

Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

Joseph Francis Baca, of New Mexico, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the State Justice Institute for a term expiring September 17, 2001.

Robert Nelson Baldwin, of Virginia, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the State Justice Institute for a term expiring September 17, 2001.

4 Air Force nominations in the rank of general.

1 Army nomination in the rank of general.

32 Navy nominations in the rank of admiral.

Routine lists in the Marine Corps and Coast Guard.

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Record Votes: Two record votes were taken today. (Total—87)

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Adjournment: Senate convened at 9:30 a.m., and adjourned at 5:50 p.m., until 12 noon, on Monday, April 19, 1999. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S3820.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

APPROPRIATIONS—AGRICULTURE

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on the Interior concluded hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2000 for the Forest Service of the Department of Agriculture, after receiving testimony from James R. Lyons, Under Secretary for Natural Resources and Environment, and Mike Dombeck, Chief, Forest Service, both of the Department of Agriculture, who were accompanied by several of their associates.

APPROPRIATIONS—VETERANS AFFAIRS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on VA, HUD, and Independent Agencies concluded hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2000 for the Department of Veterans Affairs, after receiving testimony from Togo D. West, Jr., Secretary, D. Mark Catlett, Deputy Assistant Secretary for Budget, Kenneth W. Kizer, Under Secretary for Health, and

Joseph Thompson, Under Secretary for Benefits, all of the Department of Veterans Affairs.

APPROPRIATIONS—TREASURY

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Treasury and General Government concluded hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2000 for the Department of the Treasury, after receiving testimony in behalf of funds for their respective activities from James E. Johnson, Under Secretary for Enforcement, Raymond W. Kelly, Commissioner of the Customs Service, John W. Magaw, Director, Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, and Firearms, Brian L. Stafford, Director, United States Secret Service, W. Ralph Basham, Director, Federal Law Enforcement Training Center, and James F. Sloan, Director, Financial Crimes Enforcement Network, all of the Department of the Treasury.

U.S.-KOSOVO POLICY

Committee on Armed Services: Committee concluded hearings on the United States policy regarding Kosovo, and a revised strategic concept for NATO, after receiving testimony from William S. Cohen, Secretary of Defense; and Henry H. Shelton, USA, Chairman, Joint Chiefs of Staff.

RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT INVESTMENTS

Committee on Commerce, Science and Transportation: Subcommittee on Science, Technology, and Space concluded hearings to examine the President's proposed budget request for fiscal year 2000 for research and development, after receiving testimony from Neal Lane, Assistant to the President for Science and Technology; C. Dan Brand, Federal Laboratory Consortium, National Center for Toxicology Research, Jefferson, Arkansas; Albert H. Teich, American Association for the Advancement of Science, Washington, D.C.; and Teri F. Willey, ARCH Development Corporation, University of Chicago, Chicago, Illinois.

ALASKA LANDS

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Committee concluded hearings on the following bills:

S. 501, to address resource management issues in Glacier Bay National Park, Alaska, after receiving testimony from Donald J. Barry, Assistant Secretary of the Interior for Fish, Wildlife and Parks; Alaska State Senator Robin Taylor, Robert W. Loescher, Sealaska Corporation, Frank Rue, Alaska Department of Fish and Game, Buck Lindekugel, Southeast Alaska Conservation Council, Dale Kelley, on behalf of the Alaska Trollers Association and Allied Fishermen of Southeast Alaska, all of Juneau, Alaska; Jack Hession, Sierra Club, Anchorage, Alaska; Marcia

Frenz-Argust, National Parks and Conservation Association, Washington, D.C.; and Gerry Merrigan, Petersburg Vessel Owners Association, Petersburg, Alaska; and

S. 744, to provide for the continuation of higher education through the conveyance of certain public lands in the State of Alaska to the University of Alaska, after receiving testimony from Donald J. Barry, Assistant Secretary of the Interior for Fish, Wildlife and Parks; Alaska State Senator Robin Taylor, and Marc Wheeler, Southeast Alaska Conservation Council, both of Juneau, Alaska; and Mark R. Hamilton, University of Alaska, and Jack Hession, Sierra Club, both of Anchorage, Alaska.

