and Information Management Division, and Michael Brostek, Associate Director,

Federal Management and Workforce Issues, General Government Division, all of the General Accounting Office; and Aida Alvarez, Administrator, Small Business Administration.

Hearings recessed subject to call.

#### VA CLAIMS PROCESSING/VA BENEFITS/ CONSTRUCTION

*Committee on Veterans Affairs:* Committee concluded hearings to examine the Department of Veterans Affairs disability claims process, and a status report on the adjudication of these claims and efforts the Department has made to improve claims processing, and S. 1806, to authorize the payment of a gratuity to certain members of the Armed Forces who served at Bataan and Corregidor during World War II, or the surviving spouses of such members, S. 1810, to amend title 38, United States Code, to clarify and improve veterans' claims and appellate procedures, S. 2264, to amend title 38, United States Code, to establish within the Veterans Health Administration the position of Advisor on Physician Assistants, S. 2544, to amend title 38, United States Code, to provide compensation and benefits to children of female Vietnam veterans who were born with certain birth defects, S. 2637, to require a land conveyance, Miles City Veterans Administration Medical Complex, Miles City, Montana, S. 2827, to provide for the conveyance of the Department of Veterans Affairs Medical Center at Ft. Lyon, Colorado, to the State of Colorado, proposed legislation providing for VA cost of living assistance, proposed Women Veterans' Equity Act, proposed Veterans Programs Enhancement Act, and proposed legislation authorizing the construction of certain VA facilities, after receiving testimony from Joseph Thompson, Under Secretary of Veteran Affairs for Benefits; Philip R. Wilkerson, American Legion, and Dennis Cullinan, Veterans of Foreign Wars, both of Washington, D.C.; James O'Brien, Tequesta, Florida; William R. Baker, Cincinnati, Ohio; William Kennedy, Tallahassee, Florida; and Clarence DeVaughn Moore, Hurricane, West Virginia.

#### NATIVE AMERICAN LANGUAGES PRESERVATION

*Committee on Indian Affairs:* Committee concluded hearings on S. 2688, to amend the Native American Languages Act to provide for the establishment of Native American Language Survival Schools, after receiving testimony from Michael Cohen, Assistant Secretary of Education for Elementary and Secondary Education; Teresa L. McCarty, University of Arizona, Tucson, on behalf of the American Indian Language

Development Institute; Michael E. Krauss, University of Alaska, Alaska Native Language Center, Fairbanks; William G. Demmert, Jr., Western Washington University, Bellingham; Darrell R. Kipp, Piegan Institute, Browning, Montana; Genevieve Jackson, Navajo Nation, Window Rock, Arizona; Matthew Dick, Confederated Tribes of the Colville Reservation, Nespelem, Washington; Rosita Worl, University of Alaska Southeast, Juneau, on behalf of the Sealaska Heritage Foundation and Alaska Federation of Natives; A. Brian Wallace, Washoe Tribe of

Nevada and California, Gardnerville, Nevada; and Kalena Silva and William H. Wilson, both of the University of Hawaii Ke'elikolani College of Hawaiian Language, and Namaka Rawlins, 'Aha Punana Leo, Inc., all of Hilo.

#### 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.

## House of Representatives

### Chamber Action

**Bills Introduced:** 20 public bills, H.R. 4898–4917; 1 private bill, H.R. 4918; and 2 resolutions, H. Con. Res. 378 and H. Res. 561, were introduced.

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

H.R. 4110, to amend title 44, United States Code, to authorize appropriations for the National Historical Publications and Records Commission for fiscal years 2002 through 2005 (H. Rept. 106–768);

H.R. 4700, to grant the consent of the Congress to the Kansas and Missouri Metropolitan Culture District Compact (H. Rept. 106–769);

H.J. Res. 72, granting the consent of the Congress to the Red River Boundary Compact, amended (H. Rept. 106–770);

H.R. 4419, to prevent the use of certain bank instruments for Internet gambling, amended, (H. Rept. 106–771, Pt. 1);

H.R. 4744, to require the General Accounting Office to report to Congress on economically significant rules of Federal agencies (H. Rept. 106–772).

H.R. 4585, to strengthen consumers' control over the use and disclosure of their health information by financial institutions, amended (H. Rept. 106–773, Pt. 1);

H.R. 1954, to regulate motor vehicle insurance activities to protect against retroactive regulatory and legal action and to create fairness in ultimate insurer laws and vicarious liability standards, amended, referred sequentially Committee on the Judiciary (H. Rept. 106–774, Pt. 1); and

H.R. 2580, to encourage the creation, development, and enhancement of State response programs for contaminated sites, removing existing Federal barriers to the cleanup of brownfield sites, and cleaning up and returning contaminated sites to economi-

cally productive or other beneficial uses, amended (H. Rept. 106–775, Pt. 1). **Page H6717**

**Marriage Tax Penalty Relief Reconciliation Act:** The House agreed to the conference report on H.R. 4810, to provide for reconciliation pursuant to section 103(a)(1) of the concurrent resolution on the budget for fiscal year 2001 by a yeas and nays vote of 271 yeas to 156 nays, Roll No. 418.

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H. Res. 559, the rule that waived points of order against the conference report was agreed to by yeas and nays vote of 279 yeas to 140 nays, roll No. 417.

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**Recess:** The House recessed at 12:54 p.m. and reconvened at 1:39 p.m. **Page H6618**

**Treasury, Postal Appropriations:** The House passed H.R. 4871, 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, 2001 by a yeas and nays vote of 216 yeas to 202 nays, Roll No. 428. **Pages H6622–H6710**

Agreed to Kolbe unanimous consent request to insert language in the enacting clause. **Pages H6622–31**

Agreed To:

Vitter amendment that increases funding for high intensity drug trafficking areas program by \$25 million and decreases IRS administrative funding accordingly (agreed to by a recorded vote of 284 yeas to 134 nays, Roll No. 421); **Pages H6642–45**

Klink amendment that increases funding for the Customs Service by \$950,000 to purchase equipment to monitor the radioactivity of scrap metal imported into the United States and decreases Treasury Inspector General funding accordingly; **Pages H6645–52**