

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 marketing and regulatory programs. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the USDA: Michael Dunn, Assistant Secretary, Marketing and Regulatory Programs; Terry Medley, Administrator, Animal and Health Inspection Service; Lon Hatamiya, Administrator, Agriculture and Marketing Service; James R. Baker, Administrator, Grain Packers and Stockyards Administration; and Stephen B. Dewhurst, Budget Officer, Department of Agriculture.

COMMERCE-JUSTICE-STATE APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, State and Judiciary held a hearing on Secretary of Commerce. Testimony was heard from William M. Daley, Secretary of Commerce.

INTERIOR APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Interior held a hearing on Bureau of Land Management. Testimony was heard from Sylvia Baca, Interim Director, Bureau of Land Management, Department of the Interior.

LABOR-HHS-EDUCATION APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education held a hearing on Secretary of Education, and on Elementary and Secondary Education and Bilingual Education and Minority Languages Affairs. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Education: Richard W. Riley, Secretary; Gerald N. Tirozzi, Assistant Secretary, Elementary and Secondary Education; Delia Pompa, Director, Office of Bilingual Education and Minority Languages Affairs; and Thomas Corwin, Director, Elementary, Secondary and Vocational Analysis Division, Budget Service.

MILITARY CONSTRUCTION APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Military Construction held a hearing on Air Force. Testimony was heard from Rodney Coleman, Assistant Secretary, Air Force, Management, Personnel Affairs, Installations and Environment, Department of the Air Force.

NATIONAL SECURITY APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on National Security held a hearing on fiscal year 1998 Air Force Budget overview. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of the Air Force: Sheila E. Widnall, Secretary; and Gen. Ronald R. Fogelman, USAF, Chief of Staff.

TRANSPORTATION APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Transportation held a hearing on National Transportation Safety Board and on the Office of Inspector General. Testimony was heard from James E. Hall, Chairman, National Transportation Safety Board; and Joyce Fleischman, Acting Inspector General, Department of Transportation.

TREASURY-POSTAL SERVICE APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Treasury, Postal Service, and General Government held a hearing on the National Park Service, on the Executive Office of the President, and on OMB. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the National Park Service, Department of the Interior: Terry Carlstrom, Acting Regional Director, National Capitol Region; and James McDaniel, Associate Regional Director, White House Liaison; the following officials of the Office of Administration: Ada L. Posey, Acting Director; and Jurg Hochuli, Associate Director, Financial Management Division; and Franklin D. Raines, Director, OMB.

VA-HUD-INDEPENDENT AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on VA, HUD and Independent Agencies held a hearing on the Corporation for National and Community Service. Testimony was heard from Harris Wofford, CEO, Corporation for National and Community Service.

DEPARTMENT OF TREASURY— GEOGRAPHIC TARGETING ORDER

Committee on Banking and Financial Services: Subcommittee on General Oversight and Investigations held a hearing on the use of the Department of the Treasury Geographic Targeting Order. Testimony was heard from Barry McCaffrey, Director, Office of National Drug Control Policy; Raymond Kelly, Under Secretary, Enforcement, Department of the Treasury; Robert Litt, Deputy Assistant Attorney General, Department of Justice; and Howard Safir, Commissioner, Policy Department, City of New York.

HOUSING OPPORTUNITY AND RESPONSIBILITY ACT OF 1997

Committee on Banking and Financial Services: Subcommittee on Housing and Community Development continued hearings on H.R. 2, Housing Opportunity and Responsibility Act of 1997. Testimony was heard from Susan Gaffney, Inspector General, Department of Housing and Urban Development; Steven Goldsmith, Mayor, Indianapolis, Indiana; and public witnesses.

MEDICAID REFORM

Committee on Commerce: Subcommittee on Health and Environment held a hearing on Medicaid Reform: the Governor's View. Testimony was heard from William Scanlon, Director, Health Financing Systems, Health, Education, and Human Services, GAO; Gail Wilensky, Chair, Board of Directors, Physician Payment Review Commission; the following Governors: Michael O. Leavitt, State of Utah; and Bob Miller, State of Nevada; and a public witness.

