

H6256–57, and H6267. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: Met at 10:00 a.m. and adjourned at 11:59 p.m.

Committee Meetings

INTERIOR APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Ordered reported Interior appropriations for fiscal year 1997.

FANNIE MAE AND FREDDIE MAC— PRIVATIZATION

Committee on Banking and Financial Services: Subcommittee on Capital Markets, Securities and Government Sponsored Enterprises held a hearing on the Privatization of Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac. Testimony was heard from June O'Neill, Director, CBO; and James Bothwell, Director, Financial Institutions and Market Issues, GAO.

GAO REPORT—DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY'S ALIGNMENT AND DOWNSIZING INITIATIVE

Committee on Commerce: Subcommittee on Energy and Power held a hearing on the GAO Report on the Department of Energy's Strategic Alignment and Downsizing Initiative. Testimony was heard from Bernice Steinhardt, Associate Director, Resources, Community and Economic Development Division, GAO; and Donald W. Pearman, Jr., Associate Deputy Secretary, Field Management, Department of Energy.

DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY—TRAVEL EXPENDITURES

Committee on Commerce: Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations continued hearings on the Department of Energy: Travel Expenditures and Related Issues. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

Hearings continue tomorrow.

BUDGET RECONCILIATION RECOMMENDATIONS—WELFARE REFORM

Committee on Economic and Educational Opportunities: Approved welfare reform reconciliation recommendations to be transmitted to the Committee on the Budget for inclusion in the Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act for fiscal year 1997.

BLUE PLAINS WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT

Committee on Government Reform and Oversight: Subcommittee on the District of Columbia held a hearing on Blue Plains Wastewater Treatment Plant. Testimony was heard from Representative Hoyer; Michael McCabe, Regional Administrator, EPA; the

following officials of the District of Columbia: Michael Rogers, City Administrator; and Larry King, Director, Department of Public Works; Kate Hanley, Chairman, Board of Supervisors, Fairfax County, Virginia; and public witnesses.

OVERSIGHT

Committee on Government Reform and Oversight: Subcommittee on National Security, International Affairs, and Criminal Justice held a hearing on oversight of Federal Drug Interdiction Efforts in Mexico: Review of a Rising National Security Threat. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the GAO: Ben Nelson, Director, International Relations and Trade Issues; and Alan Fleener, Senior Evaluator; George Weise, Commissioner, U.S. Customs Service, Department of the Treasury; and Doug Wankle, Chief of Operations, DEA, Department of Justice.

MIDDLE EAST DEVELOPMENTS

Committee on International Relations: Held a hearing on Developments in the Middle East. Testimony was heard from Robert H. Pelletreau, Assistant Secretary, Near Eastern Affairs, Department of State.

DEFENSE OF MARRIAGE ACT

Committee on the Judiciary: Ordered reported H.R. 3396, Defense of Marriage Act.

WAR CRIMES ACT

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Immigration and Claims held a hearing on H.R. 2587, War Crimes Act of 1995. Testimony was heard from Michael Matheson, Principal Deputy Legal Advisor, Department of State; John H. McNeil, Senior Deputy General Counsel (International Affairs and Intelligence), Department of Defense; and public witnesses.

U.S.-PUERTO RICO POLITICAL STATUS ACT

Committee on Resources: Subcommittee on Native American and Insular Affairs approved for full Committee action amended H.R. 3024, United States-Puerto Rico Political Status Act.

DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Rules: Granted, by voice vote, an open rule providing 1 hour of debate on H.R. 3610, making appropriations for the Department of Defense for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1997. The rule waives all points of order against consideration of the bill for failure to comply with clause 2(I)(6) of rule XI (the 3-day requirement for availability of the report), clause 7 of rule XXI (the 3-day requirement for availability of printed hearings and reports on appropriations bills) or section 302(c) of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974 (prohibiting consideration

of legislation containing new budget or spending authority within the jurisdiction of a committee until that committee makes allocations in connection with the most recent budget resolution).

