

SUBCOMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP

Committee on Governmental Affairs: Committee announced the following subcommittee assignments:

Permanent Subcommittee on Investigations: Senators Roth (Chairman), Stevens, Cohen, Thompson, Cochran, McCain, Smith, Brown, Nunn, Glenn, Levin, Pryor, Lieberman, Akaka, and Dorgan.

Subcommittee on Post Office and Civil Service: Senators Stevens (Chairman), Cochran, McCain, Smith, Pryor, Akaka, and Dorgan.

Subcommittee on Oversight of Government Management and the District of Columbia: Senators Cohen (Chairman), Thompson, Cochran, McCain, Brown, Levin, Pryor, Lieberman, and Akaka.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on the Judiciary: Committee began markup of S. 956, to divide the ninth judicial circuit of the United States into two circuits, but did not complete consideration of, and will meet again on Thursday, December 7.

NOMINATIONS

Committee on the Judiciary: Committee concluded hearings on the nominations of Merrick B. Garland, of Maryland, to be United States Circuit Judge for the District of Columbia Circuit, John Thomas Marten, to be United States District Judge for the District of Kansas, Bruce D. Black, to be United States District Judge for the District of New Mexico,

Patricia A. Gaughan, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of Ohio, and Hugh Lawson, to be United States District Judge for the Middle District of Georgia, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf. Mr. Garland was introduced by Senators Sarbanes and Simon and Representative Morella, Mr. Marten was introduced by Senators Dole and Kassebaum, Mr. Black was introduced by Senator Domenici, Judge Gaughan was introduced by Senators DeWine and Glenn, and Mr. Lawson was introduced by Senator Nunn and Representative Chambliss.

INTELLIGENCE

Select Committee on Intelligence: Committee held closed hearings on intelligence matters, receiving testimony from officials of the intelligence community.

Committee recessed subject to call.

WHITEWATER

Special Committee To Investigate the Whitewater Development Corporation and Related Matters: Committee continued hearings to examine issues relative to the Whitewater Development Corporation, receiving testimony from Julia Yanda, Senior Counsel, Karen Carmichael, Senior Attorney, and April Breslaw, Counsel, all of the Professional Liability Section, Resolution Trust Corporation.

Hearings continue tomorrow.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Bills Introduced: 10 public bills, H.R. 2692–2701; 1 private bill, H.R. 2702; and 2 resolutions, H.J. Res. 129, and H. Res. 288 were introduced.

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Reports Filed: Reports were filed as follows:

H.R. 826, to extend the deadline for the completion of certain land exchanges involving the Big Thicket National Preserve in Texas, amended (H. Rept. 104–371);

H.R. 308, to provide for the conveyance of certain lands and improvements in Hopewell Township, Pennsylvania, to a non-profit organization known as the "Beaver County Corporation for Economic Development" to provide a site for economic development (H. Rept. 104–372);

H.R. 632, to enhance fairness in compensating owners of patents used by the United States (H. Rept. 104–373);

H.R. 1295, to amend the Trademark Act of 1946 to make certain revisions relating to the protection of famous marks (H. Rept. 104–374); and

H. Res. 287, providing for consideration of H.R. 1350, to amend the Merchant Marine Act, 1936 to revitalize the United States-flag merchant marine (H. Rept. 104–375).

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

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Committees To Sit: The following committees and their subcommittees received permission to sit today during proceedings of the House under the 5-minute rule: Committees on Commerce, House Oversight, International Relations, National Security, Resources, Science, and Transportation and Infrastructure.

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Amtrak Reform and Privatization: By a ye-and-nay vote of 406 yeas to 4 nays, Roll No. 832, the House passed H.R. 1788, to reform the statutes relating to Amtrak.