PARKS/HISTORIC PRESERVATION/ RECREATION

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Subcommittee on National Parks, Historic Preservation, and Recreation concluded hearings on S. 109, to improve protection and management of the Chattahoochee River National Recreation Area in the State of Georgia, S. 340, to amend the Cache La Poudre River Corridor Act to make technical corrections, S. 582, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to enter into an agreement for the construction and operation of the Gateway Visitor Center at Independence National Historical Park, S. 589, to require the National Park Service to undertake a study of the Loess Hills area in western Iowa to review options for the protection and interpretation of the area's natural, cultural, and historical resources, S. 591, to authorize a feasibility study for the preservation of the Loess Hills in western Iowa, and H.R. 149, to make technical corrections to the Omnibus Parks and Public Lands Management Act of 1996, after receiving testimony from Patricia Beneke, Assistant Secretary for Water and Science, and Katherine Stevenson, Associate Director, Cultural Resource Stewardship and Partnerships, National Park Service, both of the Department of the Interior; Roy Richards, Jr., Southwire Company, Carolton, Georgia; William W. Moore, Gateway Visitor Center Corporation, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania; Maurice Welte, Loess Hills Alliance, Sergeant Bluff, Iowa; and Shirley Frederiksen, Golden Hills Resource Conservation and Development, Oakland, Iowa.

TRANSPORTATION EQUITY ACT

Committee on Environment and Public Works: Subcommittee on Transportation and Infrastructure held oversight hearings on the Department of Transportation's implementation of the Transportation Equity Act for the 21st century, receiving testimony from Kenneth R. Wykle, Administrator, Federal Highway Administration, Gordon J. Linton, Administrator,

Federal Transit Administration, and Ricardo Martinez, Administrator, National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, all of the Department of Transportation; Missouri State Representative Joan Bray, St. Louis, on behalf of the National Conference of State Legislatures; Jean Jacobson, Racine County, Wisconsin, on behalf of the National Association of Counties; Mayor Kenneth L. Barr, Fort Worth, Texas, on behalf of the U.S. Conference of Mayors; Mayor Robert T. Bartlett, Monrovia, California, on behalf of the National League of Cities; and Taylor R. Bowlden, American Highway Users Alliance, and Roy Kienitz, Surface Transportation Policy Project, both of Washington, D.C.

Hearings recessed subject to call.

INDIVIDUAL INCOME TAX

Committee on Finance: Committee concluded hearings on issues relating to the complexity of the individual income tax, focusing on the impact of changes to tax law, Alternative Minimum Tax, phase outs, education savings incentives, child and child care credit, retirement plans, and simplifications proposals, after receiving testimony from W. Val Oveson, National Taxpayer Advocate, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury; Kathy T. Burlison, H & R Block, Inc., Kansas City, Missouri; David A. Lifson, American Institute of Certified Public Accountants, New York, New York; Gregory L. Steinbis, Morgan Hill, California, on behalf of the National Association of Enrolled Agents; and William J. Wilkins, American Bar Association Section of Taxation, Washington, D.C.

BALLISTIC MISSILE THREAT

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee held hearings on United States vulnerability to ballistic missile attack, focusing on proposed amendments to revive and expand the Anti-Ballistic Missile Treaty (Treaty Doc. 92-24), after receiving testimony from Caspar Weinberger, former Secretary of Defense.

Hearings recessed subject to call.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on the Judiciary: Committee began mark-up of S. 625, to amend title 11, United States Code, to amend title 11, United States Code, to reform bankruptcy law, but did not complete consideration thereof, and will meet again on Thursday, April 22.

INTELLIGENCE

Select Committee on Intelligence: Committee held closed hearings on intelligence matters, receiving testimony from officials of the intelligence community.

Committee will meet again on Wednesday, April 21.