

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

AUTHORIZATION—DEFENSE

Committee on Armed Services: Committee continued in evening session, in closed session, to mark up proposed legislation authorizing funds for fiscal year 1996 for military activities of the Department of Defense, and to prescribe military personnel strengths for fiscal year 1996.

NOMINATIONS

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Committee concluded hearings on the nominations of Robert Talcott Francis II, of Massachusetts, and John Goglia, of Massachusetts, each to be a Member of the National Transportation Safety Board, and Robert Clarke Brown, of New York, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Metropolitan Washington Airports Authority, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf. Mr. Brown was introduced by Representative Sherrod Brown.

KOMI REPUBLIC OIL SPILLS

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources/Committee on Environment and Public Works: Committees concluded joint oversight hearings to examine the energy and environmental implications of the crude oil leaks in the Komi Republic of the former Soviet Union, after receiving testimony from Robert Huggett, Assistant Administrator for Research and Development, Environmental Protection Agency; Jerry A. Galt, Chief of Modeling and Simulations Studies Branch, Hazardous Materials Response and Assessment Division, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, Department of Commerce; Patricia Fry Godley, Assistant Secretary of Energy for Fossil Energy; Garrett W. Brass, Executive Director, United States Arctic Research Commission; Jacqueline Michel, Research Planning, and Cameron Duncan, Greenpeace International, both of Washington, D.C.; Richard S. Golob, World Information Systems, Cambridge, Massachusetts; and Thomas C. Royer, University of Alaska, Fairbanks.

PRESIDIO TRUST

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Subcommittee on Parks, Historic Preservation and Recreation held hearings on S. 594, to create a trust to manage, lease and finance the historical and cultural inventory of the Presidio of San Francisco, California at minimal cost to the Federal taxpayer, receiving testimony from Senators Boxer and Feinstein; Representative Pelosi; Denis P. Galvin, Associate Director, Professional Services, National Park Service,

Department of the Interior; Donald W. Murphy, California Department of Parks and Recreation, Sacramento; Lawrence Florin, San Francisco Redevelopment Agency, Mary Murphy, on behalf of the Neighborhood Associations for Presidio Planning, Eduardo Cohen and Joel Ventresca, both on behalf of the Preserve the Presidio Campaign, Henry Maggenti, Friends of the Presidio Association, Al Stetz, Presidio Military Golf Club, Redmond F. Kernan, Fort Point Presidio Historical Association, James R. Harvey, Transamerica Corporation, Donald G. Fisher, The Gap, Inc., and Joel Ventresca, all of San Francisco, California; and Curtis Feeny, Stanford Management Company, Stanford, California.

Hearings were recessed subject to call.

AIR POLLUTION CONTROL

Committee on Environment and Public Works: Subcommittee on Clean Air, Wetlands, Private Property, and Nuclear Safety held oversight hearings on the implementation of the motor vehicle emissions inspection and maintenance program of the Environmental Protection Agency, receiving testimony from Mary D. Nichols, Assistant Administrator for Air and Radiation, Environmental Protection Agency; Virginia Secretary of Natural Resources Becky Norton Dunlop, Richmond; Thomas Getz, Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment, Denver; Lynn Scarlett, Reason Foundation, Los Angeles, California, and Douglas R. Lawson, Desert Research Institute, Reno, Nevada, both on behalf of the California Inspection and Maintenance Review Committee; and Michael P. Walsh, Arlington, Virginia.

Hearings were recessed subject to call.

MEDICAID

Committee on Finance: Committee continued hearings to examine the status of the Medicaid program, focusing on overall Medicaid spending and an historical perspective, receiving testimony from June E. O'Neill, Director, Congressional Budget Office; Diane Rowland, Kaiser Commission on the Future of Medicaid, Washington, D.C.; and Gail R. Wilensky, Project HOPE, Bethesda, Maryland.

Hearings were recessed subject to call.