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

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Agreed To:

The Shuster amendment that extends the exemption for Amtrak from the Americans with Disabilities Act until 1998 to apply to commuter authority facilities used jointly with Amtrak and transfers the title to magnetic levitation tract materials at the Transportation Technology Center near Pueblo, Colorado, to the State of Florida; **Pages H13822–27**

The Clement amendment that adds language regarding loan guidelines that clarifies loan policies to favor continuation of service on light density rail lines; sets the interest for guaranteed railroad loans at the Federal Treasury rate; modifies provisions concerning the loan repayment period; and permits assets being financed to be used as collateral; **Pages H13827–28**

The Traficant amendment that requires Amtrak to establish an outreach program to increase the number of domestic trackwork manufacturers that are awarded Amtrak contracts; and **Pages H13828–30**

The Shuster technical amendment. **Page H13839**
Rejected:

The Collins of Illinois amendment that sought to strike language in the bill placing a \$250,000 liability limitation on noneconomic damages (rejected by a recorded vote of 164 ayes to 239 noes, Roll No. 830); **Pages H13830–35**

The Nadler amendment that sought to permit Amtrak to make track rights amendment with any rail freight carrier regardless of any existing legal or contractual provisions (rejected by a recorded vote of 161 ayes to 249 noes, Roll No. 831); and **Pages H13835–38**

The Hefley amendment that sought to strike language that would provide funding for construction activities on the James A. Farley Post Office in New York, New York. **Pages H13839–40**

Earlier, a point of order was sustained against the Reed amendment that sought to reduce Amtrak's administrative expenses in its headquarters and Northeast Corridor Strategic Business Unit by 5 percent. **Page H13838**

H. Res. 284, the rule under which the bill was considered, was agreed to earlier by a voice vote. **Pages H13813–16**

ICC Termination: House disagreed to the Senate amendment to H.R. 2539, to abolish the Interstate Commerce Commission, to amend subtitle IV of title 49, United States Code, to reform economic regulation of transportation; and asked a conference. Appointed as conferees: From the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, for consideration of the House bill, and the Senate amendment, and modifications committed to conference:

Representatives Shuster, Clinger, Petri, Coble, Molinari, Oberstar, Rahall, and Lipinski.

As additional conferees from the Committee on the Judiciary, for consideration of the House bill, and the Senate amendment, and modifications committed to conference: Representatives Hyde, Moorhead, and Conyers. **Page H13841**

Veto Message—Further Supplemental Appropriations: House agreed to the Livingston motion to refer to the Committees on Appropriations the President's veto message and H.J. Res. 115, making further continuing appropriations for the fiscal year 1996. **Pages H13841–42**

Late Report: Conferees received permission to have until midnight on Friday, December 1, to file a conference report on H.R. 2076, making appropriations for the Departments of Commerce, Justice, and State, the Judiciary, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1996. **Page H13842**

Question of Privilege of the House: By a recorded vote of 218 ayes to 170 noes, with 9 voting "present", Roll No. 833, the House agreed to the Army motion to table a certain privileged resolution. **Pages H13842–43**

Legislative Program: The Acting Majority Leader announced the legislative program for the week of December 4. Agreed to adjourn from Thursday to Monday. **Page H13843**

Meeting Hour: Agreed to meet at 12 noon on Monday, December 4. **Page H13843**

Calendar Wednesday: Agreed to dispense with Calendar Wednesday business of December 6. **Pages H13843–44**

Late Report: Committee on Ways and Means received permission to have until midnight tonight to file a conference report on H.R. 2684, to amend title II of the Social Security Act to provide for increases in the amounts of allowable earnings under the social security earnings limit for individuals who have attained retirement age. **Page H13844**

Technical Corrections in House Rules: House agreed to H. Res. 254, making technical corrections in the Rules of the House of Representatives. **Pages H13844–45**

Agreed to the Drier en bloc amendment that permits Members to receive State products, greeting cards, T-shirts and others items of minimal value. **Pages H13844–45**

Referral: One Senate-passed measure was referred to the appropriate House committee. **Page H13868**

Quorum Calls—Votes: One yea-and-nay vote and three recorded votes developed during the proceedings of the House today and appear on pages H13834–35, H13837–38, H13841, and H13842–43. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: Met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 7:07 p.m.

