

Adjournment: Senate convened at 9:30 a.m., and adjourned at 8:25 p.m., until 9:30 a.m., on Thursday, May 21, 1998. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S5245.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

APPROPRIATIONS—DEFENSE

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Defense concluded hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 1999 for the Department of Defense, focusing on Army programs, after receiving testimony from Robert M. Walker, Acting Secretary of the Army; and Gen. Dennis J. Reimer, Chief of Army Staff.

OSTEOPOROSIS PREVENTION

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, Education, and Related Agencies concluded hearings to examine issues relating to the funding of osteoporosis prevention, education, and research, after receiving testimony from Representative Morella; Stephen I. Katz, Director, National Institute of Arthritis and Musculoskeletal and Skin Diseases, National Institutes of Health, Department of Health and Human Services; Judy A. Black, National Osteoporosis Foundation, Washington, D.C.; Dominic DiMaggio, The Paget Foundation, New York, New York; Susan Burdick, Cambridge Springs, Pennsylvania; and Frederick R. Singer, Santa Monica, California.

HARMFUL ALGAL BLOOMS

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Subcommittee on Oceans and Fisheries concluded hearings to examine the scope of harmful algal blooms, including pfiesteria, red tide, brown tide, and paralytic shellfish poisoning, including hypoxia, a condition related to harmful algal blooms, that has created a massive "dead zone" in the Gulf of Mexico, and S. 1480, to authorize funds for the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration to conduct research, monitoring, education and management activities for the eradication and control of harmful algal blooms, including blooms of *Pfiesteria piscicida* and other aquatic toxins, after receiving testimony from Terry D. Garcia, Assistant Secretary for Oceans and Atmosphere, and Donald Scavia, Senior Scientist, both of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, Department of Commerce; Suzanne E. Schwartz, Acting Director, Oceans and Coastal Protection Division, Environmental Protection Agency; Donald Anderson, Woods Hole Oceanographic Institution, Woods Hole, Massachusetts; L. Donelson

Wright, College of William and Mary School of Marine Science/Virginia Institute of Marine Science, Gloucester Point, Virginia; Nancy N. Rabalais, Louisiana Universities Marine Consortium, Chauvin; JoAnn M. Burkholder, North Carolina State University, Raleigh; and Michael Voisin, Motivait Seafoods, Inc., Houma, Louisiana, on behalf of the National Fisheries Institute and the National Marine Manufacturers Association.

BUSINESS MEETING

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

S. 1275, to implement further the Act (Public Law 94-241) approving the Covenant to Establish a Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands in Political Union with the United States of America, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute; and

S. 1693, to renew, reform, reinvigorate, and protect the National Park System, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute.

Also, committee began consideration of S. 624, to establish a competitive process for the awarding of concession contracts in units of the National Park System, but did not complete action thereon, and recessed subject to call.

RUSSIAN POLICY

Committee on Foreign Relations: Subcommittee on European Affairs concluded hearings to examine Russian and domestic policy issues and United States policy toward Russia, after receiving testimony from Stephen Sestanovich, Special Advisor to the Secretary of State for the New Independent States; Peter Reddaway, George Washington University, and Leon Aron, American Enterprise Institute, both of Washington, D.C.; Lauren B. Homer, Law and Liberty Trust, Vienna, Virginia; and Scott M. Blacklin, American Chamber of Commerce, Moscow, Russia.

UNITED NATIONS BUDGET

Committee on Foreign Relations: Subcommittee on International Operations concluded hearings to examine the certification made by the Acting Secretary of State on May 4 regarding the budget of the United Nations, after receiving testimony from Princeton N. Lyman, Assistant Secretary of State for International Organization Affairs.

CHILD CUSTODY PROTECTION

Committee on the Judiciary: Committee concluded hearings on S. 1645, to prohibit taking minors across State lines to avoid laws requiring the involvement of parents in abortion decisions, after receiving

testimony from Representative Ros-Lehtinen; Pennsylvania Attorney General D. Michael Fisher, Harrisburg; Eileen Roberts, Mothers Against Minors' Abortions, Fredricksburg, Virginia; Renee Jenkins, Howard University College of Medicine, Washington, on behalf of the Society for Adolescent Medicine Advocates for Youth; D.C.; John C. Harrison, University of Virginia, Charlottesville; Joyce Farley, Duschore, Pennsylvania; and Bill Bell, Zionsville, Indiana.

IDENTITY FRAUD

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Technology, Terrorism, and Government Information concluded hearings on S. 512, to amend the Federal criminal code to provide penalties against any person who knowingly, and with intent to deceive or defraud, obtains, uses, or attempts to obtain or use one or more means of identification other than that lawfully issued to such person, authorizes the U.S. Secret Service to investigate such offenses, directs the U.S. Sentencing Commission to provide sentencing enhancements in connection with such offenses in relation to the number of victims involved, and provides forfeiture and restitution requirements with respect to such offense, after receiving testimony from

James Bauer, Deputy Assistant Director, Office of Investigations, United States Secret Service, Department of the Treasury; David Medine, Associate Director for Credit Practices, Bureau of Consumer Protection, Federal Trade Commission; Robert Hartle, Phoenix, Arizona; and Mari J. Frank, Laguna Niguel, California.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Indian Affairs: Committee ordered favorably reported S. 2069, to permit the leasing of mineral rights, in any case in which the Indian owners of an allotment that is located within the boundaries of the Fort Berthold Indian Reservation in North Dakota and held in trust by the United States have executed leases to more than 50 percent of the mineral estate of that allotment, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute.

Also, committee began markup of S. 1691, to provide for Indian legal reform, but did not complete action thereon, and recessed subject to call.

ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING

Special Committee on the Year 2000 Technology Problem: Committee met and adopted its rules of procedure.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Bills Introduced: 20 public bills, H.R. 3904–3923; and 1 private bill, H.R. 3924, were introduced.

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Reports Filed: Reports were filed as follows:

H. Res. 442, providing for consideration of H.J. Res. 119, proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States to limit campaign spending, and for consideration of H.R. 2183, to amend the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971 to reform the financing of campaigns for elections for Federal office (H. Rept. 105–545). Page H3623

Speaker Pro Tempore: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he designated Representative Shaw to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. Page H3491

Guest Chaplain: The prayer was offered by the guest Chaplain, the Rev. Scott Rambo of Sugar Land, Texas. Page H3491

DOD Authorization: The House began consideration of amendments to H.R. 3616, to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 1999 for military activi-

ties of the Department of Defense, to prescribe military personnel strengths for fiscal year 1999. The House completed general debate on May 19. Further consideration of the bill will resume on Thursday, May 21.

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Agreed To:

The Spence amendment that expresses the sense of Congress that U.S. business interests must not be placed above U.S. national security interests and that the United States should not enter into new agreements with the People's Republic of China (PRC) involving space or missile-related technology or increase the number of military-to-military contacts; that the executive branch should ensure that U.S. law regarding the export of satellites to the PRC is enforced and the relevant criminal investigation proceeds with all due dispatch; and that the President should indefinitely suspend the export of satellites of U.S. origin to China (agreed to by a recorded vote of 417 ayes to 4 noes, Roll No. 167);

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The Bereuter amendment that prohibits any United States participation in the investigation of a