

**Suspensions:** The House voted to suspend the rules and pass the following measures:

**Victims of Crime:** H.R. 924, amended, to amend title 18, United States Code, to give further assurance to the right of victims of crime to attend and observe the trials of those accused of the crime (passed by a yea-and-nay vote of 418 yeas to 9 nays, Roll No. 52); Pages H1048–52, H1067–68

**U.S. Marshals Service:** H.R. 927, to amend title 28, United States Code, to provide for appointment of United States marshals by the Attorney General; Pages H1052–53

**Technical Corrections to Copyright Laws:** H.R. 672, amended, to make technical amendments to certain provisions of title 17, United States Code (passed by a yea-and-nay vote of 424 yeas to 2 nays, Roll No. 53); and Pages H1053–56, H1068–69

**Waiver of Residency Requirements for Certain District of Columbia Employees:** H.R. 514, amended, to permit the waiver of District of Columbia residency requirements for certain employees of the Office of the Inspector General of the District of Columbia. Agreed to amend the title. Pages H1056–57

**Recess:** The House recessed at 3:45 p.m. and reconvened at 5 p.m. Page H1062

**Oroville-Tonasket Irrigation District:** The House passed H.R. 412, to approve a settlement agreement between the Bureau of Reclamation and the Oroville-Tonasket Irrigation District. Pages H1058–67

Agreed to the Committee amendment in the nature of a substitute. Pages H1058–67

Rejected the Miller of California amendment that sought to require the irrigation district to pay fair market value for the property and facilities; determine the market value by a panel of three appraisers; and specifies that the district and Secretary of the Interior each select one panel member, with the third member selected by the other two (rejected by a recorded vote of 195 yeas to 232 noes, Roll No. 50). Pages H1063–66

H. Res. 94, the rule under which the bill was considered, was agreed to earlier by a voice vote. Pages H1057–58

**Investment Advisors:** Considered by unanimous consent, the House passed S. 410, to extend the effective date of the Investment Advisors Supervision Coordination Act. Pages H1069–71

**Assistant Clerk Designations:** Read a letter from the Clerk wherein she designates Ms. Julie Perrier, Assistant Clerk, and Mr. Ray Strong, Assistant Clerk, to sign papers and do other acts under the

name of the Clerk of the House of Representatives in the Clerk's temporary absence or disability. Page H1071

**Quorum Calls—Votes:** Two yea-and-nay votes and one recorded vote developed during the proceedings of the House today and appear on pages H1066, H1068, and H1068–69. There were no quorum calls.

**Adjournment:** Met at 12:30 p.m. and adjourned at 11:28 p.m.

## Committee Meetings

### AGRICULTURE TRADE

**Committee on Agriculture:** Held a hearing on Agriculture Trade into the 21st century. Testimony was heard from Dan Glickman, Secretary of Agriculture.

### AGRICULTURE, RURAL DEVELOPMENT, FDA AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS

**Committee on Appropriations:** Subcommittee on Agriculture, Rural Development, Federal Drug Administration and Related Agencies held a hearing on Departmental Administration and Office of the Chief Financial Officer. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the USDA: Pearlie Reed, Acting Assistant Secretary, Administration; Irwin T. David, Acting Chief Financial Officer; and Anne F. Thomson Reed, Acting Chief Information Officer.

The Subcommittee also continued appropriation hearings. Testimony was heard from Members of Congress and public witnesses.

### COMMERCE, JUSTICE, STATE, AND JUDICIARY APPROPRIATIONS

**Committee on Appropriations:** Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, State and Judiciary held a hearing on the Department of Commerce and on the International Trade Administration/International Trade Commission. Testimony was heard from Stuart E. Eizenstat, Under Secretary, International Trade Administration, Department of Commerce; and Marcia E. Miller, Chairman, U. S. International Trade Commission.

### INTERIOR APPROPRIATIONS

**Committee on Appropriations:** Subcommittee on Interior held a hearing on Geological Survey and on Secretary of Energy. Testimony was heard from Gordon P. Eaton, Director, U.S. Geological Survey, Department of the Interior; and Federico Peña, Secretary of Energy.

