

Committee Meetings

AGRICULTURE, RURAL DEVELOPMENT, FDA AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies continued appropriation hearings. Testimony was heard from Members of Congress and public witnesses.

COMMERCE, JUSTICE, STATE, AND JUDICIARY APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, State, and the Judiciary held a hearing on the Legal Services Corporation. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Legal Services Corporation: Douglas S. Eakeley, Chairman, Board of Directors; Nancy Hardin Rogers, Vice Chair, Board of Directors; and Alexander D. Forger, President.

The Subcommittee also continued appropriation hearings. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

INTERIOR APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Interior continued appropriation hearings. Testimony was heard from Members of Congress.

LABOR—HHS—EDUCATION APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education held a hearing on Postsecondary Education, on Educational Research and Improvement and Libraries and on Vocational and Adult Education. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Education: David A. Longanecker, Assistant Secretary, Postsecondary Education; Sharon P. Robinson, Assistant Secretary, Educational Research and Improvement; and Patricia W. McNeil, Acting Assistant Secretary, Vocational and Adult Education.

NATIONAL SECURITY APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on National Security held a hearing on Ballistic Missile Defense. Testimony was heard from Lt. Gen. Malcolm R. O'Neill, USA, Director, Ballistic Missile Defense Organization, Department of Defense.

TREASURY, POSTAL SERVICE, AND GENERAL GOVERNMENT APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Treasury, Postal Service, and General Government held a hearing on Anti-Drug Strategies and on Customs Drug Interdiction. Testimony was heard from Gen.

Barry McCaffrey, USA, Director, Office of National Drug Control Policy; and George Weise, Commissioner of Customs, Department of the Treasury.

VETERANS' AFFAIRS, HUD AND INDEPENDENT AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Veterans' Affairs, Housing and Urban Development and Independent Agencies held a hearing on the EPA. Testimony was heard from Carol M. Browner, Administrator, EPA.

OVERSIGHT

Committee on Banking and Financial Services: Subcommittee on Capital Markets, Securities and Government Sponsored Enterprises held an oversight hearing on the Federal National Mortgage Association (Fannie Mae) and the Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corporation (Freddie Mac). Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Housing and Urban Development: Nicholas P. Retsinas, Assistant Secretary, Housing; and Aida Alvarez, Director, Office of Federal Housing Enterprise Oversight; Leland C. Brendsel, Chairman and CEO, Freddie Mac; and James A. Johnson, Chairman and CEO, Fannie Mae.

ECONOMIC AND BUDGET OUTLOOK

Committee on the Budget: Held a hearing on the Economic and Budget Outlook. Testimony was heard from June E. O'Neill, Director, CBO.

SMALL BUSINESS OSHA RELIEF ACT

Committee on Economic and Educational Opportunities: Subcommittee on Workforce Protections approved for full Committee action amended H.R. 3234, Small Business OSHA Relief Act of 1996.

CONGRATULATING PEOPLE OF SIERRA LEONE; DEMOCRATIC ELECTIONS: MYTH OR REALITY IN AFRICA?

Committee on International Relations: Subcommittee on Africa approved for full Committee action H. Con. Res. 160, congratulating the people of the Republic of Sierra Leone on the success of their recent democratic multiparty elections.

The Subcommittee also held a hearing on Democratic Elections: Myth or Reality in Africa? Testimony was heard from George Moose, Assistant Secretary, African Affairs, Department of State; and public witnesses.

SECURITY IN NORTHEAST ASIA

Committee on International Relations: Subcommittee on Asia and the Pacific held a hearing on Security in Northeast Asia: From Okinawa to the DMZ. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

OFFICE OF GOVERNMENT ETHICS AUTHORIZATION

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on the Constitution approved for full Committee action H.R. 3235, to amend the Ethics in Government Act of 1978, to extend the authorization of appropriations for the Office of Government Ethics for 3 years.

MANDATORY FEDERAL PRISON DRUG TREATMENT ACT

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Crime approved for full Committee action amended H.R. 2650, Mandatory Federal Prison Drug Treatment Act of 1995.

