

The Committee also considered pending Committee business.

The Committee recessed subject to call.

OVERSIGHT

Committee on Resources: Task Force on Private Property held an oversight hearing on Private Property Rights. Testimony was heard from Joseph Sax, Counselor to the Secretary and Deputy Assistant Secretary for Policy, Department of the Interior; and public witnesses.

CONFERENCE REPORT—EMERGENCY SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATIONS AND RESCISSIONS

Committee on Rules: Granted, by a voice vote, a rule waiving all points of order against the conference report on H.R. 1158, making emergency supplemental appropriations for additional disaster assistance and making rescissions for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1995, and against its consideration. The rule also dispenses with the reading of the conference report.

The waiver of all points of order is taken out of precaution to expedite this urgent matter. The blanket waiver includes a waiver of clause 2 of XXVIII, the three day availability requirement for conference reports. The blanket waiver also encompasses a waiver of clause 2 of rule XX, relating to legislation and unauthorized items on a general appropriations bill. The blanket waiver further includes a waiver of clause 3 of rule XXVIII, to protect provisions which exceed the scope of differences between the House and the Senate. The blanket waiver includes a waiver of clause 4 of rule XXVIII, relating to nongermane Senate matters. Finally, the blanket waiver includes a waiver of clause 2(b) of rule XXII, which bans commemoratives. Testimony was heard from Chairman Livingston and Representatives Lewis of California, Porter, and Barr.

APPROPRIATE ROLE OF GOVERNMENT PROGRAMS—HELPING SMALL BUSINESSES FIND EXPORT OPPORTUNITIES

Committee on Small Business: Subcommittee on Procurement, Exports, and Business Opportunities continued hearings on the appropriate role and the effectiveness of various federal government programs in helping small businesses find export opportunities around the world, focusing on agriculture. Testimony was heard from August Schumacher, Jr., Administrator, Foreign Agricultural Services, USDA; and public witnesses.

Hearings continue May 23.

COMMITTEE BUSINESS

Committee on Standards of Official Conduct: Met in executive session to consider pending business.

EXTENSION OF FAST TRACK TRADE NEGOTIATING AUTHORITY

Committee on Ways and Means: Subcommittee on Trade and the Subcommittee on Rules and Organization of the House Committee on Rules concluded joint hearings on Extension of Fast Track trade negotiating authority. Testimony was heard from Michael Kantor, U.S. Trade Representative; former Representative William Frenzel, State of Minnesota; and public witnesses.

Joint Meetings

FLAT TAX

Joint Economic Committee: Committee held hearings to examine the effects of a proposed flat rate tax on the current tax system and on economic growth, receiving testimony from Senator Specter; Representative Arney; Jack F. Kemp, Empower America, former Secretary of Housing and Urban Development, Richard W. Rahn, Business Leadership Council, and Robert S. McIntyre, Citizens for Tax Justice, all of Washington, D.C.; Alvin Rabushka, Stanford University, Stanford, California; and Laurence J. Kotlikoff, Boston University, Boston, Massachusetts.

Hearings were recessed subject to call.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR THURSDAY, MAY 18, 1995

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Appropriations, Subcommittee on Foreign Operations, to hold hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 1996 for foreign assistance programs, 10:30 a.m., SH-216.

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

Subcommittee on Treasury, Postal Service, and General Government, to hold hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 1996 for the Treasury Department, and the Federal Election Commission, 2 p.m., SD-192.

Committee on Armed Services, 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 Marine Corps modernization programs and current operations, 1 p.m., SR-232A.

Subcommittee on Strategic Forces, to resume hearings on S. 727, to authorize funds for fiscal year 1996 for

military activities of the Department of Defense and the future years defense program, focusing on bomber force issues, 3 p.m., SR-222.

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources, to hold hearings to examine the administration of timber contracts in the Tongass National Forest and administration of the Tongass Timber Reform Act of 1990, 9 a.m., SD-366.

Subcommittee on Energy Production and Regulation, to hold hearings on proposed legislation to extend the deadlines of certain hydroelectric projects, including S. 283, S. 468, S. 543, S. 547, S. 549, S. 552, S. 595, S. 611, and S. 801, 2 p.m., SD-366.

Committee on Finance, to resume hearings to examine various flax tax proposals, 9:30 a.m., SD-215.

Committee on Governmental Affairs, to continue hearings to examine proposals to reorganize the Executive Branch, 9:30 a.m., SD-342.

