

of the Air Force for Manpower, Reserve Affairs, Installation and Environment.

CARIBBEAN BASIN INITIATIVE

Committee on Finance: Subcommittee on International Trade held hearings on S. 529, to provide, temporarily, tariff and quota treatment equivalent to that accorded to members of the North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA) to Caribbean Basin beneficiary countries, receiving testimony from Charlene Barshefsky, Deputy United States Trade Representative; Alexander F. Watson, Assistant Secretary of State for Inter-American Affairs; Noel Beasley, Amalgamated Clothing and Textile Workers Union, Chicago, Illinois; Fred O. Braswell, III, Russell Corporation, Alexander City, Alabama, on behalf of the American Textile Manufacturers Institute; Jeffrey J. Schott, Institute for International Economics, Washington, D.C.; and William Woltz, Jr., Perry Manufacturing Company, Mt. Airy, North Carolina, on

behalf of the American Apparel Manufacturers Association.

Hearings were recessed subject to call.

CONGRESSIONAL PENSION REFORM

Committee on Governmental Affairs: Subcommittee on Post Office and Civil Service held hearings on S. 228, to amend certain provisions of title 5, United States Code, relating to the treatment of Members of Congress and Congressional employees for retirement purposes, focusing on a comparison of congressional and Federal retirement benefit programs, receiving testimony from Senator Bryan; Representative Moran; William E. Flynn, III, Associate Director, Retirement and Insurance Service, Office of Personnel Management; and Johnny C. Finch, Assistant Comptroller General for General Government Division, General Accounting Office.

Subcommittee will meet again on Monday, May 22.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Bills Introduced: Six public bills, H.R. 1635–1640 were introduced. **Pages H4957–58**

Reports Filed: Reports were filed as follows:

H.R. 1590, to require the Trustees of the medicare trust funds to report recommendations on resolving projected financial imbalance in medicare trust funds (H. Rept. 104–119, Pt. 1); and

H. Con. Res. 67, setting forth the congressional budget for the United States government for fiscal years 1996, 1997, 1998, 1999, 2000, 2001, and 2002 (H. Rept. 104–20). **Page H4957**

Speaker Pro Tempore: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he designates Representative Funderburk to act as Speaker pro tempore. **Page H4917**

Recess: House recessed at 10:37 a.m. and reconvened at noon. **Pages H4917–18**

Recess: House recessed at 12:06 p.m. and reconvened at 12:23 p.m. **Page H4918**

Greens Creek Land Exchange: House voted to suspend the rules and pass H.R. 1266, amended to provide for the exchange of lands within the Admiralty Island National Monument. **Pages H4919–25**

Recess: House recessed at 12:36 p.m. and reconvened at 12:43 p.m. **Page H4926**

New London Fish Hatchery Conveyance: House agreed to H. Res. 146, providing for the consideration of H.R. 614, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to convey to the State of Minnesota the New London Fish Hatchery production facility. **Pages H4926–27**

Fairport Fish Hatchery Conveyance: House agreed to H. Res. 145, providing for the consideration of H.R. 584, to direct the Secretary of Interior to convey a fish hatchery to the State of Iowa. **Pages H4927–28**

Corning Fish Hatchery Conveyance: House agreed to H. Res. 144, providing for the consideration of H.R. 535, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to convey the Corning National Fish Hatchery to the State of Arkansas. **Pages H4928–30**

Educate America Act Amendments: House voted to suspend the rules and pass H.R. 1045, amended, to amend the Goals 2000: Educate America Act to eliminate the National Education Standards and Improvement Council. **Pages H4930–31**

Recess: House recessed at 1:36 p.m. and reconvened at 5 p.m. **Page H4934**

Recess: House recessed at 5:02 p.m. and reconvened at 6:03 p.m. **Page H4934**

Committee to Sit: Committee on International Relations received permission to sit on May 16 during proceedings of the House under the five-minute rule.

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Clean Water Amendments: House continued consideration of amendments to H.R. 961, to amend the Federal Water Pollution Control Act; but came to no resolution thereon. Consideration of amendments will resume on May 16.

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Pending when the Committee of the Whole rose was the Boehlert amendment that sought to define “wetland” as any area that is inundated or saturated by surface water or ground water at a frequency and duration sufficient to a prevalence of vegetation adapted to such conditions; require EPA to initiate a national wetland restoration strategy in cooperation with other Federal agencies, State, and local government, and the private sector; direct EPA to establish a Wetlands Coordinating Committee made up of Federal, State, and local government officials and associations to integrate conservation efforts among different levels of government and help develop national wetland strategy and policy implementation and advise EPA and the Army Secretary in adopting a regulatory program; direct EPA or the Corps of Engineers, as appropriate, to provide technical assistance and training to State and local governments in the development and implementation of wetlands protection; authorizes \$15 million annually for fiscal year 1996 to 2000 for EPA to establish direct grants to States and tribes for implementation and development of wetlands strategies, assistance to regional and local governments to pursue the same objectives, provide financing of State permits in support of Federal wetlands projects with no State receiving more than \$300 of each type of grant nor more than \$500,000 overall and with recipients sharing at least 25 percent of the costs of projects undertaken.

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Late Report: Committee on the Budget received permission to have until midnight tonight to file a report on the concurrent resolution on the budget for fiscal year 1996.

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Senate Messages: Messages received from the Senate today appear on page H4918.

Amendments Ordered Printed: Amendments ordered printed pursuant to the rule appear on page H4958.

Quorum Calls—Votes: No quorum calls or votes developed during the proceedings of the House today.

Adjournment: Met at 10:30 a.m. and adjourned at 8:40 p.m.

Committee Meetings

AMERICAN OVERSEAS INTERESTS ACT

Committee on International Relations: Ordered reported amended H.R. 1561, American Overseas Interests Act.

Joint Meetings

EMERGENCY SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATIONS

Conferees continued to resolve the differences between the Senate- and House-passed versions of H.R. 1158, making emergency supplemental appropriations for additional disaster assistance and making rescissions for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1995, but did not complete action thereon, and will meet again tomorrow.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR TUESDAY, MAY 16, 1995

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry, to hold hearings on the nominations of Karl N. Stauber, of Minnesota, to be Under Secretary of Agriculture for Research, Education, and Economics, and Eugene Branstool, of Ohio, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Federal Agricultural Mortgage Corporation, 9 a.m., SR-332.

Full Committee, to resume hearings on proposed legislation to strengthen and improve United States agricultural programs, focusing on rural development and credit, 9:30 a.m., SR-332.

Committee on Armed Services, Subcommittee on Readiness, to resume hearings on S. 727, authorizing funds for fiscal year 1996 for military activities of the Department of Defense and the future years defense program, focusing on Department of Defense financial management, 9 a.m., SR-232A.

Subcommittee on SeaPower, to resume hearings on S. 727, authorizing funds for fiscal year 1996 for military activities of the Department of Defense and the future years defense program, focusing on the requirements for continued production of nuclear submarines, submarine industrial base issues, procurement strategy, and associated funding, 9:30 a.m., SR-222.

Subcommittee on Strategic Forces, to hold closed hearings on S. 727, authorizing funds for fiscal year 1996 for military activities of the Department of Defense and the future years defense program, focusing on the Department of Energy weapons activities, non-proliferation and national security programs, 2:30 p.m., SR-222.

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation, Subcommittee on Science, Technology, and Space, to hold hearings to examine NASA's space shuttle and reusable launch vehicle programs, 9:30 a.m., SR-253.