

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

NOMINATIONS/ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING

Committee on Armed Services: Committee ordered favorably reported the following business items:

An original resolution (S. Res. 38) requesting \$2,704,397 for operating expenses for the period from March 1, 1997 through February 28, 1998, and \$2,776,389 for operating expenses for the period from March 1, 1998 through February 28, 1999; and

591 military nominations in the Army, Navy, Marine Corps, and Air Force.

Also, committee adopted its rules of procedure for the 105th Congress, and announced the following subcommittee assignments:

Subcommittee on Acquisition and Technology: Senators Santorum (Chairman), Bob Smith, Snowe, Roberts, Lieberman, Kennedy, and Bingaman.

Subcommittee on Airland Forces: Senators Coats (Chairman), Warner, Kempthorne, Inhofe, Santorum, Roberts, Glenn, Bingaman, Byrd, Lieberman, and Cleland.

Subcommittee on Personnel: Senators Kempthorne (Chairman), McCain, Coats, Snowe, Cleland, Kennedy, and Robb.

Subcommittee on Readiness: Senators Inhofe (Chairman), McCain, Coats, Roberts, Robb, Glenn, and Cleland.

Subcommittee on Seapower: Senators Warner (Chairman), McCain, Bob Smith, Santorum, Snowe, Kennedy, Byrd, Robb, and Lieberman.

Subcommittee on Strategic Forces: Senators Bob Smith (Chairman), Warner, Kempthorne, Inhofe, Bingaman, Glenn, and Byrd.

CONSUMER PRICE INDEX

Committee on the Budget: Committee concluded hearings to examine the findings and recommendations of the Advisory Commission to Study the Consumer Price Index with regard to a more accurate measure of the cost of living, after receiving testimony from Katharine G. Abraham, Commissioner, Bureau of Labor Statistics, Department of Labor; and Michael J. Boskin, Stanford University, Stanford, California.

NOMINATION

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Committee concluded hearings on the nomination of Federico Peña, of Colorado, to be Secretary of Energy, after the nominee, who was introduced by Senator Campbell and Representative Skaggs, testified and answered questions in his own behalf.

NOMINATION/ECONOMIC OUTLOOK

Committee on Finance: Committee ordered favorably reported the nomination of Charlene Barshefsky, of the District of Columbia, to be United States Trade Representative, with the rank of Ambassador.

Also, committee held hearings to examine the fiscal health of the nation and the welfare of the American population, focusing on the accuracy of the consumer price index, receiving testimony from Alan Greenspan, Chairman, Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System.

Hearings were recessed subject to call.

NOMINATIONS/ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee ordered favorably reported the following business items:

The nominations of Dennis K. Hays, of Florida, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Suriname, Genta Hawkins Holmes, of California, to be Ambassador to Australia, Arma Jane Karaer, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to Papua New Guinea, and to serve concurrently and without additional compensation as Ambassador to the Solomon Islands, and as Ambassador to the Republic of Vanuatu, Madeleine May Kunin, of Vermont, to serve concurrently and without additional compensation as Ambassador to the Principality of Liechtenstein, John Francis Maisto, of Pennsylvania, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Venezuela, Anne W. Patterson, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to the Republic of El Salvador, John Stern Wolf, of Maryland, for the rank of Ambassador during his tenure of service as United States Coordinator for Asia Pacific Economic Cooperation, Madeleine K. Albright, of the District of Columbia, and Edward W. Gnehm, Jr., of Georgia, both to be U.S. Representatives to the 51st Session of the United Nations General Assembly, Karl F. Inderfurth, of North Carolina, and Victor Marrero, of New York, both to be Alternate U.S. Representatives to the 51st Session of the United Nations General Assembly, and 3 Foreign Service Officer Promotion lists received in the Senate on January 21, 1997 and a Foreign Service Officer Promotion list received in the Senate on January 28, 1997; and

An original resolution (S. Res. 37) requesting \$2,710,573 for operating expenses for the period from March 1, 1997 through February 28, 1998, and \$2,782,749 for operating expenses for the period from March 1, 1998 through February 28, 1999.

Also, committee adopted its rules of procedure for the 105th Congress.

COMMITTEE BUDGET

Committee on Governmental Affairs: Committee ordered favorably reported an original resolution (S. Res. 39)

requesting \$11,050,721 for operating expenses for the period from March 1, 1997 through February 28, 1998, and \$4,653,386 for operating expenses for the period from March 1, 1998 through February 28, 1999.

BALANCED BUDGET AMENDMENT/ SUBCOMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP

Committee on the Judiciary: Committee ordered favorably reported S.J. Res. 1, proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States to require a balanced budget.

Also, committee announced the following subcommittee assignments:

Subcommittee on Administrative Oversight and the Courts: Senators Grassley (Chairman), Thurmond, Sessions, Kyl, Durbin, Feingold, and Kohl.

Subcommittee on Technology, Terrorism and Government Information: Senators Kyl (Chairman), Hatch, Specter, Thompson, Feinstein, Biden, and Durbin.

Subcommittee on Antitrust, Business Rights, and Competition: Senators DeWine (Chairman), Hatch, Thurmond, Specter, Kohl, Torricelli, and Leahy.

Subcommittee on Constitution, Federalism, and Property Rights: Senators Ashcroft (Chairman), Hatch, Abraham, Thurmond, Thompson, Feingold, Kennedy, and Torricelli.

Subcommittee on Immigration: Senators Abraham (Chairman), Grassley, Kyl, Specter, Kennedy, Feinstein, and Durbin.

Subcommittee on Youth Violence: Senators Sessions (Chairman), Thompson, DeWine, Ashcroft, Grassley, Biden, Torricelli, Kohl, and Feinstein.

FEC AUTHORIZATION/CAMPAIGN FINANCE REFORM

Committee on Rules and Administration: Committee held hearings on proposed legislation authorizing funds for fiscal year 1998 for the Federal Election Commission and on campaign finance reform proposals, receiving testimony from John Warren McGarry, Chairman, and Joan D. Aikens and Scott Thomas, both Commissioners, all of the Federal Election Commission; James Bopp, Jr., Bopp, Coleson, and Bostrom, Terre Haute, Indiana; and Becky Cain, League of Women Voters of the United States, Lisa Rosenberg, Center for Responsive Politics, and Brent Thompson, Fair Government Foundation, all of Washington, D.C.

Hearings were recessed subject to call.

COMMITTEE BUDGET

Committee on Indian Affairs: Committee ordered favorably reported an original resolution requesting \$1,143,036 for operating expenses for the period from March 1, 1997 through February 28, 1998, and \$1,143,036 for operating expenses for the period from March 1, 1998 through February 28, 1999.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

The House was not in session today. The House will next meet on Tuesday, February 4, 1997.

Committee Meetings

No Committee meetings were held.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR FRIDAY, JANUARY 31, 1997

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Environment and Public Works, to hold hearings on the nomination of Rodney E. Slater, of Arkansas, to be Secretary of Transportation, 9:30 a.m., SD-406.

House

Committee on International Relations, hearing on Country Reports on Human Rights Practices for 1996, 11:15 a.m., 2172 Rayburn.

CONGRESSIONAL PROGRAM AHEAD

Week of February 3 through 8, 1997

Senate Chamber

On *Monday*, Senate will meet for a pro forma session.

On *Tuesday*, Senate will meet in joint session with the House of Representatives to receive the President's State of the Union message.

On *Wednesday*, Senate expects to begin consideration of S.J. Res. 1, Balanced Budget Constitutional Amendment.