OVERSIGHT—FUNDING PROGRAMS TO PROTECT ENDANGERED SPECIES

Committee on Resources: Held an oversight hearing on funding programs to protect Endangered Species. Testimony was heard from Mollie Beattie, Director, Fish and Wildlife Service, Department of the Interior; the following officials of the Department of Defense; Sherri W. Goodman, Deputy Under Secretary, Environmental Security; and Maj. Gen. Stanley G. Genega, USA, Director, Civil Works, Corps of Engineers, Department of the Army; Rolland Schmitt, Director, National Marine Fisheries Service, NOAA, Department of Commerce; Jack Ward Thomas, Chief, Power Service, USDA; Jack Robertson, Deputy Administrator, Bonneville Power Administration, Department of Energy; and public witnesses.

CONFERENCE REPORT—ANTITERRORISM AND EFFECTIVE DEATH PENALTY ACT

Committee on Rules: Granted, by voice vote, a rule waiving all points of order against the conference report to accompany S. 735, Antiterrorism and Effective Death Penalty Act of 1996, and against its consideration. Testimony was heard from Chairman Hyde and Representatives Barr of Georgia and Conyers.

DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY BUDGET AUTHORIZATIONS

Committee on Science: Subcommittee on Energy and Environment held a hearing on Department of Energy's Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy and Fossil Energy Programs fiscal year 1997 budget authorization. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Energy: Christine A. Ervin, Assistant Secretary, Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy; and Patricia Fry Godley, Assistant Secretary, Fossil Energy; Allen Li, Associate Director, Energy Resources and Sciences Issues, GAO; and public witnesses.

NASA AUTHORIZATION

Committee on Science: Subcommittee on Space and Aeronautics held a hearing on the fiscal year 1997 NASA Authorization. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the NASA: Richard J. Wisniewski, Deputy Associate Administrator, Office of Space Flight; Col. Gary Payton, USAF (Ret.) Director, Space Transportation Division; Anneila Sargent, Chair, NASA Space Science Advisory Committee; Wilbur C. Trafton, Associate Administrator, Office of Space Flight; and Dan Tam, Space Station Business Manager; and public witnesses.

KEMP COMMISSION RECOMMENDATIONS

Committee on Small Business: Held a meeting on the Kemp Commission recommendations. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the National Commission on Economic Growth and Tax Reform: Jack Kemp, Chairman; Jack Fris and Shirley D. Peterson, both Commissioners.

PAYMENT OF STIPENDS TO BIDDERS

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure: Subcommittee on Public Buildings and Economic Development held a hearing on the payment of stipends to bidders relating to the construction of Federal buildings under the Public Buildings Act of 1959. Testimony was heard from Representative Davis; the following officials of the GSA: Ida Ustad, Deputy Associate Administrator, Office of Acquisition Policy; and David Eakin, Program Manager, Design-Build, Office of Property Development; and public witnesses.

VETERANS LEGISLATION

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: Subcommittee on Compensation, Pension, Insurance and Memorial Affairs approved for full Committee action the following bills: H.R. 2843, amended, Veterans' Insurance Reform Act of 1996; H.R. 2850, to amend title 38, United States Code, to clarify the eligibility of certain minors for burial in national cemeteries; H.R. 1483, to amend title 38, United States Code, to allow revision of veterans benefits decisions based on clear and unmistakable error; and H.R. 3248, Veterans' Programs Amendments of 1996.

DISSEMINATION, BRIEFING—UPDATE ON NORTH KOREA

Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence: Met in executive session to hold a hearing on Dissemination. Testimony was heard from departmental witnesses.

The Committee also met in executive session to hold a briefing on Update on North Korea. The Committee was briefed by departmental witnesses.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR THURSDAY, APRIL 18, 1996

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Appropriations, Subcommittee on Agriculture, Rural Development, and Related Agencies, to hold hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 1997 for the Department of Agriculture, focusing on natural resources and the environment, 10 a.m., SD-138.