## LABOR-HHS-EDUCATION APPROPRIATIONS

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education held a hearing on the National Institute of Mental Health, the National Institute of Aging, the National Institute of Neurological Disorders and Stroke, and the National Institute of General Medical Sciences. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Health and Human Services: Dennis P. Williams, Deputy Assistant Secretary, Budget; Steven E. Hyman, M.D., Director, Richard K. Nakamura, M.D., Associate Director, Science Policy, William T. Fitzsimmons, Executive Officer, Gemma M. Weiblinger, Special Assistant to the Director and J. Richard Pine, Budget Officer, all with the National Institute of Mental Health; Richard J. Hodes, M.D., Director, National Institute of Aging; Harold Varmus, M.D., Director, NIH; Zach W. Hall, M.D., Director, National Institute of Neurological Disorders and Stroke; and Marvin Cassman, M.D., Director, National Institute of General Medical Sciences.

## TRANSPORTATION APPROPRIATIONS

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Transportation held a hearing on the FAA. Testimony was heard from Barry Valentine, Acting Administrator, FAA, Department of Transportation.

## TREASURY, POSTAL SERVICE, AND GENERAL GOVERNMENT APPROPRIATIONS

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Treasury, Postal Service, and General Government held a hearing on the National Archives. Testimony was heard from John W. Carlin, Archivist of the United States, National Archives and Records Administration.

## VA-HUD-INDEPENDENT AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on VA, HUD and Independent Agencies held a hearing on the Department of Housing and Urban Development. Testimony was heard from Andrew M. Cuomo, Secretary of Housing and Urban Development.

## HOMEOWNERS INSURANCE PROTECTION ACT

*Committee on Banking and Financial Services:* Held a hearing on H.R. 607, Homeowners Insurance Protection Act. Testimony was heard from Representatives Hansen, Kennedy of Massachusetts and Waters; Michael Stamper, Executive, Vice President, Risk Management, Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corporation; and public witnesses.

## SUBSTANCE ABUSE AND MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES ACT REAUTHORIZATION

*Committee on Commerce:* Subcommittee on Health and Environment held a hearing on the reauthorization of the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Act (SAMSHA). Testimony was heard from Nelba R. Chavez, Administrator, Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration, Department of Health and Human Services; Frankie Sue Del Papa, Attorney General, State of Nevada; and public witnesses.

## MANDATORY UNION DUES

*Committee on Education and the Workforce:* Subcommittee on Employer-Employee Relations held a hearing on mandatory union dues. Testimony was heard from Representative Torres; and public witnesses.

## OVERSIGHT—HHS AND VETERANS' AFFAIRS; MISSION MANAGEMENT AND PERFORMANCE

*Committee on Government Reform and Oversight:* Subcommittee on Human Resources continued oversight hearings on the Department of Health and Human Services and the Department of Veterans' Affairs: Mission, Management, and Performance. Testimony was heard from June Gibbs Brown, Inspector General, Department of Health and Human Services; the following officials of the GAO: Richard L. Hembra, Assistant Comptroller General, Health, Education and Human Services; Thomas G. Dowdal, Assistant Director, Health Financing and Public Health Issues; and David P. Baine, Director, Federal Health Care Delivery Issues; and William Merriman, Deputy Inspector General, Department of Veterans Affairs.

## OPIC—AUTHORIZE, PRIVATIZE, REFORM OR TERMINATE

*Committee on International Relations:* Subcommittee on International Economic Policy and Trade held a hearing to review the Overseas Private Investment Corporation—Authorize, Privatize, Reform, or Terminate. Testimony was heard from Ruth Harkin, CEO, Overseas Private Investment Corporation, 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 the Foreign Relations Authorization for FY 1998–99: International Organizations and Conferences. Testimony was heard from Princeton Lyman, Acting Assistant Secretary, Bureau of International Organization Affairs, Department of State.

## TAX LIMITATION—CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT

*Committee on the Judiciary:* Subcommittee on the Constitution held a hearing on H.J. Res. 62, proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States with respect to tax limitation. Testimony was heard from Representative Shadegg; and public witnesses.

