

AIRPORT AND AIRWAY TRUST FUND TAX REINSTATEMENT ACT

Committee on Finance: Committee ordered favorably reported an original bill (S. 279) to reinstate the Airport and Airway Trust Fund excise taxes.

JUDGESHIP ALLOCATION

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Administrative Oversight and the Courts concluded hearings to examine the appropriate allocation of judgeships in the United States Court of Appeals for the Fourth Circuit, after receiving testimony from J. Harvie Wilkinson III, Chief Judge, and Sam J. Ervin, III, Circuit Judge, both of the United States Court of Appeals for the Fourth Circuit; Gerald Bard Tjoflat, Circuit Judge, United States Court of Appeals for the Eleventh Circuit; and Julia Smith Gibbons, Chief Judge, United States District Court for the Western District of Tennessee, on behalf of the Committee on Judicial Resources of the Judicial Conference of the United States.

COMMITTEE BUDGET REQUESTS

Committee on Rules and Administration: Committee continued hearings to receive testimony from Senators, as indicated, in support of resolutions requesting funds for operating expenses of their respective

committees for periods from March 1, 1997 through February 28, 1998, and from March 1, 1998 through February 28, 1999, as follows:

Committee on Appropriations: (S. Res. 33), Senator Stevens;

Committee on Small Business: (S. Res. 40), Senators Bond and Kerry;

Committee on the Judiciary: (S. Res. 43), Senators Hatch and Leahy;

Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry: (S. Res. 20), Senators Lugar and Harkin;

Committee on Armed Services: (S. Res. 38), Senators Warner and Levin; and

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: (S. Res. 45), Senators Specter and Rockefeller.

Hearings continue tomorrow.

NATIONAL SECURITY THREATS

Select Committee on Intelligence: Committee held open and closed hearings to examine current and projected national security threats to the United States, receiving testimony from Toby T. Gati, Assistant Secretary of State for Intelligence and Research; Lt. Gen. Patrick M. Hughes, USA, Director, Defense Intelligence Agency; and George J. Tenet, Acting Director of Central Intelligence.

Hearings were recessed subject to call.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Bills Introduced: 39 public bills, H.R. 585–623; and 12 resolutions, H.J. Res. 42–45, H. Con. Res. 14–15, and H. Res. 36–41, were introduced.

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Reports Filed: No reports were filed today.

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

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Guest Chaplain: The prayer was offered by the guest chaplain, Dr. Ronald Christian of Washington, D.C.

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Journal Vote: By a recorded vote of 376 ayes to 28 noes, Roll No. 10, the House agreed to the Speaker's approval of the Journal of Tuesday, February 4.

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Committee Resignation: Read a letter from Representative Brady wherein he resigned from the Committee on Government Reform and Oversight.

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Frank M. Tejeda Post Office Building: By a yeand-nay vote of 400 yeas, Roll No. 9, the House voted to suspend the rules and pass H.R. 499, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service under construction at 7411 Barlite Boulevard in San Antonio, Texas, as the "Frank M. Tejeda Post Office Building."

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Committee Resignations: Read a letter from Representative Gejdenson wherein he resigned from the Committee on Resources and read a letter from Representative Peterson of Minnesota wherein he resigned from the Committee on Government Reform and Oversight.

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Committee Election: The House agreed to H. Res. 36, designating minority membership on certain standing committees of the House.

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Referrals: One Senate-passed measure was referred to the appropriate House committee. **Page H337**

Senate Messages: Message received from the Senate today appears on page H289.

Quorum Calls—Votes: One yea-and-nay vote and one recorded vote developed during the proceedings of the House today and appear on pages H297 and H298. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: Met at 11 a.m. and adjourned at 4:52 p.m.

Committee Meetings

COMMITTEE ORGANIZATION

Committee on Appropriations: Met for organizational purposes.

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Committee on Banking and Financial Services: Met for organizational purposes.

“WHY THE BALANCED BUDGET AMENDMENT IS GOOD FOR AMERICANS”

Committee on the Budget: Held a hearing on “Why the Balanced Budget Amendment is Good for Americans.” Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

“CELLULAR PRIVACY: IS ANYONE LISTENING? YOU BETCHA!”

Committee on Commerce: Subcommittee on Telecommunications, Trade, and Consumer Protection held a hearing on “Cellular Privacy: Is Anyone Listening? You Betcha!” Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Justice: James K. Kallstrom, Assistant Director in Charge, New York Division, FBI; and Robert S. Litt, Deputy Assistant Attorney General, Criminal Division; William Kennard, General Counsel, FCC; and public witnesses.

WORKING FAMILIES FLEXIBILITY ACT

Committee on Education and the Workforce: Subcommittee on Workforce Protections held a hearing on H.R. 1, Working Families Flexibility Act of 1997. Testimony was heard from Representatives Granger, Myrick and Fowler; and public witnesses.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES; COMMITTEE ORGANIZATION

Committee on International Relations: By unanimous consent adopted a motion urging the Chairman to request that S. Con. Res. 4, commending and thanking Honorable Warren Christopher for his exemplary service as Secretary of State, be considered on the Suspension Calendar.

The Committee also approved a resolution to be introduced in appreciation of the late Pamela Harri-man, Ambassador to France.

The Committee also met for organizational purposes.

BALANCED BUDGET AMENDMENT

Committee on the Judiciary: Began markup of H.J. Res. 1, proposing an amendment to the Constitution to provide for a balanced budget for the U.S. Government and for greater accountability in the enactment of tax legislation.

Will continue February 11.

COMMITTEE ORGANIZATION

Committee on National Security: Met for organizational purposes.

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Committee on Resources: Met for organizational purposes.

TRUTH IN BUDGETING ACT; OVERSIGHT PLAN

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure: Ordered reported H.R. 4, Truth in Budgeting Act.

The Committee also approved an oversight plan for the 105th Congress.

USER FEES FOR FAA SERVICES

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure: Subcommittee on Aviation held a hearing on Airlines' Proposals to Establish User Fees for FAA Services. Testimony was heard from John H. Anderson, Jr., Director, Transportation Issues, Resources, Community and Economic Development Division, GAO; and public witnesses.

Hearings continue February 13.

COMMITTEE ORGANIZATION

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: Met for organizational purposes.

AIRPORT AND AIRWAY TRUST FUND SOLVENCY; COMMITTEE ORGANIZATION

Committee on Ways and Means: Held a hearing on the solvency of the Airport and Airway Trust Fund. Testimony was heard from Donald C. Lubick, Assistant Secretary, Tax Policy, Department of the Treasury; and Louise F. Stoll, Assistant Secretary, Budget and Programs, Department of Transportation.

The Committee also met for organizational purposes.

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Committee on Ways and Means: Subcommittee on Human Resources met for organizational purposes.