Committee Meetings

LAND DISPOSAL PROGRAM FLEXIBILITY ACT

Committee on Commerce: Subcommittee on Commerce, Trade, and Hazardous Materials approved for full Committee action amended H.R. 2036, Land Disposal Program Flexibility Act of 1995.

CAPITAL MARKETS DEREGULATION AND LIBERALIZATION ACT

Committee on Commerce: Subcommittee on Telecommunications and Finance continued hearings on H.R. 2131, Capital Markets Deregulation and Liberalization Act of 1995. Testimony was heard from Arthur Levitt, Jr., Chairman, SEC; and Alan Greenspan, Chairman, Board of Governors, Federal Reserve System.

Hearings continue December 5.

HOUSE INSPECTOR GENERAL— ADDITIONAL AUDITING

Committee on House Oversight: Continued discussions regarding H. Res. 192, providing for additional auditing by the House Inspector General. Testimony was heard from John W. Lainhart, IV, Inspector General, House of Representatives.

UNITED STATES POLICY TOWARDS BOSNIA

Committee on International Relations: Held a hearing on United States Policy Towards Bosnia. Testimony was heard from Warren M. Christopher, Secretary of State; and the following officials of the Department of Defense: William J. Perry, Secretary; and Gen. John M. Shalikashvili, USA, Chairman, Joint Chiefs of Staff.

UNITED STATES GROUND FORCES IN BOSNIA

Committee on National Security: Continued hearings on the proposed deployment of United States ground forces in Bosnia. Testimony was heard from Warren M. Christopher, Secretary of State; and the following officials of the Department of Defense: William J. Perry, Secretary; and Gen. John M. Shalikashvili, USA, Chairman, Joint Chiefs of Staff.

Hearings continue December 6.

POW/MIA

Committee on National Security: Subcommittee on Military Personnel continued hearings on the Department of Defense comprehensive review of POW/MIA cases. Testimony was heard from James W. Wold, Assistant Secretary, POW/MIA Affairs, Department of Defense.

FOREST TIMBER SALVAGE AND FOREST HEALTH

Committee on Resources: Subcommittee on National Parks, Forests and Lands held an oversight hearing on Forest Timber Salvage and Forest Health. Testimony was heard from Representatives Herger and Cooley; Jack Ward Thomas, Chief, Forest Service, USDA; and public witnesses.

MARITIME SECURITY ACT

Committee on Rules: Granted, by voice vote, an open rule providing 1 hour of debate on H.R. 1350, Maritime Security Act of 1995. The rule makes in order as an original bill for the purpose of amendment the committee amendment in the nature of a substitute. Each section will be considered as read. Before the consideration of any other amendment, the rule provides for consideration, without intervention of points of order, of an amendment offered only by the Chairman of the Committee on National Security or his designee, which is debatable for 20 minutes equally divided between a proponent and an opponent. The amendment shall not be subject to amendment or a demand for a division of the question. The rule provides priority in recognition to members who pre-print their amendments in the Congressional Record. Finally, the rule provides for one motion to recommit with or without instructions. Testimony was heard from Representatives Bateman and Taylor of Mississippi.

SHUTTLE SINGLE PRIME CONTRACT

Committee on Science: Subcommittee on Space and Aeronautics held a hearing on Shuttle Single Prime Contract: A Review of NASA's Determination and Findings. Testimony was heard from S. Daniel Goldin, Administrator, NASA.

COMMITTEE BUSINESS

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

FAA'S GLOBAL POSITIONING SYSTEM

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure: Subcommittee on Aviation continued hearings on FAA's Global Positioning (Satellite Navigation) System. Testimony was heard from George Donohue, Associate Administrator, Research and Acquisitions, FAA, Department of Transportation; R. Noel Longuemare, Principle Deputy Under Secretary, Acquisition and Technology, Department of Defense; and public witnesses.

SENIOR CITIZENS RIGHT TO WORK ACT; MEDICARE AND MEDICAID COVERAGE DATA BANK REPEAL

Committee on Ways and Means: Ordered reported the following bills: H.R. 2684, amended, Senior Citizens' Right to Work Act of 1995; and H.R. 2685, to repeal the Medicare and Medicaid coverage data bank.