## MILITARY BASE REALIGNMENT AND CLOSURE PROCESS

*Committee on National Security:* Subcommittee on Military Installations and Facilities held a hearing on current implementation issues in the base realignment and closure process. Testimony was heard from John B. Goodman, Deputy Under Secretary (Industrial Affairs and Installations), Department of Defense; and Neil Singer, Deputy Assistant Director, National Security, CBO.

## NEW ATTACK SUBMARINE PROGRAM

*Committee on National Security:* Subcommittee on Military Procurement held a hearing on the New Attack Submarine Program. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of the Navy: John W. Douglass, Assistant Secretary, Navy, Research, Development and Acquisition; and Vice Adm. Donald Tilling, USN, Deputy Chief of Naval Operations, Resources, Requirements and Assessments; Ronald O'Rourke, Specialist in National Defense, Congressional Research Service, Library of Congress; and public witnesses.

## MILITARY DEPOT-LEVEL MAINTENANCE ISSUES

*Committee on National Security:* Subcommittee on Military Readiness held a hearing on depot-level maintenance issues. Testimony was heard from David R. Warren, Director, Defense Management Issues, GAO; and the following officials of the Department of Defense: Gen. Johnnie E. Wilson, USA, Commander, Army Materiel Command; Vice Adm. George R. Sterner, USN, Commander, Naval Sea Systems Command and Vice Adm. John A. Lockard, USN, Commander, Naval Air Systems Command, both with the Department of the Navy; Gen. Henry Viccellio, Jr., USAF, Commander, Air Force Materiel Command, Department of the Air Force; and Brig. Gen. Harry K. Barnes, USMC, Commander, Marine Corps Logistics Bases, Headquarters, U.S. Marine Corps; and public witnesses.

## OVERSIGHT—NATION'S FORESTS MANAGEMENT

*Committee on Resources:* Subcommittee on Forests and Forest Health held an oversight hearing on Management of our Nation's forests and criteria for deter-

mining healthy forests. Testimony was heard from Michael Dombeck, Chief, Forest Service, USDA; and public witnesses.

## WORKING FAMILIES FLEXIBILITY ACT

*Committee on Rules:* Granted a modified closed rule providing 1 hour of debate on H.R. 1, Working Families Flexibility Act of 1997. The rule makes in order the Committee on Education and the Workforce amendment in the nature of a substitute now printed in the bill as an original bill for the purpose of amendment and provides that it shall be considered as read.

The rule makes in order only those amendments printed in the report of the Committee on Rules. The amendments made in order by this rule shall be considered only in the order specified, shall be considered as read, shall be debatable for the time specified in the report equally divided and controlled by the proponent and an opponent, shall not be subject to amendment, and shall not be subject to a demand for a division of the question in the House or in the Committee of the Whole. The rule further provides that an amendment designated to be offered by the chairman of the Committee on Education and the Workforce or his designee may be offered en bloc with one or more other such amendments.

Finally, the rule provides one motion to recommit with or without instructions. Testimony was heard from Chairman Goodling and Representatives Fawell, Ballenger, Clay, Miller of California and Owens.

## BUDGET VIEWS AND ESTIMATES

*Committee on Rules:* Approved its Budget Views and Estimates for Fiscal Year 1998 for transmission to the Committee on the Budget.

## U.S. FIRE ADMINISTRATION

*Committee on Science:* Subcommittee on Basic Research held a hearing on the fiscal year 1998 Authorization of the United States Fire Administration. Testimony was heard from Carrye Brown, Administrator, U.S. Fire Administration, FEMA; and public witnesses.

## ISTEA REAL INFRASTRUCTURE PROGRAMS

*Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure:* Subcommittee on Railroads held a hearing on the ISTEA Rail Infrastructure Programs. Testimony was heard from Don Itzkoff, Deputy Administrator, Federal Railroad Administration, Department of Transportation; Leo Howard, Chairman, Board of Directors, Rail Authority, State of West Virginia; and public witnesses.

**MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES**

*Committee on Ways and Means:* Subcommittee on Health approved for full Committee action the following bills: H.R. 1001, to extend the term of appointment of certain members of the Prospective Payment Assessment Commission and the Physician Payment Review Commission; and H.R. 1003, Assisted Suicide Funding Restriction Act of 1997.

