

NATIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL POLICY ACT

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations concluded hearings to review how the Departments of Energy and Interior and the U.S. Forest Service are implementing the requirements of the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (P.L. 91-190), focusing on problems associated with Environmental Impact Statements, after receiving testimony from Jack Ward Thomas, Chief, Forest Service, Department of Agriculture; John D. Leshy, Solicitor, Department of the Interior; Robert R. Nordhaus, General Counsel, Department of Energy; David V. Garber, Big Horn Forest Grazing Permits Association, Big Horn, Wyoming; Steve Silver, Robertson, Monagle and Eastaugh, Juneau, Alaska; Robert S. Lynch, Colorado River Energy Distributors Association, Salt Lake City, Utah; and Robert Dreher, Sierra Club Legal Defense Fund, Washington, D.C.

SMALL BUSINESS TAX INCENTIVES

Committee on Finance: Committee held hearings on issues relating to small business tax incentives, focusing on proposals to modify estate and gift taxation and expensing of equipment for small businesses under section 179 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, including H.R. 1215, S. 105, S. 628, S. 867, S. 161, and S. 692, receiving testimony from Cynthia G. Beerbower, Deputy Assistant Secretary of the Treasury for Tax Policy; Douglas Holtz-Eakin, Syracuse University, Syracuse, New York, on behalf of the National Bureau of Economic Research; Guy B. Maxfield, New York University Law School, New York; Edward J. McCaffrey, University of Southern California, Los Angeles; and Richard W. Rahn, Business Leadership Council, Washington, D.C.

Hearings were recessed subject to call.

AUTHORIZATION—FOREIGN ASSISTANCE

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee ordered favorably reported an original bill to authorize reduced levels of appropriations for foreign assistance programs for fiscal years 1996 and 1997.

GOVERNMENT PROGRAM STRUCTURING

Committee on Governmental Affairs: Committee held hearings to examine potential duplication, overlap and fragmentation in Federal Government programs, receiving testimony from Susan J. Irving, Associate Director, and Michael J. Curro, Assistant Director, both for Budget Issues, Accounting and Information Management Division, General Accounting Office; William E. Davis III, Executive Director, Advisory Commission on Intergovernmental Relations; and Janet L. Norwood and Thomas H. Stanton, both of Washington, D.C.

Hearings were recessed subject to call.

JUVENILE CRIME

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Youth Violence concluded hearings to examine how welfare dependence and illegitimacy contribute to juvenile crime and violence, after receiving testimony from J.T. Marlin, Chattanooga Police Department, Hixson, Tennessee; Patrick F. Fagan, The Heritage Foundation, James Wootton, Safe Streets Alliance, Michael Tanner, CATO Institute, and Robert L. Maginnis, Family Research Council, all of Washington, D.C.; Donald Bersoff, Medical College of Pennsylvania and Villanova University, Villanova, Pennsylvania; and M. Anne Hill, City University of New York, New York.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Bills Introduced: 33 public bills, H.R. 1753-1785; and 2 resolutions, H. Res. 162-163, were introduced.

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Reports Filed: Reports were filled as follows:

S. 523, to amend the Colorado River Basin Salinity Control Act to authorize additional measures to carry out the control of salinity upstream of Imperial Dam in a cost-effective manner (H. Rept. 104-132);

H.R. 260, to provide for the development of a plan and a management review of the National Park System and to reform the process by which areas are

considered for addition to the National Park System, amended (H. Rept. 104-133); and

H.R. 1070, to designate the reservoir created by Trinity Dam in the Central Valley project, California, as "Trinity Lake" (H. Rept. 104-134).

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

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Presidential Message—Nuclear Proliferation: Read a message from the President wherein he transmits a report on the activities of United States Government departments and agencies relating to the

prevention of nuclear proliferation—referred to the Committee on International Relations.