Committee on Armed Services, closed business meeting, to mark up S. 1635, to establish a United States policy for the deployment of a national missile defense system, 5 p.m., SR-222.

Committee on the Budget, to hold hearings to review the Congressional Budget Office's economic and budget outlook for fiscal years 1997 through 2006, 10 a.m., SD-608.

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation, to resume hearings to examine Spectrum's use and management, 9:30 a.m., SR-253.

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources, to hold oversight hearings on the Tongass National Forest draft land management plan, 9:30 a.m., SD-366.

Committee on Foreign Relations, Subcommittee on International Economic Policy, Export and Trade Promotion, to resume hearings to examine the impact of balance the Federal budget on the United States trade deficit, 10 a.m., SD-419.

Full Committee, to hold hearings on the nominations of Kenneth C. Brill, of California, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Cyprus, Christopher Robert Hill, of Rhode Island, to be Ambassador to The Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Richard L. Morningstar, of Massachusetts, for the rank of Ambassador during his tenure of service as Special Advisor to the President and to the Secretary of State on Assistance to the New Independent States (NIS) of the Former Soviet Union and Coordinator of NIS Assistance, and Day Olin Mount, of Virginia, a Career Member of the Senior Foreign Service, Class of Minister-Counselor, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Iceland., 2 p.m., SD-419.

Committee on Governmental Affairs, business meeting, to consider pending calendar business, 9:30 a.m., SD-342.

Committee on the Judiciary, business meeting, to consider pending calendar business, 10 a.m., SD-226.

Committee on Small Business, to hold hearings on small business and employee involvement, focusing on the TEAM Act proposal (S. 295), 9:30 a.m., SR-428A.

Committee on Indian Affairs, to continue hearings on the President's proposed budget request for fiscal year 1997 for Indian programs, 1:30 p.m., SR-485.

NOTICE

For a listing of Senate Committee Meetings scheduled ahead, see pages E564-65 in today's Record.

House

Committee on Appropriations, Subcommittee on Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administra-

tion, and Related Agencies, on Congressional and public witnesses, 1 p.m., 2362A Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, State, and Judiciary, on public witnesses 10 a.m., and on U.S. Sentencing Commission, the State Justice Institute and on the U.S. Parole Commission, 2 p.m., H-310 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Foreign Operations, Export Financing and Related Programs, on the Secretary of the Treasury, 10 a.m., 2360 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, on the Secretary of Health and Human Services, 10 a.m., and on the Director of the National Institutes of Health, 1:30 p.m., 2358 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on National Security, executive, on Intelligence Programs, 10 a.m. and 1:30 p.m., H-140 Capitol.

Subcommittee on Transportation, on the Secretary of Transportation, 10 a.m., 2358 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Treasury, Postal Service, and General Government, on the GSA, 9 a.m., B-307 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Veterans' Affairs, Housing and Urban Development and Independent Agencies, on Consumer Product Safety Commission, 10 a.m., the Consumer Information Center, 2 p.m., and on the Office of Consumer Affairs, 3 p.m., H-143 Capitol.

Committee on Banking and Financial Services, Subcommittee on Capital Markets, Securities and Government Sponsored Enterprises, hearing on H.R. 2981, Entrepreneurial Investment Act of 1996, 10 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.

Committee on Economic and Educational Opportunities, Subcommittee on Employer-Employee Relations, hearing on mandatory assessment of union dues, 9:30 a.m., 2175 Rayburn.

Committee on Government Reform and Oversight, Subcommittee on Government Management, Information, and Technology, to mark up the following bills: H.R. 2521, Statistical Consolidation Act of 1995; and H.R. 3184, Single Audit Act Amendments of 1996, 9:30 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Human Resources and Intergovernmental Relations, hearing to examine the characteristics of effective job training programs, 10 a.m., 2247 Rayburn.

Committee on International Relations, Subcommittee on Asia and the Pacific and the Subcommittee on International Economic Policy and Trade, joint hearing on Economic Opportunities and Pitfalls in South Asia, 1:30 p.m., 2200 Rayburn.

