

APPROPRIATIONS—NCUA/NRC/FDIC/RTC

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee held hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 1996, receiving testimony in behalf of funds for their respective activities from Norman E. D'Amours, Chairman, National Credit Union Ad-

ministration; Ricki Tigert-Helfer, Chairman, Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation; George Knight, Executive Director, Neighborhood Reinvestment Corporation; and John Adair, Inspector General, Resolution Trust Corporation.

Subcommittee will meet again on Friday, March 10.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Bills Introduced: Thirteen public bills, H.R. 1121–1133; and one resolution, H.J. Res. 74, were introduced. Pages H2650–51

Reports Filed: Reports were filed as follows:

H. Res. 103, providing for the consideration of H.R. 1058, to reform Federal securities litigation (H. Rept. 104–65); and

H. Res. 104, providing for consideration of H.R. 988, to reform the Federal civil justice system (H. Rept. 104–66). Pages H2640–41, H2650

Private Property Protection: By a yea-and-nay vote of 277 yeas to 148 nays, Roll No. 197, the House passed H.R. 925, to compensate owners of private property for the effect of certain regulatory restrictions Pages H2590–H2607

Agreed To:

The Goss amendment to the Canady substitute that increases the minimum threshold for payment of compensation for loss in property value of any portion of the property from 10 percent to 20 percent (agreed to by a recorded vote of 338 yeas to 83 noes, Roll No. 195); Pages H2597–98

The Taylor of Mississippi amendment to the Canady substitute that defines the term “fair market value” as the most probable price at which property would change hands, in a competitive and open market under all conditions requisite to a fair sale, between a willing buyer and a willing seller, neither being under any compulsion to buy or sell and both having reasonable knowledge of relevant facts, at the time the agency action occurs; and Pages H2598–99

The Traficant amendment to the Canady substitute that requires agencies to inform affected property owners of their rights under the bill and the procedures necessary to obtain compensation. Page H2599

Rejected:

The Mineta amendment to the Canady substitute that sought to increase the minimum threshold for payment of compensation from 10 percent to 20 per-

cent loss in property value of the entire parcel of property (rejected by a recorded vote of 173 yeas to 252 noes, Roll No. 194); and Pages H2591–96

The Watt of North Carolina amendment to the Canady substitute that sought to strike the provision requiring compensation payments to come out of the responsible agency's appropriation for that fiscal year (rejected by a recorded vote of 127 yeas to 299 noes, Roll No. 196). Pages H2599–H2602

The Clerk was authorized to correct section numbers, cross-references, and punctuation, and to make such stylistic, clerical, technical, conforming, and other changes as might be necessary in the engrossment of the bill. Page H2607

Job Creation and Wage Enhancement: By a yea-and-nay vote of 277 yeas to 141 nays, Roll No. 199, the House passed H.R. 9, to create jobs, enhance wages, strengthen property rights, maintain certain economic liberties, decentralize and reduce the power of the Federal Government with respect to the States, localities, and citizens of the United States, and to increase the accountability of Federal officials. Pages H2607–39

By a recorded vote of 180 yeas to 239 noes (Roll No. 198), rejected the Spratt motion to recommit the bill to the Committee on Science with instructions to report it back forthwith containing an amendment striking language providing that any determination by a Federal agency to approve or reject any proposed or final environmental clean-up plan for a facility the costs of which are likely to exceed \$5,000,000 be treated as a major rule. Pages H2636–38

Agreed to the DeLay motion to strike all after section one of H.R. 9 and insert text composed of four divisions as follows: (1) Division A, text of H.R. 830 as passed by the House; (2) Division B, text of H.R. 925 as passed by the House; (3) Division C, text of H.R. 926 as passed by the House, and (4) Division D, text of H.R. 1022 as passed by the House. Pages H2623–36

Legislative Program: The Majority Leader announced the legislative program for the week of March 6. Agreed to adjourn from Friday to Monday.

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Calendar Wednesday: Agreed to dispense with Calendar Wednesday business of March 8. Page H2640

Amendments Ordered Printed: Amendments ordered printed pursuant to the rule appear on pages H2651–53.

Quorum Calls—Votes: Two yea-and-nay votes and four recorded votes developed during the proceedings of the House today and appear on pages H2596, H2598, H2602–03, H2606–07, H2637–38, and H2638–39. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: Met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 4:05 p.m.

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 National Agricultural Statistics Service. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the USDA: Floyd P. Horn, Acting Under Secretary, Research, Education and Economics; and Donald M. Bay, Administrator, National Agricultural Statistics Service.

COMMERCE, JUSTICE, STATE AND JUDICIARY APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, and State and the Judiciary, and Related Agencies held a hearing to Review the Departmental Management with Chief Financial Officers. Testimony was heard from Richard M. Moose, Under Secretary, Management, Department of State; Thomas R. Bloom, Assistant Secretary, Administration, Department of Commerce; and Stephen R. Colgate, Assistant Attorney General, Administration, Department of Justice.

ENERGY AND WATER DEVELOPMENT APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Energy and Water Development held a hearing on the NRC and on the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the NRC: Ivan Selin, Chairman, Kenneth C. Rogers and E. Gail De Planque, both Commissioners; and Elizabeth A. Moler, Chair, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, Department of Energy.

INTERIOR APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Interior and Related Agencies held a hearing on the National Gallery of Art and on the John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts. Testimony was heard from Earl A. Powell III, Director, National Gallery of Art, and James D. Wolfensohn, Chairman, John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts.

LABOR—HHS—EDUCATION APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, Education and Related Agencies held a hearing on Research, Statistics and Libraries. Testimony was heard from Sharon P. Robinson, Assistant Secretary, Educational Research and Improvement, Department of Education.

TRANSPORTATION APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Transportation, and Related Agencies held a hearing on Trust Fund Status and Expenditures.

TREASURY, POSTAL SERVICE, GENERAL GOVERNMENT APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Treasury, Postal Service, and General Government held a hearing on the National Archives and Records Administration. Testimony was heard from Trudy H. Peterson, Acting Archivist of the United States, National Archives and Records Administration.

OVERSIGHT

Committee on Commerce: Subcommittee on Commerce, Trade, and Hazardous Materials held an oversight hearing on the trade implication of foreign ownership restrictions on telecommunications companies. Testimony was heard from Representative Taylor of Mississippi; Reed E. Hundt, Chairman, FCC; Larry Irving, Director, National Telecommunications Information Administration, Department of Commerce; and public witnesses.

TRAINING ISSUES

Committee on Economic and Educational Opportunities: Subcommittee on Postsecondary Education and Training continued hearings on training issues. Testimony was heard from August Kappner, Assistant Secretary, Office of Vocational and Adult Education, Department of Education; and public witnesses.

Hearings continue March 7.