D.C. RESIDENCY REQUIREMENTS

Committee on Government Reform and Oversight: Subcommittee on the District of Columbia, approved for full Committee action as amended H.R. 514, to permit waiver of District of Columbia residency requirements for certain employees of the Office of the Inspector General of the District of Columbia.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Government Reform and Management: Subcommittee on Government Management, Information and Technology approved for full Committee action the following bills: H.R. 173, to amend the Federal Property and Administrative Services Act of 1949 to authorize donation of surplus law enforcement canines to their handlers; H.R. 680, to amend the Federal Property and Administrative Services Act of 1949 to authorize the transfer to States of surplus personal property for donation to nonprofit providers of necessities to impoverished families and individuals; and H.R. 930, Travel and Transportation Reform Act of 1997.

NEWLY INDEPENDENT STATES—U.S. ASSISTANCE

Committee on International Relations: Held a hearing on U.S. Assistance to the Newly Independent States of the former Soviet Union. Testimony was heard from Ambassador Richard Morningstar, Coordinator, U.S. Assistance to the Newly Independent States, Department of State; and Thomas Dine, Assistant Administrator, Europe and the Newly Independent States, AID, U.S. International Development Cooperation Agency.

FOREIGN RELATIONS REAUTHORIZATION

Committee on International Relations: Subcommittee on International Operations and Human Rights held a hearing on Foreign Relations Reauthorization for FY 1998: Refugees and Migration. Testimony was heard from Phyllis E. Oakley, Assistant Secretary, Bureau of Population, Refugees, and Migration, Department of State.

DOD CHEMICAL WEAPONS DESTRUCTION; BUDGET REQUEST

Committee on National Security, Subcommittee on Military Procurement held a hearing on the Department of Defense program for the destruction of chemical weapons stockpile and fiscal year 1998 budget request. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Defense: Gilbert F. Decker, Assistant Secretary, Army (Research, Development and Acquisition); Michael A. Parker, Deputy to the Commander, Program Manager, Assembled Chemical Munitions Demilitarization Alternatives, Chemical and Biological Defense Command; and Theodore Procriv, Deputy Assistant to the Secretary, Office of the Under Secretary of Defense (Acquisition and Technology), Nuclear, Chemical and Biological Defense Programs (Chemical/Biological Matters).

ARMY MODERNIZATION

Committee on National Security: Subcommittee on Military Procurement and the Subcommittee on Military Research and Development held a joint hearing on Army modernization. Testimony was heard from Gilbert F. Decker, Assistant Secretary, Army (Research, Development and Acquisition), Department of Defense.

MEASURING READINESS

Committee on National Security: Subcommittee on Military Readiness held a hearing on measuring readiness. Testimony was heard from Mark Gebicke, Director, Military Operations and Capabilities, GAO; and the following officials of the Department of Defense: Louis Finch, Deputy Under Secretary (Readiness); Brig. Gen. Stephen B. Plummer, USAF, Deputy Director, Current Readiness and Capabilities, Joint Chiefs of Staff; Maj. Gen. D. C. Grange, Director, Operations, Readiness and Mobilization, Department of the Army; Rear Adm. John Craine, Jr., USN, Director, Assessments, Department of the Navy; Maj. Gen. Donald L. Peterson, USAF, Deputy Chief of Staff, Plans and Operations, Department of the Air Force; and Brig. Gen. Matthew Broderick, USMC, Director, Operations Division, Plans, Policy and Operations Division, Headquarters, U.S. Marine Corps; and Mark Gebicke, Director, Military Operations and Capabilities, GAO.

STATE LAND AND WATER CONSERVATION ACT PROGRAM—FEDERAL FUNDING

Committee on Resources: Subcommittee on National Parks and Public Lands held a hearing on Federal funding of the State Land and Water Conservation Act Program. Testimony was heard from Kate Stevenson, Associate Director, Cultural Resources Stewardship and Partnership, National Park Service, Department of the Interior; Donald W. Murphy, Director, Department of Parks and Recreation, State of California; and public witnesses.

PAPERWORK ELIMINATION ACT

Committee on Rules: Granted, by voice vote, an open rule providing 1 hour of debate on H.R. 852, Paperwork Elimination Act of 1997. The rule accords priority in recognition to those Members who have pre-printed their amendments in the Congressional Record prior to their consideration. The rule provides one motion to recommit with or without instructions. Testimony was heard from Chairman Talent and Representative LaFalce.