Committee on the Judiciary, business meeting, to mark up S. 227, to provide an exclusive right to perform sound recordings publicly by means of digital transmissions, S. 419, to grant the consent of Congress to the Texas Low-Level Radioactive Waste Disposal Compact, and S. 677, to repeal a redundant venue provision, and to consider pending nominations, 10 a.m., SD-226.

Committee on Rules and Administration, to resume hearings to examine management guidelines for the future of the Smithsonian Institution, 9:30 a.m., SD-106.

Committee on Small Business, to hold hearings to examine the Small Business Administration's 7(a) business loan program, 9:30 a.m., SD-628.

Committee on Indian Affairs, to hold oversight hearings on the recommendations of the Joint Department of the Interior/Bureau of Indian Affairs/Tribal Task Force on Reorganization of the Bureau of Indian Affairs, 9:30 a.m., SR-485.

NOTICE

For a listing of Senate Committee Meetings scheduled ahead, see pages E1068-69 in today's RECORD.

House

Committee on Agriculture, Subcommittee on Livestock, Dairy, and Poultry, hearing on the export market for American dairy products, proposals to make Federal dairy policy more export-oriented, and the relationship of export policy to the future of the dairy price support program following the implementation of the Uruguay Round, 1 p.m., 1302 Longworth.

Subcommittee on Resource Conservation, Research, and Forestry, hearing on the 1995 Farm Bill—Credit and Rural Development, 9 a.m., 1300 Longworth.

Committee on Banking and Financial Services, Subcommittee on Capital Markets, Securities and Government Sponsored Enterprises, to continue hearings on H.R. 1487, Federal Home Loan Bank System Modernization Act of 1995, 10 a.m., 2222 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Financial Institutions and Consumer Credit, hearing on the broad issue of regulatory burden relief as well as those matters addressed in H.R. 1362, Financial Institutions Regulatory Relief Act of 1995, 9:30 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.

Committee on Commerce, Subcommittee on Commerce, Trade, and Hazardous Materials, to mark up Interstate Transportation of Waste and Flow Control, 10 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations, to continue hearings on the Implementation and Enforcement of the Clean Air Act Amendments of 1990, 10 a.m., 2322 Rayburn.

Committee on Government Reform and Oversight, Subcommittee on Human Resources and Intergovernmental Relations, oversight hearing on the Corporation for National and Community Service, 9:30 a.m., 2247 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on National Economic Growth, Natural Resources, and Regulatory Affairs, to mark up H.R. 994, Regulatory Sunset and Review Act of 1995, 11 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

Committee on International Relations, Subcommittee on Western Hemisphere Affairs, hearing on the Administration's Reversal of U.S. Immigration Policy Towards Cuba, 10 a.m., 2172 Rayburn.

Committee on the Judiciary, to mark up H.R. 1528, Antitrust Consent Decree Reform Act of 1995, 9:30 a.m., 2141 Rayburn.

Committee on National Security, Subcommittee on Military Personnel, to mark up H.R. 1530, National Defense Authorization for fiscal year 1996, 1 p.m., 2212 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Military Readiness, to mark up H.R. 1530, National Defense Authorization for fiscal year 1996, 10 a.m., 2212 Rayburn.

Committee on Resources, Subcommittee on National Parks, Forest and Lands, hearing on the following bills: H.R. 629, The Fall River Visitor Center Act of 1995; H.R. 238, Ozark Wild Horse Protection Act; and prohibit the removal of such horses; H.R. 826, to extend the deadline for the completion of certain land exchanges involving the Big Thicket National Preserve in Texas; and H.R. 1508, to require the transfer of title to the District of Columbia certain real property in Anacostia Park to facilitate the construction of National Children's Island, a cultural, educational and family-oriented park, 10 a.m., 1324 Longworth.

Task Force on Endangered Species Act, to continue oversight hearings on the Endangered Species Act, 2 p.m., 1334 Longworth.

Subcommittee on Water and Power Resources, oversight hearing on the transfer of the Federal Power Marketing Administration, 10 a.m., 1334 Longworth.

Committee on Small Business, Subcommittee on Tax and Finance, hearing on flat tax, 10 a.m., 2359 Rayburn.

Committee on Ways and Means, Subcommittee on Trade, to mark up Extension of the GSP Program, and Extending Most-Favored-Nation Status to Cambodia and Bulgaria, 10 a.m., 1100 Longworth.

Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence, executive, to mark up the Budget Authorization for fiscal year 1996, 9 a.m., H-405 Capitol.

Joint Meetings

Joint Economic Committee, to hold hearings to examine issues relating to economically-targeted investments, 9:30 a.m., 2226 Rayburn Building.