

Committee Meetings

AGRICULTURE, RURAL DEVELOPMENT, FDA AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies held a hearing on Agricultural Marketing Service, Grain Inspection, and on Packers and Stockyards Administration. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the USDA: Patricia A. Jensen, Acting Assistant Secretary, Marketing and Regulatory Programs; James R. Baker, Administrator, Grain Inspection, Packers, and Stockyards Administration; and Lon S. Hatamiya, Administrator, Agricultural Marketing Service.

The Subcommittee also continued appropriation hearings. Testimony was heard from Members of Congress and public witnesses.

COMMERCE, JUSTICE, STATE AND JUDICIARY APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, and State and the Judiciary, and Related Agencies held a hearing on Inspectors General—Review of Department and Agency IG Recommendations. Testimony was heard from the following Inspector Generals: Frank DeGeorge, Department of Commerce; Michael Bromwich, Department of Justice; Harold W. Geisel, Acting, Department of State, and the Arms Control and Disarmament Agency; Marian C. Bennett, U.S. Information Agency; A. Mary Schiavo, Department of Transportation; James F. Hoobler, SBA; Edouard Quatrevaux, Legal Services Corporation; Aletha L. Brown, Acting, EEOC; Jane E. Altenhofen, U.S. International Trade Commission; Tony P. Kominoth, Federal Maritime Commission; Frederick J. Zirkel, FTC; Walter Stachnik, SEC; and H. Walker Feaster, III, Acting, FCC.

ENERGY AND WATER DEVELOPMENT APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Energy and Water Development held a hearing on the Secretary of the Interior and on Bureau of Reclamation. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of the Interior: Bruce Babbitt, Secretary; and Daniel P. Beard, Commissioner, Bureau of Reclamation.

INTERIOR APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Interior and Related Agencies held a hearing on U.S. Geological Survey. Testimony was heard from Gordon P.

Eaton, Director, U.S. Geological Survey, Department of the Interior.

LABOR-HHS-EDUCATION APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, Education and Related Agencies held a hearing on the Secretary of Education, Elementary and Secondary Education; and on Educational Reform. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Education: Richard W. Riley, Secretary; Thomas W. Payzant, Assistant Secretary, Elementary and Secondary Education; and Eugene Garcia, Director, Office of Bilingual Education and Minority Languages Affairs.

NATIONAL SECURITY APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on National Security met in executive session to hold a hearing on Joint Operational Requirements and Counter-Proliferation. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Defense: VAdm. William Owens, USN, Vice Chairman, Joint Chiefs of Staff; and Harold Smith, Assistant Secretary, Atomic Energy; and Gordon Oehler, Director, Counter-Proliferation Center.

TRANSPORTATION APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Transportation, and Related Agencies held a hearing on the Inspector General's Budget and on the Saint Lawrence Seaway Development Corporation. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Transportation: A. Mary Schiavo, Inspector General; and Stanford E. Parris, Administrator, Saint Lawrence Seaway Development Corporation.

TREASURY, POSTAL SERVICE, AND GENERAL GOVERNMENT APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Treasury, Postal Service, and General Government held a hearing on Administrative Conference of the U.S., Advisory Commission on Intergovernmental Relations, Committee on Purchase from People Who are Blind or Severely Disabled, and Office of Special Counsel, and on Federal Election Commission. Testimony was heard from Lee Ann Elliott, Vice-Chairman, FEC; Thomasina V. Rogers, Chair, Administrative Conference of the U.S.; William F. Winter, Chairman, Advisory Commission on Intergovernmental Relations; Ira L. Kemp, Chairperson, Committee on Purchase from People Who are Blind or Severely Disabled; and Kathleen Day Koch, Special Counsel, Office of Special Counsel.

VA, HUD AND INDEPENDENT AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Veterans' Affairs and Housing and Urban Development, and Independent Agencies held a hearing on the FDIC, the Resolution Trust Corporation, and on Council on Environmental Quality. Testimony was heard from John F. Bovenzi, Director, Division of Depositor and Asset Services, FDIC; John J. Adair, Inspector General, RTC; and Kathleen A. McGinty, Chair, Council on Environmental Quality.

FINANCIAL SERVICES COMPETITIVENESS ACT AND RELATED ISSUES

Committee on Banking and Financial Service: Continued hearings on the following: H.R. 18, Financial Services Competitiveness Act of 1995, Glass-Steagall Reform; and related issues. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of the Treasury: Robert E. Rubin, Secretary; and Frank N. Newman, Under Secretary, Domestic Finance.

Hearings continue March 7.

VIRTUES OF PRIVATIZATION

Committee on the Budget: Continued hearings on Could a Free Market Work Here? The Virtues of Privatization. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

TRAINING ISSUES

Committee on Economic and Educational Opportunities: Subcommittee on Postsecondary Education and Training held a hearing on training issues. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

Hearings continue March 3.

OVERSIGHT

Committee on Government Reform and Oversight: Subcommittee on Human Resources and Intergovernmental Relations held an oversight hearing on Proposals for Cost Reduction, Improved Efficiency and Reform at the Department of Health and Human Services. Testimony was heard from Donna E. Shalala, Secretary of Health and Human Services.

COMMITTEE FUNDING

Committee on House Oversight: Met to consider funding requests for the following Committees; Judiciary; Economic and Educational Opportunities; Small Business; Budget; Permanent Select on Intelligence; Standards of Official Conduct; Resources; Science; and Banking and Financial Services.

FOREIGN RELATIONS AUTHORIZATION

Committee on International Relations: Subcommittee on International Operations and Human Rights concluded hearings on Foreign Relations Authorization; U.S. Information Agency. Testimony was heard from

Joseph Duffey, Director, U.S. Information Agency; and Carl Gershman, President, National Endowment for Democracy.

COMMITTEE ORGANIZATION

Committee on Small Business: Subcommittee on Procurement, Exports, and Business Opportunities met for organizational purposes.

METROPOLITAN WASHINGTON AIRPORTS AMENDMENTS ACT; BUDGET RECOMMENDATIONS; COMMITTEE BUSINESS

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure: Ordered reported amended H.R. 1036, Metropolitan Washington Airports Amendments Act of 1995.

The Committee also approved Budget recommendations for the report to the Committee on the Budget and other Committee pending business.

IMPROVE THE NATIONAL HIGHWAY SYSTEM AND ANCILLARY ISSUES RELATING TO HIGHWAY AND TRANSIT PROGRAMS

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure: Subcommittee on Surface Transportation continued hearings on legislation to Improve the National Highway System and Ancillary Issues Relating to Highway and Transit Programs. Testimony was heard from Senators Campbell and Snowe; Representatives Klug, Combest, and Bereuter; and public witnesses.

Hearings continue tomorrow.

WELFARE REFORM

Committee on Ways and Means: Began markup of welfare reform legislation.

Will continue tomorrow.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR THURSDAY, MARCH 2, 1995

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Appropriations, Subcommittee on Transportation, to hold hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 1996 for the Department of Transportation, 10 a.m., SD-192.

Full Committee, business meeting, to mark up H.R. 889, making emergency supplemental appropriations and rescissions to preserve and enhance the military readiness of the Department of Defense for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1995, 2 p.m., S-128, Capitol.

Committee on Armed Services, to resume hearings on proposed legislation authorizing funds for fiscal year 1996 for the Department of Defense and the future years defense program, 9:30 a.m., SR-222.