

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

APPROPRIATIONS—FOREIGN ASSISTANCE

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Foreign Operations resumed hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 1996 for foreign assistance programs, focusing on political and economic reform in the New Independent States of the former Soviet Union, receiving testimony from Zbigniew Brzezinski, Center for Strategic and International Studies, Washington, D.C.

Subcommittee will meet again on Wednesday, February 22.

AUTHORIZATION—DEFENSE

Committee on Armed Services: Committee resumed hearings in open and closed sessions on proposed legislation authorizing funds for fiscal year 1996 for the Department of Defense and the future years defense program, focusing on the military strategies and operational requirements of the unified commands, receiving testimony from Adm. Richard C. Macke, USN, Commander-in-Chief, United States Pacific Command; Gen. Gary E. Luck, USA, Commander, United States Forces, Korea; and Gen. Barry H. McCaffrey, USA, Commander-in-Chief, United States Southern Command.

Hearings continue on Thursday, February 23.

NOMINATIONS

Committee on Armed Services: Committee ordered favorably reported 2,336 nominations in the Army, Navy, and Air Force.

AGRICULTURE BUDGET

Committee on the Budget: Committee held hearings to examine the President's proposed budget request for fiscal year 1996 for the Department of Agriculture, focusing on farm income support programs and export subsidies, receiving testimony from Senators Lugar and Conrad; and Richard E. Rominger, Acting Secretary of Agriculture.

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INTERIOR BUDGET

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Committee concluded hearings to examine the President's proposed budget request for fiscal year 1996 for the Department of the Interior, after receiving testimony from Bruce Babbitt, Secretary of the Interior.

NOMINATIONS

Committee on Environment and Public Works: Committee concluded hearings on the nominations of Dan

M. Berkovitz, of the District of Columbia, and Shirley Ann Jackson, of New Jersey, each to be a Member of the Nuclear Regulatory Commission, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf. Mr. Berkovitz was introduced by Senator Graham, and Ms. Jackson was introduced by Senators Lautenberg and Bradley.

NOMINATIONS

Committee on Finance: Committee concluded hearings on the nominations of Shirley S. Chater, of Texas, to be Commissioner, Social Security Administration, and Maurice B. Foley, of California, and Juan F. Vasquez, of Texas, each to be a Judge of the United States Tax Court, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf. Ms. Chater was introduced by Senator Hutchison and Representative Jacobs, and Mr. Vasquez was introduced by Senator Hutchison and Representative Tejada.

CAPITAL GAINS TAXATION

Committee on Finance: Committee continued hearings to examine the tax treatment of capital gains and losses, focusing on indexing assets to eliminate tax on gains caused by inflation, receiving testimony from Edwin S. Cohen, University of Virginia School of Law, Charlottesville; Christopher H. Dent, Price Waterhouse, and Michael L. Schler, on behalf of the New York State Bar Association, both of New York, New York; Alan Reynolds, Hudson Institute, Washington, D.C.; Shirley S. Chater, Houston, Texas; Maurice B. Foley, Berkeley, California; and Juan F. Vasquez, San Antonio, Texas.

Hearings were recessed subject to call.

NOMINATIONS

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee concluded hearings on the nominations of Johnnie Carson, of Illinois, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Zimbabwe, and Bismarck Myrick, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to the Kingdom of Lesotho, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf. Mr. Carson was introduced by Senator Simon, and Mr. Myrick was introduced by Senator Robb.

U.S.-AFRICA TRADE AND INVESTMENT

Committee on Foreign Relations: Subcommittee on African Affairs concluded hearings to examine United States and African trade and investment activities, after receiving testimony from George E. Moose, Assistant Secretary of State for African Affairs; John Walker, Deputy Assistant Secretary of Commerce for International Economic Policy, Africa, and the Near East; Ruth R. Harkin, President and Chief Executive Officer, Overseas Private Investment Corporation; J.