The rule waives points of order against provisions in the bill which do not comply with clause 2 of rule XXI (prohibiting unauthorized appropriations and legislation on general appropriations bills) and clause 6 of rule XXI (prohibiting transfers of unobligated balances). The rule makes in order, without intervention of any point of order, the amendment printed in the report of the Committee on Rules to be offered by Mr. Young of Florida or his designee, prior to consideration of any other amendments. The amendment shall be debatable for 20 minutes divided equally between the proponent and an opponent, shall not be subject to amendment and shall not be subject to a demand for a division of the question. The rule provides that if the amendment is adopted, the bill, as amended, shall be considered as the original bill for purposes of further amendment.

The rule provides that after the disposition of such amendment, the appropriate allocation of new discretionary budget authority within the meaning of section 302(f)(1) of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974 shall be \$245,065,000,000. The corresponding level of budget outlays shall be \$243,372,000,000.

The rule accords priority in recognition to those amendments that are pre-printed in the *Congressional Record*. The rule provides that the Chairman of the Committee of the Whole may postpone recorded votes on any amendment and that the chairman may reduce voting time on postponed questions to 5 minutes, provided that the vote takes place immediately following another recorded vote and that the voting time on the first in a series of questions be not less than 15 minutes.

The rule further provides that a motion to rise and report the bill to the House with such amendments as may have been adopted shall have precedence over a motion to amend, if offered by the Majority Leader or a designee after the reading of the final lines of the bill. Finally, the rule provides one motion to recommit, with or without instructions. Testimony was heard from Representatives Young of Florida, Murtha, and Menendez.

SPACE LAUNCH STRATEGY

Committee on Science: Subcommittee on Space and Aeronautics held a hearing on U.S. Space Launch Strategy. Testimony was heard from Daniel S. Goldin, Administrator, NASA; Robert Davis, Deputy Under Secretary, Space, Department of Defense; Frank Wea-

ver, Associate Administrator, Commercial Space Transportation, FAA, Department of Transportation; the following officials of the Office of the U.S. Trade Representative: Don Eiss, Deputy Assistant U.S. Trade Representative, Industry and Labor; and Catherine A. Novelli, Deputy Assistant U.S. Trade Representative, Eastern/Central Europe and Eurasia; and public witnesses.

COASTWISE TRADE LAWS IMPACT

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure: Subcommittee on Coast Guard and Maritime Transportation held an oversight hearing on the impact of U.S. coastwise trade laws on the transportation system in the United States. Testimony was heard from Albert J. Herberger, Administrator, Maritime Administration, Department of Transportation; Stuart P. Seidel, Assistant Commissioner, Office of Regulation and Ruling, U.S. Customs Service, Department of the Treasury; Robert A. Rogowsky, Director of Operations, U.S. International Trade Commission; and public witnesses.

DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS— CUSTOMER SERVICE STANDARDS

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: Subcommittee on Compensation, Pension, Insurance and Memorial Affairs and the Subcommittee on Education, Training, Employment and Housing held a joint hearing on customer service standards at the Department of Veterans Affairs and the Veterans' Employment and Training Service. Testimony was heard from Robert Gardner, Chief Financial Officer, Veterans Benefits Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs; Preston Taylor, Assistant Secretary, Veterans' Employment and Training, Department of Labor; and representatives of veterans organizations.

BUDGET RECONCILIATION RECOMMENDATIONS—WELFARE REFORM

Committee on Ways and Means: Approved of welfare reform reconciliation recommendations to be transmitted to the Committee on the Budget for inclusion in the Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act for fiscal year 1997.

BRIEFING—RUSSIAN PRESIDENTIAL ELECTIONS

Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence: Met in executive session to receive a briefing on Russian Presidential Elections. The Committee was briefed by departmental witnesses.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR THURSDAY, JUNE 13, 1996

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation, business meeting, to resume mark up of proposed legislation to authorize appropriations for the Federal Aviation Administration, and to consider other pending calendar business, 9:30 a.m., SR-253.

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources, to hold hearings on S. 1844, to direct a study of the opportunities for enhanced water based recreation, 9:30 a.m., SD-366.

Committee on Finance, to hold hearings on S. 1795, Personal Responsibility and Work Opportunity Act, 10 a.m., SD-215.