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Committees To Sit: The following committees and their subcommittees received permission to sit today during the proceedings of the House under the five minute rule: Committees on Banking and Financial Services, Commerce, Economic and Educational Opportunities, Government Reform and Oversight, Judiciary, National Security, and Science. Page H5632

Corning Fish Hatchery: House passed H.R. 535, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to convey the Corning National Fish Hatchery to the State of Arkansas. Pages H5636–40

Agreed to the committee amendment. Page H5638

Rejected the Miller of California amendment that sought to require the State of Arkansas to pay the Federal Government the fair market value of the property at the time ownership of the hatchery is transferred (rejected by a recorded vote of 96 ayes to 315 noes, Roll No. 356). Pages H5638–40

Fairport Fish Hatchery: House passed H.R. 584, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to convey a fish hatchery to the State of Iowa. Pages H5640–45

Rejected the Miller of California amendment that sought to require the State of Iowa to pay the Federal Government the fair market value of the property at the time ownership of the hatchery is transferred. Pages H5643–45

New London Fish Hatchery: House passed H.R. 614, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to convey to the State of Minnesota the New London National Fish Hatchery production facility. Pages H5645–47

Agreed to the committee amendment. Page H5647

American Overseas Interests Act: House continued consideration of H.R. 1561, to consolidate the foreign affairs agencies of the United States; to authorize appropriations for the Department of State and related agencies for fiscal years 1996 and 1997; to responsibly reduce the authorizations of appropriations for United States foreign assistance programs for fiscal years 1996 and 1997; but came to no resolution thereon. Consideration of amendments will resume on Thursday, June 8. Pages H5648–81

Agreed to the Gilman en bloc amendment, as modified, that permits the Central Asian Enterprise Fund to establish citizen advisory councils; strikes approximately \$500 million in funding for specifically earmarked programs; establishes foreign aid reporting requirements; authorizes the return and exchange of defense articles previously transferred pursuant to the Arms Export Control Act; makes permanent the Nuclear Nonproliferation Prevention Act; expresses the sense of the Congress regarding

Syrain occupation of Lebanon; prohibits foreign assistance to foreign governments not implementing extradition treaties; expresses the sense of Congress that the President should impose economic sanctions on foreign entities or persons that trade with Iran; expresses the sense of Congress regarding the conflict in Chechnya; permits the President to grant a waiver of the current prohibition on foreign assistance for Laos if he determines that the Government of Laos is fully cooperating on all outstanding POW/MIA cases involving Laos; requires the Secretary of State to report on the impact of United States trade and business as a result of foreign policy; expresses the sense of Congress that one delegate to the Fourth World Conference on Women should represent Tibetan women; requires the President to submit to the Congress an annual military assistance report; establishes restrictions on assistance for Guatemala; prohibits any assistance to Mauritania unless appropriate action is taken to eliminate Chattel slavery; increases the fiscal year 1997 authorization for the International Water Boundary Commission from \$12.5 million to \$22 million; expresses the sense of Congress that after the year 2000, the United States be able to maintain the security of the Panama Canal and its regular operation, consistent with the Panama Canal Treaty; restores \$20 million annually to the Development Fund for Africa; requires the State Department to give equal treatment to employees of AID, USIA, and ACDA when competing for jobs related to a reduction in force; exempts South Africa from provisions canceling certain housing guarantees; expresses the sense of Congress that the President should encourage other nations to end the practice of female genital mutilation; and requires recipient countries of United States monetary aid to purchase American-made goods; Pages H5648–55

Rejected:

The Hyde amendment that sought to repeal the War Powers Resolution; and require the President to consult with the Congress in most cases before committing United States forces to imminent hostilities (rejected by a recorded vote of 201 ayes to 217 noes, Roll No. 359); and Pages H5655–74

The Ackerman amendment that sought to require the Congressional Budget Office and the Office of Management and Budget to conduct a cost-benefit analysis of the proposed abolishment of AID, ACDA, and USIA before those agencies could be abolished and their functions consolidated into the State Department (rejected by a recorded vote of 177 ayes to 233 noes, Roll No. 360). Pages H5674–80

H. Res. 156, the rule providing for the further consideration of the bill, was agreed to earlier by a yea-and-nay vote of 252 yeas to 168 nays, Roll No. 357. Pages H5632–36, H5647–48

Presidential Veto Message: Received and read a message from the President wherein he announced his veto of H.R. 1158, making emergency supplemental appropriations for additional disaster assistance and making rescissions for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1995; and explained his reasons therefor—referred to the Committee on Appropriations and ordered printed (H. Doc. No. 104-83).

