

Counselor, to serve concurrently and without additional compensation as Ambassador of the United States of America to the Republic of Equatorial Guinea.

29 Army nominations in the rank of general.

2 Navy nominations in the rank of admiral.

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Record Votes: Three record votes were taken today. (Total–606) **Pages S18616, S18637, S18657–58**

Adjournment: Senate convened at 9:30 a.m., and adjourned at 7:15 p.m., until 9:30 a.m., on Friday, December 15, 1995. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S18670.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

NUCLEAR WASTE POLICY ACT

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Committee concluded hearings on S. 1271, to provide for the storage and disposal of spent nuclear fuel and high-level nuclear waste from the nation's defense program and commercial nuclear power plants, after receiving testimony from Idaho Governor Philip E. Batt, Boise; Hazel R. O'Leary, Secretary of Energy; Robert B. Pirie, Jr., Assistant Secretary of the Navy (Installations and Environment); Gary Gates, Omaha Public Power District, Omaha, Nebraska, on behalf of the American Public Power Association; William K. Sherman, Vermont Department of Public Health, Montpelier, on behalf of the Northeast High-Level Radioactive Waste Transportation Task Force; Dick Snell, Pinnacle West Capital Corporation, Phoenix, Arizona; and Corbin A. McNeill, Jr., PECO Energy Company, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Finance: Committee ordered favorably reported the following business items:

S. 1470, to provide for increases in the amounts of allowable earnings under the social security earn-

ings limit for individuals who have attained retirement age, with amendments; and

The nominations of Joshua Gotbaum, of New York, to be Assistant Secretary of the Treasury for Economic Policy, and Jeffrey R. Shafer, of New Jersey, to be Under Secretary of the Treasury for International Affairs.

SOUTH AFRICA

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee held hearings to examine the status of United States assistance programs in South Africa, receiving testimony from John F. Hicks, Assistant Administrator for Africa, Leslie Dean, South African Mission Director, and William Ford, former South African Mission Director, all of the Agency for International Development.

Hearings were recessed subject to call.

FEDERAL FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT

Committee on Governmental Affairs: Committee held hearings on proposed legislation to improve financial management in the Federal Government, receiving testimony from Charles A. Bowsher, Comptroller General of the United States, and Gene Dodaro, Assistant Comptroller General, and Jeffrey Steinhoff, Director of Planning and Reporting, both of the Accounting and Information Management Division, all of the General Accounting Office; G. Edward DeSeve, Controller, Office of Federal Financial Management, Office of Management and Budget; California State Auditor Kurt R. Sjoberg, Sacramento; William R. Phillips, Coopers & Lybrand, McLean, Virginia; and Ted Sheridan, Sheridan Management Corporation, Washington, D.C., on behalf of the Financial Executives Institute.

Hearings were recessed subject to call.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on the Judiciary: Committee ordered favorably reported the nomination of Merrick B. Garland, of Maryland, to be United States Circuit Judge for the District of Columbia Circuit.

Also, committee began consideration of S. 605, to establish a uniform and more efficient Federal process for protecting property owners' rights guaranteed by the fifth amendment, but did not complete action thereon, and will meet again on Wednesday, December 20.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Rules and Administration: Committee ordered favorably reported the following bills:

S. 426, to authorize the establishment of a memorial to Martin Luther King, Jr., in the District of Columbia;

H.R. 2527, to permit electronic filing of Federal Election Commission reports and to require members

of the House and those seeking election to the House to file directly with the FEC instead of filing with the House Clerk which is the current requirement;

H.J. Res. 69, to provide for the reappointment of Homer Alfred Neal as a citizen regent of the Board of Regents of the Smithsonian Institution;

H.J. Res. 110, to provide for the appointment of Howard H. Baker, Jr., as a citizen regent of the Board of Regents of the Smithsonian Institution;

H.J. Res. 111, to provide for the appointment of Anne D'Harnoncourt as a citizen regent of the Board of Regents of the Smithsonian Institution;

H.J. Res. 112, to provide for the appointment of Louis Gerstner as a citizen regent of the Board of Regents of the Smithsonian Institution; and

S. Con. Res. 34, to authorize the printing of "Vice Presidents of the United States, 1789-1993", with an amendment.

INTELLIGENCE

Committee on Intelligence: Committee met in closed session to receive a briefing on intelligence matters from officials of the intelligence community.

Committee recessed subject to call.

WHITEWATER

Special Committee To Investigate the Whitewater Development Corporation and Related Matters: Committee met and approved the recommendation to order and direct the compliance of a subpoena relative to the committee's Whitewater investigation.

Committee recessed subject to call.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Bills Introduced: 7 public bills, H.R. 2778-2784 were introduced. **Page H14927**

Reports Filed: Reports were filed as follows:

H. Res. 307, waiving points of order against the conference report on H.R. 1530, to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 1996 for military activities of the Department of Defense, and to prescribe military personnel strengths for fiscal year 1996 (H. Rept. 104-407); and

H.R. 2661, to amend the District of Columbia Self-Government and Governmental Reorganization Act to permit the District of Columbia to expend its own funds during any portion of a fiscal year for which Congress has not enacted the budget of the District of Columbia for the fiscal year, and to provide for the appropriation of a monthly pro-rated portion of the annual Federal payment to the District of Columbia for such fiscal year during such portion of the year, amended (H. Rept. 104-408). **Page H14927**

Speaker Pro Tempore: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he designates Representative Ensign to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. **Page H14873**

Committees to Sit: The following committees and their subcommittees received permission to sit today during proceedings of the House under the five-minute rule: Committees on Agriculture, Government Reform and Oversight, International Relations, the Judiciary, National Security, Resources, and Transportation and Infrastructure. **Page H14878**

Public Debt Limit: By a recorded vote of 235 ayes to 103 noes, with 77 voting "present", Roll No. 862, the House passed H.R. 2621, to enforce the public debt limit and to protect the social security trust funds and other Federal trust funds and accounts invested in public debt obligations.

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Rejected the Gibbons motion to recommit the bill to the Committee on Ways and Means with instructions to report it back forthwith containing language consisting of a new text that sought to provide that the Secretary of the Treasury may use social security trust funds only for the purposes of paying social security benefits under previously established practices; and that the Secretary of the Treasury may utilize civil service retirement funds to avoid Government default in times of a forced debt ceiling crisis and that such funds shall be restored fully, including interest, as required by provisions in the United States Code (rejected by a yeas-and-nays vote of 190 yeas to 229 nays, Roll No. 861). **Pages H14897-99**

H. Res. 293, the rule under which the bill was considered, was agreed to earlier by a recorded vote of 228 yeas to 184 noes, Roll No. 860. By a yeas-and-nays vote of 223 yeas to 183 nays, Roll No. 859, agreed to order the previous question on the resolution. **Pages H14879-85**

Member Sworn: Representative-elect Jesse L. Jackson, Jr., presented himself in the well of the House and was administered the oath of office by the Speaker. **Page H14900**