Committee on Foreign Relations, to hold a closed briefing on Palestine Liberation Organization (PLO) compliance, 11 a.m., S-116, Capitol.

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

Subcommittee on Constitution, Federalism, and Property Rights, business meeting, to resume consideration of S.J. Res. 8, proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States to prohibit retroactive increases in taxes, 2 p.m., SD-226.

Committee on Labor and Human Resources, Subcommittee on Aging, to hold hearings to examine whether working America is adequately preparing for retirement, 9 a.m., SD-430.

NOTICE

For a listing of Senate Committee Meetings scheduled ahead, see page E1077 in today's Record.

House

Committee on Agriculture, to continue consideration of recommendations to the Committee on the Budget to comply with the instructions included in the Budget Resolution (Food Stamp Reform Program), 10 a.m., 1300 Longworth.

Committee on Appropriations, to markup the following: revised Budget allocations for fiscal year 1997; and the Veterans Affairs, Housing and Urban Development and Independent Agencies appropriations for fiscal year 1997, 8:30 a.m., 2360 Rayburn.

Committee on Commerce, to markup the following: Title II, Subtitle A—Medicaid Restructuring Act of 1996; Title II, Subtitle B—Other Provisions; and H.R. 248, to amend the Public Health Service Act to provide for the conduct of expanded studies and the establishment of innovative programs with respect to traumatic brain injury, 1 p.m., 2123 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations, to continue hearings on the Department of Energy: Travel Expenditures and Related Issues, 9:30 a.m., 2322 Rayburn.

Committee on Government Reform and Oversight, Subcommittee on Civil Service, to mark up H.R. 3586, Veterans Employment Opportunities Act of 1996, 2 p.m., 2247 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Government Management, Information and Technology, oversight hearing on Federal Information Policy, 9:30 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on National Security, International Affairs, and Criminal Justice, to continue hearings on White House Communication Agency, Part II, 10 a.m., 311 Cannon.

Committee on International Relations, hearing on the Effectiveness of U.S. Assistance in Russia, Ukraine, Armenia, and the Other New Independence States, 10 a.m., 2172 Rayburn.

Committee on National Security, hearing on challenges posed by Russia to U.S. national security interests, 9:30 a.m., 2118 Rayburn.

Committee on Resources, Subcommittee on Fisheries, Wildlife and Oceans, hearing on the following bills: H.R. 3287, Crawford National Fish Hatchery Conveyance Act; H.R. 3546, Walhalla National Fish Hatchery Act; and H.R. 3557, Marion National Fish Hatchery Conveyance Act; to be followed by an oversight hearing on Mitchell Act Hatcheries, Management of Bluefin Tuna, 10 a.m., 1334 Longworth.

Subcommittee on National Parks, Forests and Lands, to markup the following bills: H.R. 639, West Virginia Rivers Technical Amendments Act of 1995; H.R. 640, West Virginia National Rivers Boundary Modifications Act of 1995; H.R. 1825, to amend the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act to limit acquisition of land on the 39-mile headwaters segment of the Missouri River, Nebraska and South Dakota, designated as a recreational river, to acquisition from willing sellers; H.R. 2255, Lamprey Wild and Scenic River Act; H.R. 2292, Hanford Reach Preservation Act; H.R. 3534, Mineral King Act of 1996; H.R. 3006, to provide for disposal of public lands in support of the Manzanar Historic Site in the State of California; H.R. 2636, to transfer jurisdiction over certain parcels of Federal real property located in the District of Columbia; and H.R. 3127, Southern Nevada Public Land Management Act of 1996, 10 a.m., 1324 Longworth.

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

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, to markup the following bills: H.R. 3592, Water Resources Development Act of 1996; and H.R. 2940, Deepwater Port Modernization Act, 10 a.m., 2167 Rayburn.

Committee on Ways and Means, to markup the following bills: H.R. 3107, Iran Oil Sanctions Act of 1996; and H.R. 3161, to authorize the extension of nondiscriminatory treatment (most-favored-nation treatment) to the products of Romania, 10 a.m., 1100 Longworth.