

DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION

Committee on National Security: Subcommittee on Military Installations and Facilities began hearings on the fiscal year 1997 national defense authorization request, with emphasis on the recapitalization and modernization of facilities. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Defense: Maj. Gen. Frank Miller, USA, Deputy Chief of Staff, Installation Management, Department of the Army; RAdm. Louis M. Smith, USN, Director, Shore Activities Division, Office of the Chief of Naval Operations, Department of the Navy; Brig. Gen. Thomas A. Braaten, USMC, Assistant Deputy Chief of Staff, Installations and Logistics, U.S. Marine Corps; and Maj. Gen. Eugene A. Lupia, USAF, Air Force Civil Engineer, Department of the Air Force.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Resources: Ordered reported the following bills: H.R. 1823, amended, to amend the Central Utah Project Completion Act to direct the Secretary of the Interior to allow for prepayment of repayment contracts between the United States and the Central Utah Water Conservancy District dated December 28, 1965, and November 26, 1985; H.R. 2824, Snowbasin Land Exchange Act of 1995; H.R. 1965, amended, to reauthorize the Coastal Zone Management Act of 1972; H.R. 2160, amended, to authorize appropriations to carry out the Interjurisdictional Fisheries Act of 1966 and the Anadromous Fish Conservation Act; and H.R. 1527, amended, to amend the National Forest Ski Area Permit Act of 1986 to clarify the authorities and duties of the Secretary of Agriculture in issuing ski area permits on National Forest System lands and to withdraw lands within ski area permit boundaries from the operation of the mining and mineral leasing laws.

The Committee began markup of H.R. 2107, Visitor Services Improvement and Outdoor Legacy Act of 1995.

Will continue March 28.

The Committee also approved a motion to go to conference for all bills previously reported.

COMMITTEE BUSINESS

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

AIRPORT IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure: Subcommittee on Aviation continued hearings on the Airport Improvement Program, with emphasis on Airport Needs. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

Hearings continue tomorrow.

URUGUAY ROUND AGREEMENTS
IMPLEMENTATION AND WORLD TRADE
ORGANIZATION

Committee on Ways and Means: Subcommittee on Trade held a hearing on implementation of Uruguay Round Agreements and World Trade Organization. Testimony was heard from Michael Kantor, U.S. Trade Representative; JayEtta Hecker, Associate Director, International Relations and Trade Issues, GAO; Clayton K. Yeutter, former U.S. Trade Representative; and public witnesses.

NEW PUBLIC LAWS

(For last listing of Public Laws, see DAILY DIGEST, p. D167)

H.R. 927, to seek international sanctions against the Castro government in Cuba, and to plan for support of a transition government leading to a democratically elected government in Cuba. Signed March 12, 1996. (P.L. 104-114)

H.R. 3021, to guarantee the continuing full investment of Social Security and other Federal funds in obligations of the United States. Signed March 12, 1996. (P.L. 104-115)

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR THURSDAY,
MARCH 14, 1996

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Armed Services, to continue hearings on proposed legislation authorizing funds for fiscal year 1997 for the Department of Defense and the future years defense plan, 10 a.m., SR-222.

Subcommittee on Readiness, to hold hearings on current and future military readiness as the armed forces prepare for the 21st century, 2 p.m., SR-232A.

Committee on the Budget, to hold hearings to examine the budgetary and economic implications of alternative spectrum use policies, 10 a.m., SD-608.

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation, Subcommittee on Aviation, to hold hearings on international aviation relations, 10 a.m., SR-253.

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources, to hold hearings on S. 1425, to recognize the validity of rights-of-way granted under section 2477 of the Revised Statutes, 9:30 a.m., SD-366.

Committee on Environment and Public Works, to hold oversight hearings on wetland mitigation banking under section 404 of the Clean Water Act, 2 p.m., SD-406.

Committee on Governmental Affairs, Subcommittee on Post Office and Civil Service, to hold hearings to examine issues relating to United States Postal Service customers, 9:30 a.m., SD-342.

Committee on the Judiciary, business meeting, to continue markup of S. 269 and S. 1394, bills to reform the United States immigration system, 9 a.m., SD-G50.