

**NOMINATIONS**

*Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs:* Committee concluded hearings on the nominations of Stuart E. Eizenstat, of Maryland, to be Under Secretary of Commerce for International Trade, and Gaston L. Gianni Jr., of Virginia, to be Inspector General, Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf. Mr. Eizenstat was introduced by Senator Coverdell.

**FCC REFORM**

*Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation:* Committee held oversight hearings on activities of the Federal Communications Commission, receiving testimony from Dennis R. Patrick, Time Warner, Inc., Kenneth Gordon, National Economic Research Associates, Albert Halprin, Halprin, Temple, Goodman & Sugrue, and Kenneth Robinson, all of Washington, D.C.; Cheryl L. Parrino, Wisconsin Public Utilities Commission, Madison, on behalf of the National Association of Regulatory Utilities Commissioners; and Harry M. Shooshan, Strategic Policy Research, Bethesda, Maryland.

Hearings were recessed subject to call.

**MIDDLE EAST PEACE PROCESS**

*Committee on Foreign Relations:* Subcommittee on Near Eastern and South Asian Affairs held hearings to examine the threat of terrorism and its impact on the Middle East peace process, receiving testimony from L. Paul Bremer III, Kissinger Associates, Inc., New York, New York; Michael Eisenstadt, Washington Institute for Near East Policy, and Steven Emerson, both of Washington, D.C.; Seif Ashmawy, Voice of Peace, Newark, New Jersey; and Vincent M. Cannistraro, McLean, Virginia.

Hearings were recessed subject to call.

**ASSET FORFEITURE PROGRAM**

*Committee on Governmental Affairs:* Permanent Subcommittee on Investigations held hearings to examine activities involving mismanagement of the Federal Asset Forfeiture Program which authorizes certain government agencies to seize property related to

criminal conduct, focusing on United States Marshals Service operation of the Bicycle Club Casino in Bell Gardens, California under the Federal Asset Forfeiture Program, receiving testimony from Laurie E. Ekstrand, Associate Director, Administration of Justice Issues, and James M. Blume, Assistant Director, both of the General Government Division, and Gary T. Engel, Assistant Director, Accounting and Information Management Division, all of the General Accounting Office; Eduardo Gonzalez, Director, and Kenneth Holecko, Assistant Director, both of the United States Marshals Service, and Gerald E. McDowell, Chief, Asset Forfeiture and Money Laundering Section, Criminal Division, all of the Department of Justice; James F. Lisowski, Sr., Lisowski Law Firm, Chtd., Las Vegas, Nevada; Thomas Atherton and Douglas Sparkes, both of Los Angeles, California, and Harry J. Richard, Bell Gardens, California, all on behalf of the Bicycle Club Casino; and Hollman Cheung, an incarcerated witness.

Hearings were recessed subject to call.

**AUTHORIZATION—HATE CRIME STATISTICS ACT**

*Committee on the Judiciary:* Committee held hearings on S. 1624, to permanently authorize funds for programs of the Hate Crime Statistics Act of 1990, receiving testimony from Charles W. Archer, Assistant Director, Criminal Justice Information Services Division, Federal Bureau of Investigation, Department of Justice; Mayor Emanuel Cleaver II, Kansas City, Missouri, on behalf of the United States Conference of Mayors; Bobby Moody, Covington, Georgia, on behalf of the International Association of Chiefs of Police; Steve Arent, Anti-Defamation League, New York, New York; and Karen McGill Lawson, Leadership Conference Education Fund, Washington, D.C.

**INTELLIGENCE REFORM**

*Select Committee on Intelligence:* Committee concluded hearings to examine proposals for the renewal and reform of the United States intelligence community, after receiving testimony from Stansfield Turner, William Webster, and R. James Woolsey, all former Directors of Central Intelligence.

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# House of Representatives

**Chamber Action**

**Bills Introduced:** 10 public bills, H.R. 3107–3116; and 1 resolution, H.J. Res. 164 were introduced.

**Report Filed:** One report was filed as follows: Report entitled "National Drug Policy: A Review of the Status of the Drug War" (H. Rept. 104–486).

