

testimony from Joseph P. Newhouse, Chairman, Prospective Payment Assessment Commission; and Gail R. Wilensky, Chair, Physician Payment Review Commission.

Hearings were recessed subject to call.

### MEDICARE

*Committee on Finance:* Subcommittee on Health Care resumed hearings to examine the financial soundness of the Medicare program and its future status, receiving testimony from Thomas R. Saving and Andrew J. Rettenmaier, both of the Private Enterprise Research Center/Texas A&M University, College Station; Stuart H. Altman, Brandeis University Graduate School for Social Policy, Waltham, Massachusetts; and Len M. Nichols, Urban Institute, Washington, D.C.

Hearings were recessed subject to call.

### 1998 STATE DEPARTMENT BUDGET

*Committee on Foreign Relations:* Subcommittee on International Operations concluded hearings to examine the President's proposed budget request for fiscal year 1998 for the Department of State's administration of foreign affairs, after receiving testimony from Patrick F. Kennedy, Acting Under Secretary of State for Management.

### AUTHORIZATION—HIGHER EDUCATION ACT

*Committee on Labor and Human Resources:* Committee held hearings to examine the Administration's post-secondary education policy and proposed legislation authorizing funds for programs of the Higher Education Act, receiving testimony from Richard W. Riley, Secretary of Education.

Hearings will continue on Friday, March 14.

### HUBZONE ACT

*Committee on Small Business:* Committee held hearings on S. 208, to provide Federal contracting opportunities for small business concerns located in historically underutilized business zones, receiving testimony from Barry N. Corona, Production Products Manufacturing and Sales, Inc., St. Louis, Missouri; J. Glynn Loope, Alleghany Highlands Economic Development Authority, Covington, Virginia; Ursula Powidzki, Baltimore Advisors, Inc., Baltimore, Maryland, on behalf of the Initiative for a Competitive Inner City; and Fabio Sampoli, Greater New Haven Chamber of Commerce, New Haven, Connecticut.

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# House of Representatives

## Chamber Action

**Bills Introduced:** 46 public bills, H.R. 856–901; and 5 resolutions, H.J. Res. 57, and H. Con. Res. 27–30, were introduced. **Pages H699–H702**

**Reports Filed:** No reports were filed today.

**Journal:** By a yea-and-nay vote of 332 yeas to 38 nays with 2 voting "present", Roll No. 28, the House agreed to the Speaker's approval of the Journal of Wednesday, February 26. **Pages H671, H675**

**Recess:** The House recessed at 9:03 a.m. **Page H671**

**Address by President Frei of Chile:** The Senate and House held a Joint Meeting to receive an address by His Excellency Eduardo Frei, President of the Republic of Chile. President Frei was escorted to and from the House Chamber by Senators Nickles, Mack, Coverdell, Lugar, Dodd, Harkin, and Graham of Florida, and by Representatives Armey, DeLay, Boehner, Cox of California, Gilman, Gallegly, Gephardt, Bonior, Kennelly, Hoyer, Hamilton, and Menendez. **Pages H671–74**

**Recess:** The House reconvened at 11:45 a.m.

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**Committee Leave of Absence:** Read a letter from Representative Watts of Oklahoma wherein he requests a leave of absence from the Committee on Banking and Financial Services. **Page H675**

**Joint Economic Committee:** The Chair announced the Speaker's appointment of Representatives Manzullo, Sanford, Thornberry, Doolittle, and McCrery to the Joint Economic Committee. **Page H675**

**Presidential Message—National Emergency Re Cuba:** Read a message from the President wherein he transmits his report concerning the national emergency with respect to the Government of Cuba—referred to the Committee on International Relations and ordered printed (H. Doc. 105–48). **Pages H675–76**

**Recess Proceedings:** It was made in order that the recess proceedings of the Joint Meeting be printed in the record. **Page H676**

**Meeting Hour:** Agreed that when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet at 2 p.m. on Monday, March 3, 1997. Agreed that when the House adjourns on Monday, it adjourn to meet at 12:30 p.m. on Tuesday, March 4, for morning-hour debate.

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**Calendar Wednesday:** Agreed that the business in order under the Calendar Wednesday rule be dispensed with on Wednesday, March 5.

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**Referrals:** One Senate-passed measure, S. 305, was referred to the Committee on Banking and Financial Services.

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**Senate Messages:** Message received from the Senate today appears on page H671.

**Quorum Calls—Votes:** One yea-and-nay vote developed during the proceedings of the House today and appears on page H675. There were no quorum calls.

**Adjournment:** Met at 9 a.m. and adjourned at 3:25 p.m.

## 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 held a hearing on the FDA. Testimony was heard from Michael Friedman, Deputy Commissioner, Operations, FDA, USDA.

### FOREIGN OPERATIONS, EXPORT FINANCING AND RELATED PROGRAMS APPROPRIATIONS

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Foreign Operations, Export Financing and Related Programs held a hearing on the Secretary of the Treasury. Testimony was heard from Robert E. Rubin, Secretary of the Treasury.

### LABOR, HHS, EDUCATION APPROPRIATIONS

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education held a hearing on the National Center of Human Genome Research, the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases, the National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences and the National Institute on Deafness and other Communication Disorders. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Health and Human Services: Francis S. Collins, M.D., Director, National Human Genome Research Institute; Anthony S. Fauci, M.D., Director, National Institute of Allergy and Infectious

Diseases; Kenneth Olden, M.D., Director, National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences; and James B. Snow, Jr., M.D., Director, National Institute on Deafness and other Communication Disorders.

### MILITARY CONSTRUCTION APPROPRIATIONS

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Military Construction held an Overview hearing. Testimony was heard from John J. Hamre, Comptroller, Department of Defense.

### NATIONAL SECURITY APPROPRIATIONS

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on National Security met in executive session to hold a hearing on the U.S. European Command and on the U.S. Atlantic Command. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Defense: Gen. George Joulwan, USA, Commander-in-Chief, U.S. European Command; and Gen. John Sheehan, USMC, Commander-in-Chief, U.S. Atlantic Command.

### MEDICARE MANAGED CARE

*Committee on Commerce:* Subcommittee on Health and Environment held a hearing on Medicare Managed Care: Payment and Related Issues. Testimony was heard from Bruce M. Fried, Director, Office of Managed Care, Health Care Financing Administration, Department of Health and Human Services; Jonathan Ratner, Associate Director, Health Financing Systems, Health, Education, and Human Services, GAO; Donald A. Young, M.D., Executive Director, Prospective Payment Assessment Commission; and Roger S. Taylor, M.D., Commissioner, Physician Payment Review Commission.

### OVERSIGHT—REHABILITATION ACT

*Committee on Education and the Workforce:* Subcommittee on Postsecondary Education, Training and Life-Long Learning held an oversight hearing on the Rehabilitation Act of 1973. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Education: Judy Heumann, Assistant Secretary, Office of Special Education and Rehabilitative Services; and Frederic Schroeder, Commissioner, Rehabilitation Services Administration; P. Charles LaRosa, Commissioner, Department of Vocational Rehabilitation, State of South Carolina; and public witnesses.

### OVERSIGHT—HUD

*Committee on Government Reform and Oversight:* Subcommittee on Human Resources and Intergovernmental Relations held an oversight hearing on the Department of Housing and Urban Development: Mission, Management, and Performance. Testimony