NOMINATIONS

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee concluded hearings on the nominations of John T. Stewart, of California, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Moldova, Michael W. Cotter, of the District of Columbia, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Turkmenistan, A. Elizabeth Jones, of Maryland, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Kazakhstan, Victor Jackovich, of Iowa, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Slovenia, John K. Menzies, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Bosnia and

Herzegovina, and James E. Goodby, of the District of Columbia, for the rank of Ambassador during his tenure of service as Principal Negotiator and Special Representative of the President for Nuclear Safety and Dismantlement, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

FRIENDLY FIRE INCIDENT

Committee on Governmental Affairs: Permanent Subcommittee on Investigations held hearings to examine an investigation of a United States Army fratricide incident during the Persian Gulf War, and an assessment of the adequacy of United States Army investigations following the incident and allegations certain Army officials hindered those investigations, receiving testimony from Richard C. Stienen, Director, Office of Special Investigations, General Accounting Office; Sara E. Lister, Assistant Secretary for Manpower and Reserve Affairs, Gen. Ronald H. Griffith, Vice Chief of Staff, Maj. Gen. Michael Nardotti, Judge Advocate General, and Lt. Col. John Daly, all of the United States Army; Bo Friesen, Fairview, Texas; Kevin Wessels, Burnsville, Minnesota; and Deborah Shelton and Ronald Fielder, both of Nashville, Tennessee.

Hearings were recessed subject to call.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on the Judiciary: Committee ordered favorably reported the following business items:

S. 227, to provide an exclusive right to perform sound recordings publicly by means of digital transmissions, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute; and

The nominations of Dianne P. Wood, of Illinois, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Seventh Circuit, Tena Campbell, to be United States District Judge for the District of Utah, George H. King, to be United States District Judge for the Central District of California, and Robert H. Whaley, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Washington.

AUTHORIZATION—OLDER AMERICANS ACT

Committee on Labor and Human Resources: Subcommittee on Aging held hearings on proposed legislation authorizing funds for programs of the Older Americans Act, receiving testimony from Julie Govert Walter, North Central-Flint Hills Area Agency on Aging, Manhattan, Kansas, on behalf of the Kansas Association of Area Agencies on Aging; Cheryl Schramm, Atlanta Regional Commission, Atlanta, Georgia; Neetu Dhawan-Gray, Commission on Aging and Retirement Education, Baltimore, Maryland; J. Douglas Mickle, Reynolds Metals Company, Richmond, Virginia; and James R. Dunn, Consumers Power Company, Jackson, Michigan.

Hearings were recessed subject to call.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Bills Introduced: Seventeen public bills, H.R. 1955–1971; and two resolutions, H. Res. 178, 181, were introduced.

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Reports Filed: Reports were filed as follows:

H. Res. 177, providing for the further consideration of H.R. 1868, the Foreign Operations Appropriations Bill for Fiscal Year 1996 (H. Rept. 104–167);

H. Res. 179, providing for the consideration of a concurrent resolution for the adjournment of the House and Senate for the Independence Day district work period (H. Rept. 104–168);

H. Res. 180, waiving points of order against the conference report to accompany H.R. 483, the Medicare Select conference report (H. Rept. 104–169); and

H.R. 1557, to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 1996, 1997, and 1998 for the National Endow-

ment for the Arts, the National Endowment for the Humanities, and the Institute for Museum Services; and to repeal the National Foundation on the Arts and the Humanities Act of 1965 effective October 1, 1998, amended (H. Rept. 104–170).

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Budget Resolution: By a yea-and-nay vote of 239 yeas to 194 nays, Roll No. 458, the House agreed to the conference report on H. Con. Res. 67.

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Earlier, agreed to order the previous question on agreeing to the conference report (agreed to by a recorded vote of 242 yeas to 190 noes, Roll No. 456). Subsequently, agreed to the Walker motion to table the Sabo motion to reconsider the vote on ordering the previous question (agreed to by a recorded vote of 236 yeas to 191 nays, Roll No. 457).

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H. Res. 175, the rule which waived all points of order against consideration of the conference report,