Committee on the Judiciary, Subcommittee on the Constitution, hearing on H.R. 351, Bilingual Voting Requirements Repeal Act, 9:30 a.m., 2226 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Crime, hearing on telemarketing fraud and the victimization of the elderly, focusing on H.R. 1499, Consumer Fraud Prevention Act of 1995, 9:30 a.m., 2237 Rayburn.

Committee on Resources, oversight hearing on Federal Management and Policies on Federal Lands: State Legislators' Perspective, 2 p.m., 1334 Longworth.

Subcommittee on Fisheries, Wildlife and Oceans, to mark up the following bills: H.R. 2823, International Dolphin Conservation Program Act; H.R. 2909, Silvio O.

Conte National Fish and Wildlife Eminent Domain Prevention Act; and H.R. 2982, Carbon Hill National Fish Hatchery Conveyance Act, 10 a.m., 1334 Longworth.

Subcommittee on National Parks, Forests and Lands, to mark up the following bills: H.R. 810, Revolutionary War and War of 1812 Historic Preservation Study Act of 1995; H.R. 848, to increase the amount authorized to be appropriated for assistance for highway relocation regarding Chickamauga and Chattanooga National Military Park in Georgia; H.R. 970, to improve the administration of the Women's Right National Historical Park in the State of New York; H.R. 1179, Historically Black Colleges and Universities Historic Building Restoration and Preservation Act; H.R. 2466, to improve the process for land exchanges for the Forest Service and the Bureau of Land Management; H.R. 2941, to improve the quantity and quality of the quarters of land management agency field employees; H.R. 2028, Federal Land Management Agency Concession Reform Act of 1995; and H.R. 194, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to make matching contributions toward the purchase of the Sterling Forest in the State of New York, 9 a.m., 1324 Longworth.

Subcommittee on Water and Power Resources, oversight hearing on Results/Status Report of Administrative process on Central Valley Project Improvement Act (CVPIA) Implementation; and to hold a hearing on the following: H.R. 2392, to amend the Umatilla Basin Project Act to establish boundaries for irrigation districts within the Umatilla Basin; H.R. 2781, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to provide loan guarantees for water supply, conservation, quality, and transmission projects; H.R. 3041, to supplement the Small Reclamation Projects Act of 1956 and to supplement the Federal Reclamation Laws by providing for Federal cooperation in non-Federal projects and for participation by non-Federal agencies in Federal projects; H.R. 2819, Fort Peck Rural Country Water Supply System Act of 1995; and a meas-

ure to direct the Secretary of the Interior to convey property in New Mexico to the Carlstad Irrigation District, 1 p.m., 1324 Longworth.

Committee on Science, hearing on H.R. 3060, Antarctic Environmental Protection Act of 1996, 9:30 a.m., 2318 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Technology, hearing on FAA Research, Engineering and Development fiscal year 1997 Authorization and Management Reform, 1:30 p.m., 2325 Rayburn.

Committee on Small Business, Subcommittee on Government Programs, hearing on H.R. 2806, Venture Capital Marketing Association Charter Act, 10 a.m., 239 Rayburn.

Committee on Standards of Official Conduct, executive, to consider pending business, 2 p.m., HT-2M Capitol.

Committee on Veterans' Affairs, Subcommittee on Education, Training, Employment and Housing, hearing on the following: H.R. 2851, to amend title 38, United States Code, to provide for approval of enrollment in courses offered at certain branches or extensions of proprietary profit institutions of higher learning in operation for more than two years; H.R. 2868, to amend title 38, United States Code, to make permanent alternative teacher certification programs; and a measure HVRP-VETS Homeless programs and the Transition Assistance Program (TAP), 9 a.m., 334 Cannon.

Committee on Ways and Means, Subcommittee on Health, hearing on Long-Term Care Options, 10 a.m., 1100 Longworth.

Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence, executive, hearing on Denial and Deception, 10 a.m., H-405 Capitol.

Joint Meetings

Conference, on H.R. 3019, making appropriations for fiscal year 1996 to make a further downpayment toward a balanced budget, time to be announced, Room SC-5.