

Ninth Circuit, San Diego, California; Judge Diarmuid F. O. Scannlain, United States Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit, Portland, Oregon; Chief Judge Gerald Bard Tjoflat, United States Court of Appeals for the Eleventh Circuit, Jacksonville, Florida; Arthur D. Hellman, University of Pittsburgh School of Law, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania; Charles E. Jones, Jennings, Strouss and Salmon, Phoenix, Arizona; and John McKay, Cairncross & Hempelmann, Seattle, Washington.

IMMIGRATION REFORM

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Immigration held hearings on legal immigration reform proposals, receiving testimony from Mary A. Ryan, Assistant Secretary of State for Consular Affairs; Doris Meissner, Commissioner, Immigration and Naturalization Service, Department of Justice; John Frazier, Deputy Administrator, Wage and Hour Division, Department of Labor; Vernon Briggs, Cornell University, Ithaca, New York; Phil Martin, University of California, Davis; Demetrios Papademitriou,

Carnegie Endowment for International Peace, Jeffrey Passel, Urban Institute, Jackie Bernarz, Business Immigration Coalition, Rudy Oswald, Department of Economic Research (AFL-CIO), and Dan Stein, Federation for American Immigration Reform, all of Washington, D.C.; Michael Teitelbaum, Alfred P. Sloan Foundation, New York, New York; and Antonia Hernandez, Mexican American Legal Defense and Educational Fund, Los Angeles, California.

Hearings were recessed subject to call.

NOMINATION

Committee on Indian Affairs: Committee concluded hearings on the nomination of Paul M. Homan, of the District of Columbia, to be Special Trustee, Office of Special Trustee for American Indians, Department of the Interior, after the nominee testified and answered questions in his own behalf. Testimony was also received from Elouise C. Cobell, Browning, Montana, on behalf of the Intertribal Monitoring Association on Indian Trust Funds.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Bills Introduced: Eleven public bills, H.R. 2318-2328; and one resolution, H. Res. 221 were introduced. Pages H8903-04

Intelligence Authorization: House passed H.R. 1655, to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 1996 for intelligence and intelligence-related activities of the United States Government, the Community Management Account, and the Central Intelligence Agency Retirement and Disability System. Pages H8816-34

Agreed to the committee amendment in the nature of a substitute as modified by the rule. Page H8834

Agreed To:

The Combest amendment, as modified, that places limits and conditions on the provision giving the President the power to delay the imposition of sanctions against a foreign country if they would endanger an intelligence source or compromise an ongoing investigation; and Pages H8821-26

The Traficant amendment that provides that no funds may be appropriated unless they are in compliance with the Buy American Act and expresses the sense of Congress that whenever possible equipment and products should be American-made. Pages H8827-28

Rejected:

The Frank of Massachusetts amendment that sought to reduce funding by three percent except that authorized for the Central Intelligence Agency Retirement and Disability Fund (rejected by a recorded vote of 162 ayes to 262 noes, Roll No. 654); and Pages H8829-32

The Frank of Massachusetts amendment that sought to require that as of October 1, 1995, for fiscal year 1996, and each fiscal year thereafter the aggregate amounts requested, authorized for, and spent on intelligence-related activities be disclosed to the public (rejected by a recorded vote of 154 ayes to 271 noes, Roll No. 655). Pages H8832-34

The Clerk was authorized to make such technical and conforming changes as may be necessary to correct such things as spelling, punctuation, cross-referencing, and section numbering in the engrossment of the bill. Page H8834

Deficit Reduction Lock-Box Act of 1995: By a recorded vote of 364 ayes to 59 noes, Roll No. 658, the House passed H.R. 1162, to establish a Deficit Reduction Trust Fund and provide for the downward adjustment of discretionary spending limits in appropriations bills. Pages H8838-52

Agreed to the committee amendment in the nature of a substitute. Page H8851

Agreed to the Goss amendment, as amended by the Harman amendment, that requires the Office of Management and Budget to adjust future as well as first year statutory spending caps to take into account out-year savings and give the chairmen of the appropriations committees rather than the Director of the Congressional Budget Office the power to adjust 602(b) allocations to reflect lock-box savings and apply the provisions to the fiscal year 1996 Defense and Labor/HHS appropriations bills.