BALANCED BUDGET

Committee on Rules: Granted, by voice vote, a closed rule on H. Res. 89, requesting the President to submit a budget for fiscal year 1998 that would balance the Federal budget by fiscal year 2002 without relying on budgetary contingencies. The rule provides two hours of debate equally divided and controlled by the chairman and ranking member of the Committee on the Budget or their designees. Finally the rule provides one motion to recommit, which may contain instructions if offered by the Minority Leader or his designee. If the motion includes instructions, then it shall be debatable for five minutes by the proponent and five minutes by an opponent. Testimony was heard from Representatives Sununu, Granger, Pitts, Spratt, Minge, Stenholm, and Tauscher.

BUDGET AUTHORIZATION—EPA

Committee on Science, Subcommittee on Energy and Environment, held hearing on Fiscal Year 1998 Budget Authorization Request: EPA Research and Development. Testimony was heard from Joseph K. Alexander, Deputy Assistant Administrator, Research and Development, EPA; Stanley J. Czerwinski, Associate Director, Resources, Community, and Economic Development Division, GAO; and a public witness.

ISTEA REAUTHORIZATION

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure: Subcommittee on Surface Transportation continued hearings on Member policy initiatives and requests for highway and transit projects in the ISTEA Reauthor-

ization. Testimony was heard from Members of Congress; and Kirk Fordice, Governor, State of Mississippi.

Hearings continue March 13.

MEDICARE DISPROPORTIONATE SHARE HOSPITAL PAYMENTS

Committee on Ways and Means: Subcommittee on Health held a hearing on Teaching Hospitals and Medicare Disproportionate Share Hospital Payments. Testimony was heard from Joseph Newhouse, Chairman, Prospective Payment Assessment Commission; Gail Wilensky, Chair, Physician Payment Review Commission; and public witnesses.

BUDGET AUTHORIZATIONS—CUSTOMS, INTERNATIONAL TRADE COMMISSION, OFFICE OF TRADE REPRESENTATIVE

Committee on Ways and Means: Subcommittee on Trade held a hearing on Budget Authorizations for Fiscal Year 1998 and 1999 for the U.S. Customs, the U.S. International Trade Commission, and the Office of the U.S. Trade Representative. Testimony was heard from George J. Weise, Commissioner, U.S. Customs Service, Department of the Treasury; Jeffrey M. Lang, Deputy U.S. Trade Representative; Marcia E. Miller, Chairman, U.S. International Trade Commission; the following officials of the GAO: Norman J. Rabkin, Director, Administration of Justice Issues, General Government Division; and JayEtta Z. Hecker, Associate Director, International Relations and Trade Issues, National Security and International Affairs Division; and public witnesses.

SPECIAL NAVY BRIEFING

Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence: Met in executive session to hold a Briefing: Special Navy. The Committee was briefed by departmental witnesses.

Joint Meetings

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

Joint Hearing: Senate Committees on Governmental Affairs' Subcommittee on Oversight of Government Management, Restructuring, and the District of Columbia and Appropriations' Subcommittee on the District of Columbia held joint hearings with the House Committees on Government Reform and Oversight's Subcommittee on the District of Columbia and Appropriations' Subcommittee on the District of Columbia to examine the financial condition of the government of the District of Columbia, receiving testimony from Mayor Susan Golding, San Diego, California; Mayor Stephen Goldsmith, Indianapolis, Indiana; Mayor Patrick McCrory, Charlotte,

North Carolina; Mayor Edward Rendell, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania; and Mayor Knox White, Greenville, South Carolina.

Committees will meet again on Thursday, March 13.

