

VETERANS BUDGET COMPLIANCE

Committee on Veterans Affairs: Committee concluded hearings to examine options to achieve savings in direct spending in veterans' benefits and services for fiscal years 1996 through 2002 as mandated by the fiscal year 1996 Concurrent Budget Resolution (H. Con. Res. 67), after receiving testimony from Senator Kerrey; Jesse Brown, Secretary of Veterans Affairs;

Francis M. Rush, Jr., Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense for Force Management Policy; and Frank C. Buxton, American Legion, James N. Magill, Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States, Richard F. Schultz, Disabled American Veterans, Robert Carbonneau, AMVETS, and John C. Bollinger, Paralyzed Veterans of America, all of Washington, D.C.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Bills Introduced: Fifteen public bills, H.R. 2002–2016; and two resolutions, H.J. Res. 100 and H. Con. Res. 82, were introduced. **Pages H6829–30**

Reports Filed: Reports were filed as follows:

Report from the Committee on Appropriations entitled "Subdivision of Budget Totals for Fiscal Year 1996" (H. Rept. 104–175);

H.R. 1091, to improve the National Park System in the Commonwealth of Virginia, amended (H. Rept. 104–176);

H.R. 2002, making appropriations for the Department of Transportation and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1996 (H. Rept. 104–177);

H.R. 1175, to amend Public Law 89–454 to provide for the reauthorization of appropriations, amended (H. Rept. 104–123, Part 2);

H.R. 587, to amend title 35, United States Code, with respect to patents on biotechnological processes (H. Rept. 104–178);

H.R. 1170, to provide that cases challenging the constitutionality of measures passed by State referendum be heard by a three-judge court, amended (H. Rept. 104–179);

S. 464, to make the reporting deadlines for studies conducted in Federal court demonstration districts consistent with the deadlines for pilot districts (H. Rept. 104–180);

S. 532, to clarify the rules governing venue (H. Rept. 104–181); and

H. Res. 185, providing for consideration of H.R. 1977, making appropriations for the Department of the Interior and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1996 (H. Rept. 104–182).

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

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Recess: House recessed at 9:30 a.m. and reconvened at 10 a.m.

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Suspensions: House voted to suspend the rules and pass the following bills which were debated on Monday, July 10:

Extension of most-favored-nation status to Cambodia: H.R. 1642, to extend nondiscriminatory treatment (most-favored-nation treatment) to the products of Cambodia;

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Extension of most-favored-nation status to Bulgaria: H.R. 1643, to authorize the extension of nondiscriminatory treatment (most-favored-nation treatment) to the products of Bulgaria;

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Sikes Act improvements amendments of 1995: H.R. 1141, amended, to amend the Act popularly known as the "Sikes Act" to enhance fish and wildlife conservation and natural resources management programs; and

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Colorado River Basin salinity control amendments: 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—clearing the measure for the President. Subsequently, House agreed to H. Con. Res. 82, directing the Senate to make technical corrections in the enrollment of S. 523.

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Foreign Operations Appropriations: By a yeas-and-nays vote of 333 yeas to 89 nays, Roll No. 482, the House passed H.R. 1868, making appropriations for foreign operations, export financing, and related programs for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1996.

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Agreed to the Obey motion to recommit the bill to the Committee on Appropriations with instructions to report it back forthwith containing an amendment to provide that not more than \$108 million under the Agency for International Development Children and Disease Programs Fund could be used for basic education for children. Subsequently, the bill was reported back to the House containing the amendment, and the amendment was agreed to.

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Agreed To:

The Engel amendment that prohibits the lifting of sanctions on Serbia and Montenegro unless the President certifies that certain conditions related to Kosova have been met;

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The Jackson-Lee amendment, as modified, that states that the Department of State should closely monitor and take into account human rights progress in Ethiopia as it obligates fiscal year 1996 funds for Ethiopia; and

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The Smith of New Jersey amendment that prohibits funds appropriated for refugee assistance to fund Population, Refugees, and Migration bureau operating expenses.

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The Volkmer amendment was offered but subsequently withdrawn that sought to prohibit any funds to the Government of Kenya unless the President determined it was in the national interest.

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H. Res. 177, the rule which provided for the further consideration of the bill was agreed to earlier by a recorded vote of 246 ayes to 156 noes, Roll No. 480. Subsequently, agreed to the Goss motion to table the Solomon motion to reconsider the vote on the rule by a recorded vote of 248 ayes to 153 noes, Roll No. 481.

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Agreed to order the previous question on the rule by a yea-and-nay vote of 236 yeas to 162 nays, Roll No. 478. Subsequently, agreed to the Goss motion to table the Volkmer motion to reconsider the vote on the previous question by a recorded vote of 235 ayes to 167 noes, Roll No. 479.

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Bill Re-referred: H.R. 1784, to validate certain conveyances made by the Southern Pacific Transportation Company within the cities of Reno, Nevada, and Tulare, California, previously referred to the Committee on Agriculture, was referred to the Committee on Resources.

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Energy and Water Appropriations: House completed all general debate and began consideration of amendments under the 5-minute rule on H.R. 1905, making appropriations for energy and water development for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1996; but came to no resolution thereon. Proceedings

under the 5-minute rule will continue on Wednesday, June 12.

