

National Committee on Vital and Health Statistics: The Chair announced the Speaker's appointment of Mr. Jeffrey S. Blair of Atlanta, Georgia to the National Committee on Vital and Health Statistics on the part of the House. **Page H1002**

Quorum Calls—Votes: Four yea-and-nay votes and two recorded votes developed during the proceedings of the House today and appear on pages H962–63, H988, H988–89, H990, H995, and H999–H1000. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: Met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 7:57 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 Rural Development. Testimony was heard from Jill Long Thompson, Under Secretary, Rural Development, USDA.

COMMERCE, JUSTICE, STATE, AND JUDICIARY APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, State and Judiciary held a hearing on the Supreme Court, the Architect of the Capitol, the FCC and the National Telecommunications and Information Administration. Testimony was heard from the following Justices of the Supreme Court: Anthony M. Kennedy; and David H. Souter; Alan M. Hantman, Architect of the Capitol; Reed E. Hunt, Chairman, FCC; and Larry Irving, Assistant Secretary, Communications and Information, Department of Commerce.

ENERGY AND WATER DEVELOPMENT APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Energy and Water Development held a hearing on Energy Resources. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Energy; Martha A. Krebes, Director, Energy Research; Christine Ervin, Assistant Secretary, Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy; and Terry R. Lash, Assistant Secretary, Nuclear Energy.

FOREIGN OPERATIONS, EXPORT FINANCING, AND RELATED PROGRAMS APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Foreign Operations, Export Financing, and Related Programs held a hearing on Security Assistance. Testimony was

heard from Walter B. Slocombe, Under Secretary, Policy, Department of Defense; and Thomas McNamara, Assistant Secretary, Political-Military Affairs, Department of State.

INTERIOR APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Interior held a hearing on the National Endowments for the Arts and the National Endowments for the Humanities. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the National Foundation on the Arts and the Humanities; Jane Alexander, Chairman, National Endowments for the Arts; and Sheldon Hackney, Chairman, National Endowments for the Humanities.

LABOR-HHS-EDUCATION APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education held a hearing on Educational Research and Improvements, the Office of Inspector General, on Howard University and Special Institutions for the Disabled. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Education: Marshall S. Smith, Under Secretary; Thomas R. Bloom, Inspector General; H. Patrick Swygert, President, Howard University; Judith E. Heumann, Assistant Secretary, Special Education and Rehabilitative Services; Tuck Tinsley, III, President, American Printing House for the Blind; I. King Jordan, President, Gallaudet University; Robert R. Davila, Vice President and Wendell S. Thompson, Associate Director, both with the National Technical Institute for the Deaf, Rochester Institute of Technology; Ramon F. Rodriguez, Liaison Officer, Office of Special Institutions, Office of Special Education and Rehabilitative Services; Thomas P. Skelly, Director, Budget Service, Office of the Under Secretary; and Carol Cichowski, Director, Division of Special Education, Rehabilitation, and Research Analysis, Budget Service, Office of the Under Secretary.

MILITARY CONSTRUCTION APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Military Construction continued appropriations hearings. Testimony was heard from Members of Congress and public witnesses.

NATIONAL SECURITY APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on National Security held a hearing on Fiscal Year 1998 Army Budget Overview and on Army Acquisition Programs. Testimony was heard from the Department of the Army: Togo D. West, Jr., Secretary; Gen. Dennis J. Reimer, USA, Chief of Staff; Gilbert

F. Decker, Assistant Secretary, Research, Development and Acquisition; Lt. Gen. Ronald V. Hite, USA, Military Deputy to the Assistant Secretary (Research, Development and Acquisition).

TRANSPORTATION APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Transportation held a hearing on the Federal Highway Administration and on the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Transportation: Jane Garvey, Acting Administrator, Federal Highway Administration; and Ricardo Martinez, Administrator, National Highway Traffic Safety Administration.

TREASURY, POSTAL SERVICE, AND GENERAL GOVERNMENT APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Treasury, Postal Service, and General Government held a hearing on the Federal Election Commission. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the FEC: John Warren McGarry, Chairman; Joan D. Aikens, Vice Chairman; and Scott E. Thomas, Commissioner.

MULTILATERAL DEVELOPMENT BANKS

Committee on Banking and Financial Services: Subcommittee on Domestic and International Monetary Policy held a hearing on Multilateral Development Banks. Testimony was heard from William E. Schuerch, Acting Deputy Assistant Secretary, International Development, Debt and Environment Policy, Department of the Treasury.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Commerce: Ordered reported the following bills: H.R. 968, to amend Title XVIII and XIX of the Social Security Act to permit a waiver of the prohibition of offering nurse aide training and competency evaluation programs in certain nursing facilities; and H.R. 1001, to extend the term of appointment of certain members of the Prospective Payment Assessment Commission and the Physician Payment Review Commission.

