

Red Lake, Minnesota; Beltrami County Commissioner Richard P. Florhaug, Bemidji, Minnesota; Harry D. Early, All Indian Pueblo Council, Inc., Albuquerque, New Mexico; Mark Mercier, Confederated Tribes of the Grand Ronde, Grand Ronde, Oregon; Joan Rebar, Sac and Fox Nation of Missouri, Reserve, Kansas, on behalf of the United Tribes of Kansas and Southeast Nebraska and the Native American Family Services; Thomas E. Atcitty, Navajo Nation, Window Rock, Arizona; and Merle Boyd, Sac and Fox Nation, Stroud, Oklahoma.

GUATEMALA

Select Committee on Intelligence: Committee held hearings to examine United States policy in Guatemala, focusing on allegations of United States involvement in the murders of two individuals in Guatemala, receiving testimony from Alexander F. Watson, Assistant Secretary of State for Inter-American Affairs; Adm. William O. Studeman, Acting Director of Central Intelligence; Col. Allen C. Cornell, USA (Ret.), former United States Defense Attache in Guatemala; and Carole DeVine and Jennifer Harbury, widows of slain individuals.

Hearings were recessed subject to call.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Bills Introduced: 23 public bills, H.R. 1397–1419; 1 private bill, H.R. 1420; and 2 resolutions, H. Con. Res. 57, and H. Res. 131 were introduced.

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Reports Filed: Reports were filed as follows:

H. Res. 129, waiving points of order against the conference report to accompany 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 (H. Rept. 104–102); and

H. Res. 130, providing for the consideration of H.R. 483, to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to permit Medicare Select policies to be offered in the States (H. Rept. 104–103). Pages H4329, H4334

Speaker Pro Tempore: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he designates Representative Camp to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. Page H4179

Journal: By a yea-and-nay vote of 384 yeas to 27 nays with 2 voting “present”, Roll No. 288, the House approved the Journal of Tuesday, April 4.

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Tax Fairness and Deficit Reduction: By a recorded vote of 246 yeas to 188 noes, Roll No. 295, the House passed H.R. 1215, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to strengthen the American family and create jobs.

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Agreed to the Archer motion to table an appeal of a ruling of the chair (agreed to by a recorded vote of 228 yeas to 204 noes, Roll No. 294). Page H4317

Rejected the Gephardt motion to recommit the bill to the Committee on Ways and Means with in-

structions to report it back forthwith containing amendments providing that the retirement system be changed only for Members of Congress; delete tax benefits other than a middle class family tax credit; and that family tax credits be contingent upon successful deficit reduction (rejected by a recorded vote of 168 yeas to 265 noes, Roll No. 293).

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Agreed to the amendment in the nature of a substitute (text of H.R. 1327) made in order by the rule.

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Rejected the Gephardt amendment in the nature of a substitute that sought to provide tax deductions for low-income families to support costs of higher education; create a new type of savings bonds called “Guaranteed Education Plan Bonds”; provide for penalty-free withdrawal of current IRAs to pay for higher education costs, raise the eligibility limit to \$85,000 for couples filing a joint return and to \$60,000 for single taxpayers and phase in an additional \$2,000 deduction contribution for spouses; establish a new nondeductible tax-free IRA subject to current law income eligibility requirements; delay the effective dates of these tax provisions until the Office of Management and Budget certified the Federal budget will be balanced by fiscal year 2002 and suspends them if the Federal budget deficit does not meet specific reduction targets; extend the PAYGO provision through fiscal year 2000 and reduce mandatory caps on discretionary spending for fiscal years 1996–1998 and extend them through fiscal year 2000; permit the Internal Revenue Service to tax estates of expatriates who renounce their citizenship; and establish new reporting requirements for residents and citizens who move assets into or receive

income from foreign trusts (rejected by a recorded vote of 119 ayes to 313 noes, Roll No. 292).

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H. Res. 128, the rule under which the bill was being considered, was agreed to earlier by a recorded vote of 228 ayes to 204 noes, Roll No. 290. Agreed to order the previous question on the resolution by a yea-and-nay vote of 230 yeas to 203 nays, Roll No. 289.

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Committees to Sit: The following committees and their subcommittees received permission to sit on Thursday, April 6, during the proceedings of the House under the 5-minute rule: Committees on Agriculture, Banking and Financial Services, Government Reform and Oversight, International Relations, Judiciary, National Security, Small Business, Transportation and Infrastructure, and Veterans' Affairs.

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Senate Messages: Messages received from the Senate today appear on page H4180.

Quorum Calls—Votes: One quorum call (Roll No. 291), two yea-and-nay votes and five recorded votes developed during the proceedings of the House today and appear on pages H4179–80, H4211–12, H4212, H4308, H4311, H4314–15, H4317, and H4318–19.

Adjournment: Met at 11:00 a.m. and adjourned at 12:00 a.m. on Thursday, April 6.

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 concluded appropriation hearings. Testimony was heard from Dan Glickman, Secretary of Agriculture.

COMMERCE, JUSTICE, STATE, AND JUDICIARY APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, State, and Judiciary (and Related Agencies) held a hearing on Overview of International Trade Promotion and Enforcement Programs. Testimony was heard from Ambassador Michael Kantor, U.S. Trade Representative; the following officials of the Department of Commerce: Jeffrey E. Garten, Under Secretary, International Trade; Greg Farmer, Under Secretary, Travel and Tourism; William S. Reinsch, Under Secretary, Export Administration; and Susan Esserman, Assistant Secretary, Import Administration, International Trade Administration; Mary Jean Ryan, Associate Deputy

Administrator, Economic Development, SBA; and Peter S. Watson, Chairman, U.S. International Trade Commission.

INTERIOR APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Interior (and Related Agencies) held a hearing on the National Endowment for the Arts. Testimony was heard from Jane Alexander, Chairman, National Endowment for the Arts, National Foundation for the Arts and the Humanities.

LABOR, HHS, AND EDUCATION

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education (and Related Agencies) held a hearing on National Mediation Board and Railroad Retirement Board, Occupational Safety and Health Review Commission, Physician Payment Review Commission, and on the Prospective Payment Assessment Commission. Testimony was heard from Ernest W. DuBester, Chairman, National Mediation Board; Glen L. Bower, Chairman, Railroad Retirement Board; Stuart E. Weisberg, Chairman, Occupational Safety and Health Review Commission; John M. Gisenberg, M.D., Chairman, Physician Payment Review Commission; and Stuart A. Altman, Chairman, Prospective Payment Assessment Commission.

NATIONAL SECURITY APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on National Security met in executive session to hold a hearing on Russian and other Submarine Threats and Navy Submarine Programs. Testimony was heard from Ken Knight, Deputy, National Intelligence Officer, General Purpose Forces, National Intelligence Council; and the following officials of the Department of the Navy: Nora Slatkin, Assistant Secretary (Research, Development and Acquisition); Adm. Bruce LeMars, USN, Director, Naval Nuclear Propulsion; and Vice Adm. T. Joseph Lopez, USN, Deputy Chief of Naval Operations (Resources, Warfare Requirements and Assessment).

The Subcommittee also held a hearing on Submarine Industry Perspectives. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

VA, HUD AND INDEPENDENT AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Veterans' Affairs, Housing and Urban Development and Independent Agencies continued appropriation hearings. Testimony was heard from Members of Congress and public witnesses.