**Recess:** House recessed at 1:21 p.m. and reconvened at 2 p.m.

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**Presidential Messages:** Read the following messages from the President:

*United States-Argentina nuclear energy agreement:* Message wherein he transmits the text of a proposed Agreement for Cooperation Between the Government of the United States and the Government of the Argentine Republic Concerning Peaceful Uses of Nuclear Energy—referred to the Committee on International Relations and ordered printed (H. Doc. 104-188); and

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*1997 Budget:* Message wherein he transmits the 1997 Budget—referred to the Committee on Appropriations and ordered printed (H. Doc. 104-162).

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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 five-minute rule: Committees on Banking and Financial Services, Economic and Educational Opportunities, Government Reform and Oversight, International Relations, National Security, Resources, Science, and Select Intelligence.

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**Suspensions:** House voted to suspend the rules and pass the following measures:

*White House Travel Office:* H.R. 2937, amended, for the reimbursement of legal expenses and related fees incurred by former employees of the White House Travel Office with respect to the termination of their employment in that Office on May 19, 1993 (passed by yeas and nays vote of 350 yeas to 42 nays, Roll No. 69);

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*Vermont-New Hampshire water compact:* H.J. Res. 129, granting the consent of Congress to the Vermont-New Hampshire Public Water Supply Compact. Subsequently, S.J. Res. 38, a similar Senate-passed resolution, was passed in lieu after being amended to contain the text of H.J. Res. 129 as passed the House. Agreed to lay H.J. Res. 129 on the table;

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*Military stability in the Taiwan Straits:* H. Con. Res. 148, amended, expressing the sense of the Congress that the United States is committed to the military stability of the Taiwan Straits and United States military forces should defend Taiwan in the event of invasion, missile attack, or blockade by the People's Republic of China (agreed to by a recorded vote of 369 yeas to 14 noes, with 7 voting "present", Roll No. 79); and

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*House of Representatives administrative reform:* H.R. 2739, to provide for a representational allowance for Members of the House of Representatives, to make technical and conforming changes to sundry

provisions of law in consequence of administrative reforms in the House of Representatives.

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**Order of Business:** It was made in order that, during the consideration of H.R. 2202, the Immigration in the National Interest Act of 1995, it be in order for the designated proponents of the amendments numbered 11, 12, and 13 in part 2 of House Rept. 104-483 to offer their amendments in modified forms to accommodate the changes in the amendment in the nature of a substitute recommended by the Committee on the Judiciary that are reflected in part 1 of that report and effected by the adoption of the rule; and

It was made in order that the designated proponent of amendment numbered 19 in part 2 of House Rept. 104-483 to offer his amendment in a modified form that strikes from title V all except section 522 and subtitle D.

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**Immigration Reform:** House completed all general debate and began consideration of amendments on H.R. 2202, to amend the Immigration and Nationality Act to improve deterrence of illegal immigration to the United States by increasing border patrol and investigative personnel, by increasing penalties for alien smuggling and for document fraud, by reforming exclusion and deportation law and procedures, by improving the verification system for eligibility for employment, and through other measures, and to reform the legal immigration system and facilitate legal entries into the United States.

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**Agreed To:**

The Smith of Texas amendment that makes certain technical and conforming changes; clarifies that any new forward deployment of border patrol officers will not affect current border checkpoints; sets up a pilot program for using closed military bases as possible holding areas for illegal aliens; provides that city and county governments could qualify for reimbursement from the Federal Government for incarceration of illegal aliens; and increases the number of Federal prosecutors dealing with immigration-related crimes such as the smuggling of illegal aliens or previously deported aliens into the United States;