PARTIAL BIRTH ABORTION BAN

Joint Hearing: Senate Committee on the Judiciary concluded joint hearings with the House Committee on the Judiciary's Subcommittee on the Constitution on S. 6 and H.R. 929, bills to ban partial birth abortions, after receiving testimony from Renee Chelian, National Coalition of Abortion Providers, Southfield, Michigan; Kate Michelman, National Abortion and Reproductive Rights Action League, Helen M. Alvare, National Conference of Catholic Bishops, Vicki Saporta, National Abortion Federation, and Douglas Johnson, National Right to Life Committee, all of Washington, D.C.; Gloria Feldt, Planned Parenthood Federation of America, New York, New York; Curtis R. Cook, Grandville, Michigan; Eileen Sullivan, Los Angeles, California; Maureen Britell, Forestdale, Massachusetts; and Whitney Goin, Orlando, Florida.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR WEDNESDAY, MARCH 12, 1997 Senate

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Committee on Appropriations, Subcommittee on Defense, to hold hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 1998 for the Department of Defense, focusing on missile projects, 10 a.m., SD-192.

Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, State, and the Judiciary, to hold hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 1998 for the Department of Justice, 10 a.m., SD-138.

Committee on Armed Services, Subcommittee on Airland Forces, to resume hearings on proposed legislation authorizing funds for fiscal year 1998 for the Department of Defense and the future years defense program, focusing on Army Force XXI initiatives and Army modernization programs, 10 a.m., SR-222.

Subcommittee on Strategic Forces, to resume hearings on proposed legislation authorizing funds for fiscal year 1998 for the Department of Defense and the future years defense program, focusing on U.S. national security space programs and policies, 2 p.m., SR-222.

Subcommittee on Personnel, to resume hearings on proposed legislation authorizing funds for fiscal year 1998 for the Department of Defense and the future years defense program, focusing on policies pertaining to military compensation and quality of life programs, 2 p.m., SR-232A.

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs, to hold joint hearings with the Committee on Indian Affairs, on Indian housing programs, 2:30 p.m., SD-106.

Committee on the Budget, to hold joint hearings with the House Budget Committee to examine National governors' issues, 9:30 a.m., SD-106.

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation, to hold hearings to examine universal telephone service, 2 p.m., SR-253.

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources, business meeting, to mark up S. 104, to reform United States policy with regard to the management and disposal of spent nuclear fuel and high-level radioactive waste, 9:30 a.m., SD-366.

Committee on Finance, to hold hearings to examine the Graduate Medical Education program, 10 a.m., SD-215.

Committee on Foreign Relations, Subcommittee on International Economic Policy, Export and Trade Promotion, to hold hearings on proposed legislation authorizing funds for fiscal year 1998 for security assistance, 10 a.m., SD-419.

Subcommittee on Western Hemisphere, Peace Corps, Narcotics and Terrorism, to hold a closed briefing and an open hearing on Mexican and American responses to the international narcotics threat, 2 p.m., SD-419.

Committee on Labor and Human Resources, Subcommittee on Public Health and Safety, to hold hearings to examine scientific discoveries in cloning, focusing on challenges for public policy, 9:30 a.m., SD-G50.

Committee on Rules and Administration, to hold oversight hearings on the operations of the Smithsonian Institution, the Woodrow Wilson International Center, and the John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts, 9:30 a.m., SR-301.

Committee on Indian Affairs, to hold joint hearings with the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs, on Indian housing programs, 2:30 p.m., SD-106.

Select Committee on Intelligence, to continue hearings on the nomination of Anthony Lake, of Massachusetts, to be Director of Central Intelligence, 10 a.m., SH-216.

House

Committee on Agriculture, to mark up the following bills: H.R. 111, to authorize the Secretary of Agriculture to convey a parcel of unused agricultural land in Dos Palos, CA, to the Dos Palos Ag Boosters for use as a farm school; H.R. 394, to provide for the release of the reversionary interest held by the United States in certain property located in the County of Iosco, MI; H.R. 785, to designate the J. Phil Campbell, Senior, Natural Resource Conservation Center; and H.R. 1000, to require States to establish a system to prevent prisoners from being considered part of any household for purposes of determining eligibility of the household for food stamp benefits to be provided to the household under the Food Stamp Act of 1997, 1 p.m., 1300 Longworth.

Subcommittee on Department Operations, Nutrition, and Foreign Agriculture, hearing on the status of the electronic benefit transfer system for the food stamp program, 9:30 a.m., 1302 Longworth.

Committee on Appropriations, Subcommittee on Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies, on Congressional and public