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Rejected:

The Frost amendment to the Goss amendment that sought to apply the provisions of the bill to all 1996 appropriations bills retroactively and give the chairmen of the Appropriations Committees rather than the Director of the Congressional Budget Office the power to adjust 602(b) allocations to reflect lock-box savings and apply the provisions to the fiscal year 1996 Defense and Labor/HHS appropriations bills (rejected by a recorded vote of 204 ayes to 221 noes, Roll No. 656); and

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The Meek amendment that sought to prohibit use of overall savings due to the lock-box mechanism to count toward anything other than reducing the budget deficit (rejected by a recorded vote of 144 ayes to 282 noes, Roll No. 657).

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Agreed to amend the title.

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H. Res. 218, the rule under which the bill was considered, was agreed to earlier by voice vote.

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Federal Acquisition Reform Act: House completed all general debate and began consideration of amendments on H.R. 1670, to revise and streamline the acquisition laws of the Federal Government, and to reorganize the mechanisms for resolving Federal procurement disputes; but came to no resolution thereon. Consideration of amendments will resume on Thursday, September 14.

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Agreed to the Davis amendment that allows agencies to choose between the traditional design-bid-build process or a “two-phase” procedure that allows them to combine design and construction into a single procurement.

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Rejected the Collins of Illinois amendment that sought to strike provisions in the bill outlining revised definitions and procedures regarding “full and open” competition; add provisions instructing agencies seeking procurement bids to hold a conference for any interested firm to inform them of needs and qualifications necessary to compete for jobs; and allow agencies to make preliminary assessments on initial bids received to determine if proposals have a chance at receiving a contract (rejected by a recorded vote of 182 ayes to 239 noes, Roll No. 660).

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H. Res. 219, the rule under which the bill is being considered, was agreed to earlier by a yea-and-nay vote of 414 yeas, Roll No. 659.

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Department of Defense Appropriations: House disagreed to the Senate amendment to H.R. 2126, making appropriations for the Department of Defense for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1996; and agreed to a conference. Appointed as conferees: Representatives Young of Florida, McDade, Lewis of California, Skeen, Hobson, Bonilla, Nethercutt, Neumann, Murtha, Dicks, Wilson, Hefner, Sabo, and Obey.

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Subsequently, the House agreed to the Young of Florida motion that the conference meetings between the House and the Senate on H.R. 2126, making appropriations for the Department of Defense for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1996, be closed to the public at such times as classified national security information is under consideration; provided that any sitting Member of Congress shall have a right to attend any closed or open meeting (agreed to by a yea-and-nay vote of 414 yeas to 2 nays, Roll No. 661).

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Meeting Hour: House agreed to meet at 1 p.m. on Thursday, September 14.

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Amendments Ordered Printed: Amendments ordered printed pursuant to the rule appear on pages H8904–10.

Quorum Calls—Votes: Two yea-and-nay votes and six recorded votes developed during the proceedings of the House today and appear on pages H8832, H8834, H8847–48, H8851, H8852, H8857, H8878–79, and H8887–88. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: Met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 10:32 p.m.

Committee Meetings

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA FINANCES

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on the District of Columbia held a hearing on D.C. Finances. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the District of Columbia: Marion Barry, Mayor; David A. Clarke, Chairman, Council; Franklin L. Smith, Superintendent, Public Schools; and Wilma R. Harvey, President, Board of Education; and Andrew F. Brimmer, Chairman, D.C. Financial Responsibility and Management Assistance Authority.

LONG-STANDING GOVERNMENT PERFORMANCE ISSUES

Committee on the Budget: Held a hearing on Long-Standing Government Performance Issues. Testimony