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The Smith en bloc amendment that requires the Justice Department, in consultation with the State and Defense Departments, to contract with the Comptroller General to submit to Congress an annual report until fiscal year 2000 on the Administration's strategy to deter illegal immigration with recommendations on how to increase border security; establishes as a priority the Attorney General's work-site enforcement of employer sanctions; provides a

status adjustment of status for certain Polish and Hungarian aliens; provides for funding support from the Attorney General to the INS or other public or private entities for demonstration projects for naturalization of aliens at 10 sites throughout the United States in each consecutive year beginning in 1996; expresses the sense of Congress, to the greatest extent practicable, that all equipment and products purchased with funds made available should be American-made; provides a waiver of English-language requirements for certain aliens who served with special guerilla units in Laos; adds language expressing the sense of Congress regarding the mission of the Immigration and Naturalization Service; authorizes the reimbursement of certain Polish applicants for the 1995 Diversity Immigrant Program; and expresses the sense of Congress with respect to the State Criminal Alien Assistance Program; and

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The Tate amendment that permanently bars legal entry to the United States, including temporary visas, for anyone who is caught entering the country illegally.

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H. Res. 384, the rule under which the bill is being considered, was agreed to earlier by a voice vote. Earlier, agreed to order the previous question on the rule by a yea-and-nay vote of 233 yeas to 152 nays, Roll. No. 68.

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**Senate Messages:** Message received from the Senate today appears on page H2350.

**Quorum Calls—Votes:** Two yea-and-nay votes and one recorded vote developed during the proceedings of the House today and appear on pages H2375–76, H2376–77, and H2377–78.

**Adjournment:** Met at 12:30 p.m. and adjourned at 11:04 p.m.

## Committee Meetings

### AGRICULTURE, RURAL DEVELOPMENT, FDA, AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Agriculture, Rural Development, FDA, and Related Agencies held a hearing on Marketing and Regulatory Programs. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the USDA: Michael Dunn, Assistant Secretary, Marketing and Regulatory Programs; Lon S. Hatamlya, Administrator, Agricultural Marketing Service; Lonnie J. King, Administrator, Animal Plant Health and Inspection Service; and James R. Baker, Administrator, Grain Inspection, Packers and Stockyards Administration.

### NATIONAL SECURITY APPROPRIATIONS

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on National Security met in executive session to hold a hearing on Commander in Chief, U.S. European Command. Testimony was heard from Gen. George A. Joulwan, USA, Commander in Chief, U.S. European Command.

### BANK INSURANCE AND THE SAVINGS ASSOCIATION INSURANCE FUND

*Committee on Banking and Financial Services:* Held a hearing on issues relating to the Bank Insurance Fund and the Savings Association Insurance Fund. Testimony was heard from Alan Greenspan, Chairman, Board of Governors, Federal Reserve System; the following officials of the Department of the Treasury: John Hawke, Jr., Under Secretary, Domestic Finance; and Jonathan Fiechter, Acting Director, Office of Thrift Supervision; Ricki Helfer, Chairman, FDIC; and public witnesses.

### AMERICORPS

*Committee on Economic and Educational Opportunities:* Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations held a hearing on Americorps. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Corporation for National and Community Service: Harris Wofford, CEO; and Luise Jordan, Inspector General; and public witnesses.

### D.C. FINANCIAL RESPONSIBILITY AND MANAGEMENT ASSISTANCE ACT IMPLEMENTATION

*Committee on Government Reform and Oversight:* Subcommittee on the District of Columbia held a hearing on the Implementation of Public Law 104–8, District of Columbia Financial Responsibility and Management Assistance Act of 1995. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the District of Columbia: Andrew Brimmer, Chairman; Joyce Ladner; Constance Newman, Steve Harlan and Ed Singletary, Board Members, all with the Financial Responsibility and Management Assistance Authority; Marion Barry, Mayor; and David A. Clarke, Chairman, Council.

Hearings continue March 28.

### UNITED STATES-NORTH KOREAN RELATIONS

*Committee on International Relations:* Subcommittee on Asia and the Pacific held a hearing on United States-North Korean Relations: From the Agreed Framework to Food Aid. Testimony was heard from Winston Lord, Assistant Secretary, East Asian and Pacific Affairs, Department of State; Stanley Roth, Director, Research and Studies, United States Institute of Peace; and public witnesses.