

Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

Michael Kantor, of California, to be Secretary of Commerce.

Brooksley Elizabeth Born, of the District of Columbia, to be a Commissioner of the Commodity Futures Trading Commission for the remainder of the term expiring April 13, 1999.

Brooksley Elizabeth Born, of the District of Columbia, to be Chairman of the Commodity Futures Trading Commission.

David D. Spears, of Kansas, to be a Commissioner of the Commodity Futures Trading Commission for the term expiring April 13, 2000. **Page S4695**

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Adjournment: Senate convened at 10 a.m., and adjourned at 2:27 p.m., until 12 noon, on Monday, May 6, 1996. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today's Record on page S4690.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

APPROPRIATIONS—VETERANS AFFAIRS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on VA, HUD, and Independent Agencies held hearings on proposed budget estimates for the Department of Veterans Affairs, receiving testimony from Jesse Brown, Secretary of Veterans Affairs.

Subcommittee will meet again on Wednesday, May 8.

TRANSPORTATION MOTOR FUELS TAX

Committee on Finance: Committee held hearings on proposals to repeal the 4.3 cents per gallon transportation motor fuels tax as imposed by the Omnibus

Budget Reconciliation Act of 1993, receiving testimony from Thomas J. Donahue, American Trucking Associations, Inc., Edwin L. Harper, Association of American Railroads, Carol B. Hallett, Air Transport Association of America, and Susan Perry, American Bus Association, all of Washington, D.C.; and Melvin Sherbert, Suitland, Maryland, on behalf of the Service Station Dealers of America.

Hearings were recessed subject to call.

NOMINATIONS

Committee on the Judiciary: On Thursday, May 2, committee concluded hearings on the nominations of Walker D. Miller, to be United States District Judge for the District of Colorado, Nina Gershon, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of New York, Edmund A. Sargus, Jr., to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of Ohio, W. Craig Broadwater, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of West Virginia, Mary Ann Vial Lemmon, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Louisiana, and Dean D. Pregerson, to be United States District Judge for the Central District of California, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf. Mr. Miller was introduced by Senator Brown, Ms. Gershon was introduced by Senators Moynihan and D'Amato, Mr. Sargus was introduced by Senators Glenn and DeWine, Mr. Broadwater was introduced by Senators Byrd and Rockefeller, Ms. Lemmon was introduced by Senators Johnston and Breaux and Representative Tauzin, and Mr. Pregerson was introduced by Senators Boxer and Feinstein. Testimony was also received on the nomination of Ms. Lemmon from Chief Judge Morey Sear, United States District Court for the Eastern District of Louisiana.

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.