

REMARKS BY SENATOR BOB DOLE
NOMINATION HEARING OF RICHARD ARMITAGE
FOR ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF DEFENSE
SENATE ARMED SERVICE COMMITTEE
MAY 24, 1983

I THANK THE DISTINGUISHED CHAIRMAN, AND MEMBERS OF THE ARMED SERVICES COMMITTEE, FOR THIS OPPORTUNITY TO APPEAR BEFORE YOU TODAY AND INTRODUCE MR. RICHARD L. ARMITAGE, WHO HAS BEEN NOMINATED BY PRESIDENT REAGAN FOR THE POSITION OF ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF DEFENSE FOR INTERNATIONAL SECURITY AFFAIRS.

MR. ARMITAGE WAS BORN, NOT IN KANSAS, BUT IN BOSTON, MASSACHUSETTS. HE ATTENDED HIGH SCHOOL IN ATLANTA, GEORGIA AND IS A GRADUATE OF THE UNITED STATES NAVAL ACADEMY.

MR. ARMITAGE IS NO STRANGER TO CONGRESS. MANY OF YOU KNEW HIM -- AND I RELIED HEAVILY ON HIM -- AS MY ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT IN 1978-1979. DURING THAT TIME HE OVERCAME THE HANDICAP OF NOT BEING A NATIVE OF THE GREAT STATE OF KANSAS, MAKING IT POSSIBLE FOR ME TO

RECOMMEND HIM TO YOU TODAY. DURING THE PAST TWO YEARS HE HAS APPEARED BEFORE VARIOUS COMMITTEES AS THE DEPUTY ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF DEFENSE FOR EAST ASIA AND PACIFIC AFFAIRS IN THE INTERNATIONAL SECURITY AFFAIRS OFFICE HE IS NOW NOMINATED TO HEAD.

IT HAS BEEN SAID THAT THE BEST POLICY MAKERS ARE THOSE WHO HAVE BEEN IMPLEMENTORS RATHER THAN THEORITICIANS. THEY BRING TO POLICY DELIBERATIONS A CONCERN AND UNDERSTANDING FOR THE TASK OF THOSE WHO MUST PUT THE POLICIES INTO ACTION AND A KEEN APPRECIATION FOR WHAT REALLY WORKS.

BY THIS CRITERION AS BY VIRTUALLY ANY OTHER, MR. ARMITAGE IS UNQUESTIONABLY QUALIFIED FOR THE POSITION TO WHICH HE HAS BEEN NOMINATED. HE HAS BEEN AT THE CUTTING EDGE OF UNITED STATES SECURITY POLICIES IN SOUTHEAST ASIA AND IN IRAN. IN VIETNAM, HE SERVED THREE AND ONE-HALF TOURS OF DUTY AS A NAVAL OFFICER AND TWO YEARS IN A CIVILIAN ADVISORY POSITION WITH THE U.S. DEFENSE ATTACHE OFFICE IN SAIGON. LATER, HE WAS A MEMBER OF THE STAFF OF THE U.S. DEFENSE

REPRESENTATIVE TO IRAN. HIS FOLLOW-ON EXPERIENCE IN ASIA AS A BUSINESSMAN AND SUBSEQUENTLY IN THE FOREIGN POLICY APPARATUS OF THE ADMINISTRATION MAKE HIM IDEALLY SUITED TO THE TASK AT HAND.

MR. ARMITAGE IS AN OUTSTANDING AMERICAN, KNOWLEDGEABLE, COMPETENT AND DEDICATED TO MAINTAINING OUR NATIONAL SECURITY WHILE PRESERVING AMERICAN VALUES IN THE CONDUCT OF OUR INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS.

MR. CHAIRMAN, IT IS INDEED A PLEASURE TO APPEAR BEFORE YOU ON BEHALF OF RICH ARMITAGE. I SINCERELY HOPE THAT THE MEMBERS OF THIS COMMITTEE WILL AGREE WITH MY ASSESSMENT OF HIS CREDENTIALS AND ACT FAVORABLY ON HIS NOMINATION.

THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

Tuesday, May 24, 1983

Daily Digest

HIGHLIGHTS

House agreed to MX funding resolution.

Senate

Chamber Action

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Measures Introduced: Seven bills and three resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 1348-1354, S.J. Res. 108, and S. Con. Res. 39-40.

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Measures Reported: Reports were made as follows: H.R. 2990, to increase the temporary public debt limit, and for other purposes.

S. Res. 125, expressing the sense of the Senate that the Government of the Soviet Union should allow Ida Nudel to emigrate to Israel, and for other purposes.

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MX Missile Procurement/Basing Mode: Senate continued consideration of S. Con. Res. 26, approving the obligation and expenditure of funds for MX missile procurement and full-scale engineering development of a basing mode.

By 59 yeas to 35 nays, Senate tabled a motion to postpone further consideration of the concurrent resolution.

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A unanimous-consent agreement was reached in relation to further consideration of the concurrent resolution.

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Senate will continue consideration of the concurrent resolution on Wednesday, May 25, with a final vote to occur at 1:45 p.m.

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Extension of Housing and Community Development Insurance Programs: Senate concurred in the amendment of the House to the amendment of the Senate to H.J. Res. 265, providing for the temporary extension of certain insurance programs relating to housing and community development.

