

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY REFORM

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on VA, HUD, and Independent Agencies concluded hearings to review the status of recommendations made by the National Academy of Public Administration on reforming the Environmental Protection Agency, after receiving testimony from Frederic James Hansen, Deputy Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency; Genevieve Matanowski, Chair, Environmental Protection Agency Science Advisory Board; Mary Gade, Illinois Environmental Protection Agency, Springfield; Charles Williams, Minnesota Pollution Control Agency, St. Paul; and William D. Ruckelshaus, Browning-Ferris Industries, former Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency, Timothy Mohin, Intel Corporation, and Randy Farmer, Amoco, all of Washington, D.C.

GOVERNORS PROPOSAL ON WELFARE AND MEDICAID

Committee on Finance: Committee continued hearings on the bipartisan National Governors' Association proposals to reform the Federal Medicaid and welfare programs, receiving testimony from Robert B. Carleson, former U.S. Commissioner of Welfare, Arlington, Virginia; Sheldon Danziger, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor; Fred Kammer, Catholic Charities USA, Alexandria, Virginia; Heidi H. Stirrup, Christian Coalition, and Robert D. Reischauer, The Brookings Institution, both of Washington, D.C.; John C. Goodman, National Center for Policy Analysis, Dallas, Texas; Louis F. Rossiter, Virginia Commonwealth University, Richmond; and James R. Tallon, Jr., Kaiser Commission on the Future of Medicaid, New York, New York.

Hearings were recessed subject to call.

BUSINESS MEETING

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

The nomination of Barry R. McCaffrey, of Washington, to be Director of National Drug Control Policy;

H.R. 782, to allow members of employee associations to represent their views before the United States Government, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute; and

S. Res. 219, designating March 25, 1996 as "Greek Independence Day: A National Day of Celebration of Greek and American Democracy".

Also, committee began consideration of S. 269, to increase control over immigration to the United States by increasing border patrol and investigator personnel, improving the verification system for employer sanctions, increasing penalties for alien smuggling and for document fraud, reforming asylum, exclusion, and deportation law and procedures, instituting a land border user fee, and to reduce use of welfare by aliens, and S. 1394, to reform the legal immigration of immigrants and nonimmigrants to the United States, but did not complete action thereon, and will meet again on Thursday, March 7.

SECRETARY OF SENATE/SGT AT ARMS/ ARCHITECT OPERATIONS

Committee on Rules and Administration: Committee held hearings to review the fiscal year 1997 budget and operations of the Secretary of the Senate, Senate Sergeant at Arms, and Architect of the Capitol, and on the establishment of a criteria for the selection of a new Architect of the Capitol, receiving testimony from Kelly D. Johnston, Secretary of the Senate; Howard O. Greene, Jr., Senate Sergeant at Arms; William L. Ensign, Acting Architect of the Capitol; Paul S. Rundquist, Specialist in Congressional Organization and Operations, Congressional Research Service, Library of Congress; and Raj Barr-Kumar, Raj Barr-Kumar Architects Engineers, on behalf of the American Institute of Architects, Washington, D.C.

Hearings were recessed subject to call.

INTELLIGENCE

Select Committee on Intelligence: Committee met in closed session to receive a briefing on intelligence matters from officials of the intelligence community.

Committee will meet again on Wednesday, March 6.