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Quorum Calls—Votes: One quorum call (Roll No. 358), one yea-and-nay vote and three recorded votes developed during the proceedings of the House today and appear on pages H5639-40, H5647-48, H5670, H5673-74, and H5680.

Adjournment: Met at noon and adjourned at 9:19 p.m.

Committee Meetings

MILITARY CONSTRUCTION APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Military Construction approved for full Committee action the military construction appropriations for fiscal year 1996.

HUD'S TAKEOVER—CHICAGO HOUSING AUTHORITY

Committee on Banking and Financial Services: Subcommittee on Housing and Community Opportunity held a hearing on HUD's Takeover of Chicago Housing Authority. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Housing and Urban Development: Henry G. Cisneros, Secretary; Joseph Schuldiner, Assistant Secretary, Public and Indian Housing; and Susan Gaffney, Inspector General; Judy England-Joseph, Director, Housing and Community Development Issues, GAO; and a public witness.

FOOD QUALITY PROTECTION ACT

Committee on Commerce: Subcommittee on Health and Environment held a hearing on H.R. 1627, Food Quality Protection Act of 1995. Testimony was heard from Lynn Goldman, Assistant Administrator, Office of Prevention, Pesticides, and Toxic Substances, EPA; William Schultz, Deputy Commissioner, Policy, FDA, Department of Health and Human Services; Lawrence Elworth, Special Assistant, Pesticide Policy, USDA; and public witnesses.

CLEAN AIR ACT AMENDMENTS—IMPLEMENTATION AND ENFORCEMENT

Committee on Commerce: Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations continued hearings on the Implementation and Enforcement of the Clean Air Act

Amendments of 1990, with emphasis on Title II, the Reformulated Gasoline Program. Testimony was heard from Mary D. Nichols, Assistant Administrator, Air and Radiation, EPA; John A. Riggs, Deputy Assistant Secretary, Policy, Planning, and Program Evaluation, Department of Energy; and public witnesses.

DEPARTMENTAL REORGANIZATION

Committee on Economic and Educational Opportunities: Held a hearing on Departmental Reorganization. Testimony was heard from Representatives Gundersen and Boehner; the following officials of the Congressional Research Service, Library of Congress: Wayne C. Riddle, Specialist in Education Finance, Education and Public Welfare Division; William Whittaker, Specialist, Economics Division; and Leslie Gladstone, Specialist, Government Division; and a public witness.

COMBINED FEDERAL CAMPAIGN: LAWYERS, LOBBYISTS VS. PEOPLE IN NEED?

Committee on Government Reform and Oversight: Subcommittee on Civil Service held a hearing on the Combined Federal Campaign: Lawyers, Lobbyists vs. People in Need? Testimony was heard from Lorraine A. Green, Deputy Director, OPM; the following former officials of OPM: Donald J. Devine, Director; and Joseph A. Morris, General Counsel; Jeremiah J. Barrett, former Director, Operations, Combined Federal Campaign; and public witnesses.

LORTON CORRECTIONAL COMPLEX CLOSURE ACT

Committee on Government Reform and Oversight: Subcommittee on the District of Columbia held a hearing on H.R. 461, Lorton Correctional Complex Closure Act. Testimony was heard from David Albo, Delegate, General Assembly, State of Virginia; and public witnesses.

OVERSIGHT

Committee on Government Reform and Oversight: Subcommittee on the Postal Service continued oversight hearings on the U.S. Postal Service. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

Hearings continue June 14.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on the Judiciary: Ordered reported the following measures: H.J. Res. 79, proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States authorizing the Congress and the States to prohibit the physical desecration of the United States; H.R. 587, to amend title 35, United States Code, with respect to patents on biotechnological processes; H.R. 1170,