ASSISTED SUICIDE FUNDING RESTRICTION ACT

Committee on Commerce: Subcommittee on Health and Environment approved for full Committee action amended H.R. 1003, Assisted Suicide Funding Restriction Act of 1997.

EDUCATION INITIATIVES

Committee on Education and the Workforce: Held a hearing on the Administration's Education initiatives. Testimony was heard from Representatives Saxton and Green; and public witnesses.

GOVERNMENT PERFORMANCE RESULTS ACT IMPLEMENTATION

Committee on Government Reform and Oversight: Subcommittee on Government Management, Information, and Technology concluded hearings on the Government Performance and Results Act Implementation: How to Achieve Results. Testimony was heard from Rudolph W. Giuliani, Mayor, City of New York.

HHS'S DEMONSTRATION PROGRAM—INFANT MORTALITY

Committee on Government Reform and Oversight: Subcommittee on Human Resources and Intergovernmental Relations held a hearing on HHS's Demonstration Program: "Healthy Start: Implementation Lessons and Impact on Infant Mortality." Testimony was heard from Representatives Cummings, Stokes, and Thompson; from the following officials of the Public Health Service, Department of Health and Human Services: Audrey Nora, M.D., Director, Maternal and Child Health Bureau, Health Resources and Services Administration; James Marks, M.D., Director, Chronic Disease Center, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention; Duane Alexander, M.D., Director, Institute of Child Health and Human Development, NIH; and Lisa Simpson, Acting Administrator, Agency for Health Care Policy and Research; and public witnesses.

DRUG FREE COMMUNITY ACT

Committee on Government Reform and Oversight: Subcommittee on National Security, International Affairs, and Criminal Justice approved for full Committee action amended H.R. 956, Drug-free Communities Act of 1997.

Prior to this action, the Subcommittee held a hearing on this bill. Testimony was heard from Representatives Portman and Levin; and public witnesses.

COMMITTEE FUNDING

Committee on House Oversight: Ordered reported amended H. Res. 91, providing amounts for the expenses of certain committees of the House of Representatives.

U.S. FOREIGN ASSISTANCE—POLICY

Committee on International Relations: Held a hearing on Foreign Assistance and U.S. Foreign Policy. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

AFRICA-U.S. DEVELOPMENT ASSISTANCE IMPACT

Committee on International Relations: Subcommittee on Africa held a hearing on the Impact of U.S. Development Assistance in Africa. Testimony was heard

from George Moose, Assistant Secretary, Africa, Department of State; Carol Peasley, Acting Administrator, Africa, AID, U.S. International Development Cooperation Agency; and public witnesses.

FOREIGN RELATIONS AUTHORIZATION

Committee on International Relations: Subcommittee on International Operations and Human Rights held a hearing on Foreign Relations Authorization for FY 1998: U.S. Information Agency and National Endowment for Democracy. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the U.S. Information Agency: Joseph D. Duffey, Director; and David Burke, Chairman, Broadcasting Board of Governors; and Carl Gershman, President, National Endowment for Democracy.

PRIVATE BILLS; COMMITTEE ORGANIZATION

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Immigration and Claims considered a private immigration bill and a private claims bill.

The Committee also met for organizational purposes.

MILITARY HOUSING REVITALIZATION

Committee on National Security: Subcommittee on Military Installations and Facilities held a hearing on revitalization of military housing. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Defense: John B. Goodman, Deputy Under Secretary (Industrial Affairs and Installations); Paul W. Johnson, Deputy Assistant Secretary of the Army (Installations and Facilities); Duncan Holaday, Deputy Assistant Secretary of the Navy (Installations and Facilities); and Jimmy G. Dishner, Deputy Assistant Secretary of the Air Force (Installations).

MILITARY COMPENSATION REFORM

Committee on National Security: Subcommittee on Military Personnel held a hearing on military compensation reform and recruiting/retention issues. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Defense: Frederick Pang, Assistant Secretary (Force Management Policy); Lt. Gen. Frederick E. Vollrath, USA, Deputy Chief of Staff, Personnel, Department of the Army; Vice Adm. Daniel T. Oliver, USN, Chief, Naval Personnel, Department of the Navy; Lt. Gen. Michael D. McGinty, USAF, Deputy Chief of Staff, Personnel, Department of the Air Force; and Lt. Gen. Carol A. Mutter, USMC, Deputy Chief of Staff, Manpower and Reserve Affairs, Headquarters, U.S. Marine Corps.

RUSSIAN MISSILE DETARGETING AND NUCLEAR DOCTRINE

Committee on National Security: Subcommittee on Military Research and Development held a hearing on Russian Missile Detargeting and Nuclear Doctrine. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Resources: Subcommittee on Fisheries Conservation, Wildlife and Oceans held a hearing on the following measures: H.R. 39, to reauthorize the African Elephant Conservation Act; and H. Con. Res. 8, expressing the sense of Congress with respect to the significance of maintaining the health and stability of coral reef ecosystems. Testimony was heard from Representatives Cunningham and Deutsch; Terry D. Garcia, Acting Assistant Secretary, Oceans and Atmosphere and Deputy Administrator, NOAA, Department of Commerce; Marshall Jones, Assistant Director, International Affairs, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Department of the Interior; and public witnesses.