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Message From the President: Senate received the following message from the President:

Transmitting the 1982 Annual Report on the operation of the Alaska Railroad, covering the period

from October 1, 1981 through September 30, 1982, which was referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation. (PM-51)

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Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

Pasco M. Bowman II, of Missouri, to be U.S. Circuit Judge for the Eighth Circuit.

2 Navy nominations in the rank of admiral.

Routine list of Navy nominations.

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Messages From the President:

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Messages From the House:

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Measures Referred:

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Record Votes: One record vote was taken today. (Total—113)

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Recess: Senate convened at 10 a.m., and recessed at 6:27 p.m., until 10 a.m., on Wednesday, May 25, 1983. (For Senate's program, see remarks of Senator Baker in today's Record on page S7392.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

FIFRA

Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry: Subcommittee on Agricultural Research and General Legislation concluded hearings on S. 1263, authorizing funds for fiscal years 1984 and 1985 for programs administered under the Federal Insecticide, Fungicide, and Rodenticide Act (FIFRA), after re-

ceiving testimony from Senator Sarbanes; Edwin L. Johnson, Director, Office of Pesticide Programs, Environmental Protection Agency; Maureen Hinkle, on behalf of the National Audubon Society, George Manring, on behalf of the National Wildlife Federation, Jay Feldman, on behalf of the National Coalition Against the Misuse of Pesticides, Jacqueline Warren, on behalf of the Natural Resources Defense Council, Jack Early, representing the National Agricultural Chemicals Association, Ralph Engel, representing the Chemical Specialties Manufacturers Association, Dennis Bruchette, representing the Pesticide Producers Association, and Bruce Hawley, representing the American Farm Bureau Federation, all of Washington, D.C.; John E. Davies, University of Miami School of Medicine, Miami, Florida; and Dwayne Torgeson, Boyce Thompson Institute for Plant Research, Cornell University, Ithaca, New York.

APPROPRIATIONS—HUD

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on HUD-Independent Agencies concluded hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 1984 for certain programs of the Department of Housing and Urban Development, after receiving testimony from numerous public witnesses.

NOMINATIONS

Committee on Armed Services: Committee ordered favorably reported the nominations of General Paul X. Kelley, USMC, to be Commandant of the Marine Corps, Chapman B. Cox, of Virginia, to be an Assistant Secretary of the Navy, Richard L. Armitage, of Virginia, to be an Assistant Secretary of Defense, and 3,250 routine nominations in the Army, Navy, Air Force, and Marine Corps.

Prior to this action, the committee concluded hearings on the nominations of General Kelley, Mr. Cox, and Mr. Armitage, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf. General Kelley was introduced by Senator Kennedy, Mr. Cox was introduced by Senator Warner, and Mr. Armitage was introduced by Senator Dole.

NOMINATION

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: Committee concluded hearings on the nomination of Donald I. Hovde, of Wisconsin, to be a Member of the Federal Home Loan Bank Board, after the nominee, who was introduced by Senator Kasten, testified and answered questions in his own behalf.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Committee resumed markup of S. 615, providing for a free market to establish long-term incentives to produce and market ample natural gas supplies at a reason-

able cost, but did not complete action thereon, and will meet again tomorrow.

PUBLIC BUILDINGS

Committee on Environment and Public Works: Committee held hearings on the Federal Government's public buildings policy, focusing on disposition of the headquarters of the U.S. International Trade Commission and its transfer to the Smithsonian Institution, receiving testimony from Alfred E. Eckers, Chairman, Paula Stern and Veronica A. Haggard, both Commissioners, and Lorin L. Goodrich, Director of Administration, all of the International Trade Commission; and S. Dillon Ripley, Secretary, John E. Reinhardt, Assistant Secretary for History and Art, John F. Jameson, Assistant Secretary for Administration, and Thomas L. Peyton, Jr., Director, Office of Facilities Services, all of the Smithsonian Institution.

Testimony was also received on a proposal for a new facility to house the Social Security Administration Data Processing Center in Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania, receiving testimony from Representative Harrison; Nelson J. Sabatini, Associate Commissioner for Management, Budget and Personnel, and Marilyn O'Connell, Director, Office of Material Resources, both of the Social Security Administration; Richard O. Haase, Commissioner, and Charles Sampson, Deputy Commissioner for Real Estate, both of the Public Buildings Service, General Services Administration; and Mayor T. V. McLaughlin, Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania; on a status report on Blair House renovation from Timothy L. Towell, Acting Deputy Chief of Protocol, Georgia DeBell, Executive Director, Office of Protocol, and Eugene Bowden, Chief, Space Management Branch, Facilities Management and Administrative Services, Office of Operations, and Walter F. Weiss, Deputy Assistant Secretary for Operations, both of the Bureau of Administration; and on the proposed renovation of the Pension Building (National Building Museum) from Bates Lowry, Director, National Building Museum, Washington, D.C.

Hearings continue on Tuesday, June 7.

BUSINESS MEETING

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

S. 528, to provide a Federal income tax credit for tuition paid for the elementary or secondary education of a dependent, with amendments;

H.R. 2990, to extend the temporary limit on the public debt; and

The nomination of Peter O. Murphy, of the District of Columbia, to be a Deputy U.S. Trade Representative, with the rank of Ambassador.