

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

APPROPRIATIONS—DEFENSE/MILITARY CONSTRUCTION/FOREIGN ASSISTANCE

Committee on Appropriations: Committee ordered favorably reported the following bills:

An original bill (S. 1894) making appropriations for the Department of Defense for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1997; and

H.R. 3517, making appropriations for military construction for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1997, with amendments; and

Also, committee completed its review of subcommittee allocations of budget outlays and new budget authority allocated to the committee in H. Con. Res. 178, establishing the congressional budget for the United States Government for fiscal year 1997 and setting forth appropriate budgetary levels for fiscal years 1998, 1999, 2000, 2001, and 2002.

APPROPRIATIONS—TREASURY

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Treasury, Postal Service and General Government held hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 1997 for the Department of the Treasury, receiving testimony from Robert E. Rubin, Secretary of the Treasury.

Subcommittee will meet again on Thursday, June 27.

NATIVE AMERICAN HOUSING ASSISTANCE

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs/Committee on Indian Affairs: Committees concluded joint hearings on Title VII, Native American Housing Assistance and Self-Determination Act provisions of H.R. 2406, proposed United States Housing Act, after receiving testimony from Henry G. Cisneros, Secretary of Housing and Urban Development; A. Brian Wallace, Washoe Tribe of Nevada and California, Gardnerville, Nevada; Joyce C. Dugan, Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians, Cherokee, North Carolina; Roland E. Johnson, All Indian Pueblo Council, Inc., Albuquerque, New Mexico; and W. Ron Allen, Jamestown S'Klallam Tribe of Washington State, Sequim, on behalf of the National Congress of American Indians; and Jacqueline L. Johnson, Juneau, Alaska, on behalf of the National American Indian Housing Council.

SPECTRUM MANAGEMENT

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Committee resumed hearings to examine the use and management of the electromagnetic radio frequency spectrum, focusing on certain issues regarding the assignment of spectrum for digital or high definition

television, receiving testimony from Senator Coats; Representatives Ehlers; Robert C. Wright, National Broadcasting Company, Inc., New York, New York; Ray Rodriguez, Univision Television Network, Miami, Florida; William Sullivan, KPAX-TV/Cordillera Communications, Missoula, Montana; James M. Keelor, Cosmos Broadcasting Corporation, Greenville, South Carolina; Craig Mundie, Microsoft Corporation, Redmond, Washington; J. Peter Bingham, Philips Electronics Corporation, Briarcliff Manor, New York; Robert Stearns, Compaq Computer Corporation, Houston, Texas; and Rob Hummell, Dreamworks, Universal City, California, on behalf of the American Society of Cinematographers.

Hearings continue in closed session on Tuesday, June 25.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Environment and Public Works: Committee ordered favorably reported the following business items:

S. 1730, to strengthen and improve provisions of the Oil Pollution Act of 1990, and to ensure that citizens and communities injured by oil spills are promptly and fully compensated, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 1636, to designate the United States courthouse under construction at 1030 Southwest 3rd Avenue, Portland, Oregon, as the "Mark O. Hatfield United States Courthouse";

H.R. 3364, to designate the Federal building and United States courthouse located at 235 North Washington Avenue in Scranton, Pennsylvania, as the "William J. Nealon Federal Building and United States Courthouse";

H.R. 1772, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to acquire certain interests in the Waihee Marsh for inclusion in the Oahu National Wildlife Refuge Complex;

H.R. 2660, to increase the amount authorized to be appropriated to the Department of the Interior for the Tensas River National Wildlife Refuge in Louisiana;

H.R. 2679, to revise the boundary of the North Platte National Wildlife Refuge in Nebraska;

H.R. 2982, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to convey the Carbon Hill National Fish Hatchery to the State of Alabama;

S. 1802, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to convey certain property containing a fish and wildlife facility to the State of Wyoming; and

S. 1871, to expand the Pettaquamscutt Cove National Wildlife Refuge in Rhode Island, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute.

INTERNATIONAL NATURAL RUBBER AGREEMENT/LAW OF THE SEA CONVENTION

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee concluded hearings on the following treaties:

The International Natural Rubber Agreement (Treaty Doc. 104-27), after receiving testimony from Senator Glenn; Jeffrey M. Lang, Deputy United States Trade Representative; and Thomas E. Cole, Rubber Manufacturers Association, Washington, D.C.; and

The Agreement for the Implementation of the Provisions of the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea of 10 December 1982 Relating to the Conservation and Management of Straddling Fish Stocks and Highly Migratory Fish Stocks, with annexes (Treaty Doc. 104-24), after receiving testimony from David A. Colson, Acting Assistant Secretary of State for Oceans, Bureau of Oceans and International Environmental and Scientific Affairs.

NOMINATIONS

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee concluded hearings on the nominations of John F. Hicks, Sr., of North Carolina, to be Ambassador to the State of Eritrea, Alan R. McKee, of Maryland, to be Amba-

sador to the Kingdom of Swaziland, Tibor P. Nagy, Jr., of Texas, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Guinea, and Arlene Render, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Zambia, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

WHITE HOUSE INFORMATION ACCESS

Committee on the Judiciary: Committee held hearings to examine the dissemination of Federal Bureau of Investigation background investigation reports and other information to the White House, receiving testimony from Richard S. Miller, Assistant Director for Protective Operations, United States Secret Service, Department of the Treasury; Howard M. Shapiro, General Counsel, Federal Bureau of Investigation, Department of Justice; Billy Ray Dale, former Director of the White House Travel Office; Anita McBride, former Director, and Mary Kate Downham Carroll, former Personnel Assistant, both of the White House Personnel Office; Graven W. Craig, former Intern, White House Office of Public Liaison; and Ellen J. Gober, former Staff Assistant, White House Office of Legislative Affairs.

Hearings were recessed subject to call.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Bills Introduced: 17 public bills, H.R. 3684-3700; 1 private bill, H.R. 3701; and 3 resolutions, H. Con. Res. 191, and H. Res. 457-458 were introduced.

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Speaker Pro Tempore: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he designates Representative Chambliss to act as Speaker pro tempore for today.

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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 5-minute rule: Committees on Economic and Educational Opportunities, Government Reform and Oversight, International Relations, Judiciary, National Security, Resources, Science, Transportation and Infrastructure, and Veterans' Affairs.

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Order of Business: It was made in order that during further consideration of H.R. 3662, notwithstanding the order of the House of Wednesday, June 19 that Representative Stupak be allowed to offer an amendment regarding the Pictured Rocks National

Park to be debatable for 10 minutes, equally divided.

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Interior Appropriations: By a yea-and-nay vote of 242 yeas to 174 nays, Roll No. 268, the House passed H.R. 3662, making appropriations for the Department of the Interior and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1997.

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By a yea-and-nay vote of 176 yeas to 241 nays, Roll No. 267, rejected the Yates motion to recommit the bill to the Committee on Appropriations.

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On demand for a separate vote, rejected the Kennedy of Massachusetts amendment that sought to reduce Forest Service reconstruction and construction funding by \$42 million (rejected by a recorded vote of 211 yeas to 211 noes, Roll No. 266). This amendment was agreed to in the Committee of the Whole by a recorded vote of 211 yeas to 210 noes, Roll No. 258 on June 19.

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Agreed To:

The Sanders amendment that increases funding for weatherization assistance grants by \$11.6 million