DISPOSAL OF FEDERAL LANDS—ACQUISITION OF SENSITIVE LAND

Committee on Resources: Subcommittee on National Parks and Public Lands held a hearing on H.R. 449, to provide for the orderly disposal of certain Federal lands in Clark County, Nevada, and to provide for the acquisition of environmentally sensitive lands in the State of Nevada. Testimony was heard from Senators Reid and Bryan; Mat Millenbach, Deputy Director, Bureau of Land Management, Department of the Interior; and public witnesses.

NSF AUTHORIZATION

Committee on Science: Subcommittee on Basic Research continued hearings on the NSF Fiscal Year 1998 Authorization, Part II: Math, Science, and Engineering Education Programs. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

NOAA BUDGET AUTHORIZATION

Committee on Science: Subcommittee on Energy and Environment held a hearing on Fiscal Year 1998 Budget Authorization Request: NOAA. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Commerce: D. James Baker, Administrator, NOAA, and Under Secretary, Oceans and Atmospheres; and Frank DeGeorge, Inspector General; and Joel Willemssen, Director, Accounting and Information Management Division, GAO.

NASA AUTHORIZATION SPACE SHUTTLE PROGRAM

Committee on Science: Subcommittee on Space and Aeronautics held a hearing on Fiscal Year NASA Authorization: Space Shuttle Program. Testimony was heard from the following officials of NASA: Steve Oswald, Deputy Associate Administrator (Space Shuttle); and Paul M. Johnstone, Chairman, Aerospace Safety Panel; and a public witness.

FAA RESEARCH-ENGINEERING- DEVELOPMENT

Committee on Science: Subcommittee on Technology held a hearing on FAA Research, Engineering and Development. Testimony was heard from George L. Donohue, Associate Administrator, Research and Acquisitions, FAA, Department of Transportation; 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 Reauthorization. Testimony was heard from Members of Congress and public witnesses.

MEDICARE PREVENTIVE BENEFIT IMPROVEMENT ACT

Committee on Ways and Means: Subcommittee on Health held a hearing on H.R. 15, Medicare Preventive Benefit Improvement Act of 1997. Testimony was heard from Speaker Gingrich; Representatives Sisisky, Nethercutt and Furse; and public witnesses.

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

Committee on Ways and Means: Subcommittee on Trade approved for full Committee action Budget Authorizations for Fiscal Year 1998 and 1999 for the U.S. Customs Service, the International Trade Commission, and the Office of the U.S. Trade Representative.

AIRBORNE RECONNAISSANCE

Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence: Subcommittee on Technical and Tactical Intelligence met in executive session to hold a hearing on Airborne Reconnaissance. Testimony was heard from departmental witnesses.

Joint Meetings

INCOME TAX SYSTEM

Joint Economic Committee: Committee concluded hearings to examine the economic problems of the in-

come tax system, after receiving testimony from Lawrence B. Lindsey, former Member, Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System; and Norman B. Ture, Institute for Research on the Economics of Taxation, Barry K. Rogstad, American Business Conference, and Lawrence Chimerine, Economic Strategy Institute, all of Washington, D.C.

GPO/ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING

Joint Committee on Printing: Committee concluded oversight hearings to review activities of the Government Printing Office, after receiving testimony from Michael F. DiMario, Public Printer, Wayne Kelley, Superintendent of Documents, and T.C. Evans, Product Services Manager, Office of Electronic Information Dissemination Services, Superintendent of Documents, all of the Government Printing Office.

Also, committee met and elected Senator Warner as Chairman, and Representative Thomas as Vice Chairman.

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

Joint Hearing: Senate Committee on Governmental Affairs' Subcommittee on Oversight of Government Management, Restructuring, and the District of Columbia concluded joint hearings with the House Committee on Government Reform and Oversight's Subcommittee on the District of Columbia to examine the financial condition of the government of the District of Columbia, after receiving testimony from Mayor Marion Barry, Charlene Drew Jarvis, Chairwoman, City Council, Andrew Brimmer, Chairman, Financial Responsibility and Management Assistance Authority/City Control Board, and Anthony Williams, Chief Financial Officer, all of the District of Columbia.

CHECHNYA

Commission on Security and Cooperation in Europe (Helsinki Commission): Commission held hearings on the future of Chechnya, receiving testimony from Tim Guldemann, Organization on Security and Cooperation in Europe, Grozny, Chechnya.

Commission recessed subject to call.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR FRIDAY, MARCH 14, 1997

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Environment and Public Works, to hold hearings on the nominations of Johnny H. Hayes, of Tennessee, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Tennessee Valley Authority, Brig. Gen. Robert Bernard Flowers, USA, to be a Member of the Mississippi River Commission, and Judith M. Espinosa, of New Mexico,