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Agreed To:

The Shuster amendment that delays the implementation date for a plan to reduce the number of Corps of Engineers division offices from May 1 to August 15 of 1996, and strikes a provision barring the use of funds to operate the dredge vessel McFarland for purposes other than emergency dredging;

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The Stupak amendment that provides for installation of a sand and stone cap in the navigation project at Manistique Harbor, Michigan;

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The Smith of Washington amendment that sought to reduce the \$49 million appropriation for Bureau of Reclamation general administrative expenses by \$480,000; and

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The Klug amendment that reduces the appropriation for energy supply, research and development activities by \$20 million (agreed to by a recorded vote of 306 ayes to 112 noes, Roll No. 485).

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Rejected:

The Barrett of Wisconsin amendment that sought to reduce the appropriation for energy supply, research and development activities by \$5 million (rejected by a recorded vote of 182 ayes to 243 noes, Roll No. 483);

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The DeFazio amendment that sought to reduce the Bureau of Reclamation account by \$5.12 million (rejected by a recorded vote of 151 ayes to 275 noes, Roll No. 484); and

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The Obey amendment that sought to reduce Department of Energy supply, research and development activities by \$18 million (rejected by a recorded vote of 155 ayes to 266 noes, Roll No. 486).

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The following amendments were offered but subsequently withdrawn:

The Barton of Texas amendment that sought to provide for the rescission of \$65 million previously appropriated for a medical treatment facility at the site of the terminated Superconducting Super Collider project; and

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The Skaggs amendment that sought to increase the appropriation for defense environmental restoration and waste management account by \$142 million.

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A point of order was sustained against language that sought to authorize the Secretary of the Army to transfer not to exceed 300 acres of land at the Cooper Lake, Texas, project from mitigation or low-density recreation to high-density recreation.

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H. Res. 171, the rule under which the bill is being considered, was agreed to earlier by a voice vote.

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Presidential message—MFN for Romania: Read a message from the President wherein he submits an updated report concerning emigration laws and policies of Romania that allow continuation of most-favored-nation status for Romania—referred to the Committee on Ways and Means and ordered printed (H. Doc. 104-93).

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Referrals: Two Senate-passed measures were referred to the appropriate House committees.

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Senate Messages: Messages received from the Senate today appear on pages H6742-43.

Amendments Ordered Printed: Amendments ordered printed pursuant to the rule appear on pages H6831-34.

Quorum Calls—Votes: Two yea-and-nay votes and seven recorded votes developed during the proceedings of the House today and appear on pages H6753, H6753-54, H6754, H6755, H6769, H6791, H6794, H6806, and H6810. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: Met at 9 a.m. and adjourned at 9:59 p.m.

Committee Meetings

FOOD STAMP FLEXIBILITY AND COMMODITY DISTRIBUTION CONSOLIDATION ACT

Committee on Agriculture: Subcommittee on Department Operations, Nutrition, and Foreign Agriculture approved for full Committee action amended H.R. 1997, Food Stamp Flexibility and Commodity Distribution Consolidation Act of 1995.

BUDGET ALLOCATIONS; TREASURY, POSTAL SERVICE, AND GENERAL GOVERNMENT APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Approved a revised section 602(b) budget allocation report.

The Committee also began markup of the Treasury, Postal Service, and General Government appropriations for fiscal year 1996.

Will continue tomorrow.

LABOR—HHS—EDUCATION APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education began markup of appropriations for Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education for fiscal year 1996.

NATIONAL SECURITY APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on National Security began markup of appropriations for National Security for fiscal year 1996.

Will continue tomorrow.

CORRECTIONS DAY LEGISLATION

Committee on Economic and Educational Opportunities: Subcommittee on Workforce Protections held a hearing on the following Corrections Day bills: H.R. 1114, to authorize minors who are under the child labor provision of the Fair Labor Standards Act of 1938 and who are under 18 years of age to load materials into balers and compactors; H.R. 1225, to amend the Fair Labor Standards Act of 1938 to exempt employees who perform certain court reporting duties from the compensatory time requirements applicable to certain public agencies; and H.R. 1783, to require a change in regulation under the Occupational Safety and Health Act of 1970. Testimony was heard from Representatives Ewing, Combest and Vucanovich; and public witnesses.

LOCK BOX DEFICIT PROPOSALS

Committee on Government Reform and Oversight: Subcommittee on Government Management, Information, and Technology, Committee on the Budget and the Subcommittee on Legislation and Budget Process of the Committee on Rules held a joint hearing on Lock Box Deficit Proposals. Testimony was heard from Representatives Brewster, Crapo, Harman, Royce, Zimmer and Foley; Alice M. Rivlin, Director, OMB; and James L. Blum, Deputy Director, CBO.

BUDGET AND FINANCIAL INFORMATION—ANNUAL SHAREHOLDERS REPORT

Committee on Government Reform and Oversight: Subcommittee on Government Management, Information, and Technology held a hearing on Budget and Financial Information—Annual Shareholders Report: How Does the Citizen Know What is Going On? Testimony was heard from the following officials of the GAO: Gene L. Dodaro, Assistant Comptroller General, Accounting and Information Management Division; Donald Chapin, Chief Accountant; and Paul L. Posner, Director, Budget Issues, Accounting and Information Management Division; Edward DeSeve, Controller, Office of Federal Financial Management, OMB; and public witnesses.

CUBAN LIBERTY AND DEMOCRATIC SOLIDARITY ACT

Committee on International Relations: Ordered reported amended H.R. 927, Cuban Liberty and Democratic Solidarity Act of 1995.