

TRADE AND INVESTMENT OPPORTUNITIES IN AFRICA

Committee on International Relations: Subcommittee on Africa and the Subcommittee on International Economic Policy and Trade held a joint hearing on Trade and Investment Opportunities in Africa. Testimony was heard from George E. Moose, Assistant Secretary, African Affairs, Department of State; John Hicks, Assistant Administrator, Africa, AID, U.S. International Cooperation Development Agency; and public witnesses.

ASIA-U.S. ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS

Committee on International Relations: Subcommittee on Asia and the Pacific held a hearing on U.S. Assistance Programs in Asia. Testimony was heard from Margaret Carpenter, Assistant Administrator, Asia and the Near East, AID, U.S. International Development Cooperation Agency; Tim Carney, Deputy Assistant Secretary, South Asian Affairs, Department of State; and public witnesses.

DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION

Committee on National Security: Continued hearings on the fiscal year 1996 national defense authorization request. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Defense: Gen. Barry R. McCaffrey, USA, Commander in Chief, U.S. Southern Command; and Gen. John J. Sheehan, USMC, Commander in Chief, U.S. Atlantic Command.

Committee recessed subject to call.

COMMON SENSE LEGAL STANDARDS REFORM ACT

Committee on Rules: Granted, by a recorded vote of 8 to 4, a modified closed rule on H.R. 956, Common Sense Legal Standards Reform Act of 1995. The rule makes in order the text of H.R. 1075 as an original bill for the purpose of amendment which shall be considered as read. Only the amendments printed in the report of the Committee on Rules are in order. The amendments are considered as read. The amendments may only be offered in the order specified in the report and only by the Member designated in the report. The amendments are not subject to amendment or to a demand for a division of the question in the House or in the Committee of the Whole. The amendments are debatable for the time specified in the report, to be equally divided between the proponent and an opponent. Finally, the rule provides for one motion to recommit, with or without instructions.

The amendments are: 1. Geren (TX) #25; 2. Schroeder (CO) #54; 3. Hyde (IL) #37; 4. Schumer (NY) #35; 5. Conyers (MI) #60; 6. Watt (NC) #17; 7. Furse (OR) #12; 8. Hyde (IL) #36; 9. Oxley, Burr, Tauzin, Brewster, Coburn, Stenholm #13; 10.

Hoke (OH) #29; 11. Cox (CA) #52; 12. Cox (CA) #51; 13. Dingell (MI) #32; 14. Gekas (PA) #45; and 15. Schumer (NY) #33.

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 Representatives Shaw, Weldon of Florida, Dornan, Filner, Hamilton, Farr, Horn, Gordon, Goodlatte, Payne of Virginia, Sisisky, Blute, Bereuter, Johnson of South Dakota, Buyer, Mica, McIntosh, Roemer, Lazio, Roukema, Reed, Schaefer, Coleman and Ortiz.

Hearings continue March 10.

MEDICARE LEGISLATION; WELFARE TRANSFORMATION ACT

Committee on Ways and Means: Ordered reported the following bills: H.R. 1134, Medicare Presidential Budget Savings Extension Act; H.R. 483, to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to permit Medicare select policies to be offered in all States; H.R. 1157, Welfare Transformation Act of 1995.

NEW PUBLIC LAW

(For last listing of Public Laws, see DAILY DIGEST, p. D184)

S. 257, to amend the charter of the Veterans of Foreign Wars to make eligible for membership those veterans that have served within the territorial limits of South Korea. Signed March 7, 1995. (P.L. 104-3)

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR THURSDAY, MARCH 9, 1995

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry, to hold hearings on proposed legislation to strengthen and improve United States agricultural programs, focusing on cost issues of certain farm programs, 9:30 a.m., SR-332.

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

Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, to hold hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 1996 for the Department of Health and Human Services, 2 p.m., SD-138.