**IRS BUDGET—TAX RETURN FILING SEASON**

*Committee on Ways and Means:* Subcommittee on Oversight held a hearing on the IRS Budget for fiscal year 1998 and the 1997 Tax Return Filing Season. Testimony was heard from Representative Archer; Mike Dolan, Deputy Commissioner, IRS, Department of the Treasury; Lynda D. Willis, Director, Tax Policy and Administration Issues, General Government Division, GAO; and public witnesses.

**U.S. TRADE POLICY OBJECTIVES AND INITIATIVES**

*Committee on Ways and Means:* Subcommittee on Trade held a hearing on the U.S. Trade Policy Objectives and Initiatives. Testimony was heard from Representative Visclosky; Charlene Barshefsky, U.S. Trade Representative-designate; and public witnesses.

**BUDGET—TECHNICAL INTELLIGENCE**

*Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence:* Met in executive session to hold a hearing on the Budget—Technical Intelligence: Requirements, Collection, Processing and Exploitation. Testimony was heard from departmental witnesses.

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**NEW PUBLIC LAWS**

(For last listing of Public Laws, see DAILY DIGEST p. D187)

S.J. Res. 5, waiving certain provisions of the Trade Act of 1974 relating to the appointment of the United States Trade Representative. Signed March 17, 1997. (P.L. 105-5)

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**COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR WEDNESDAY, MARCH 19, 1997**

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

**Senate**

*Committee on Appropriations,* Subcommittee on Defense, to hold closed hearings to review proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 1998 for the intelligence community, 10 a.m., S-407, Capitol.

Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, State, and the Judiciary, to hold hearings on proposed budget estimates

for fiscal year 1998 for the Securities and Exchange Commission, 2 p.m., S-146, Capitol.

*Committee on Armed Services,* Subcommittee on Strategic Forces, to resume hearings in open and closed session on proposed legislation authorizing funds for fiscal year 1998 for the Department of Defense and the future years defense program, focusing on Department of Energy weapons programs., 9:30 a.m., SR-222.

Subcommittee on Acquisition and Technology, to hold hearings to review the status of acquisition reform in the Department of Defense, 10 a.m., SR-418.

Subcommittee on Seapower, to hold hearings on proposed legislation authorizing funds for fiscal year 1998 for the Department of Defense and the future years defense program, 2 p.m., SR-222.

Subcommittee on Readiness, to hold hearings on proposed legislation authorizing funds for fiscal year 1998 for the Department of Defense and the future years defense program, focusing on military readiness accounts, 2 p.m., SR-232A.

*Committee on the Budget,* to hold a meeting to discuss various budget proposals for fiscal year 1998, 9:30 a.m., SD-608.

*Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation,* Subcommittee on Communications, to hold hearings to examine the Federal Communications Commission implementation of the Telecommunications Act of 1996, focusing on efforts to implement universal telephone service reform and FCC proposals to assess new per-minute fees on Internet service providers, 9:30 a.m., SR-253.

Full Committee, to hold hearings on S. 377, to promote electronic commerce by facilitating the use of strong encryption, 2 p.m., SR-253.

*Committee on Environment and Public Works,* Subcommittee on Transportation and Infrastructure, to resume hearings on proposed legislation authorizing funds for programs of the Intermodal Surface Transportation Efficiency Act, focusing on environmental programs and statewide and metropolitan planning, 9:30 a.m., SD-406.

*Committee on Finance,* to hold hearings on improving Medicare choices, 10 a.m., SD-215.

*Committee on the Judiciary,* Subcommittee on Technology, Terrorism, and Government Information, to hold hearings to examine Internet crimes affecting consumers, 9 a.m., SD-226.

Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine efforts by private individuals, community organizations, and religious groups to prevent juvenile crime, 2 p.m., SD-226.

*Committee on Labor and Human Resources,* to hold hearings to examine proposals to reform the operation of the Food and Drug Administration, 9:30 a.m., SD-430.

*Committee on Veterans' Affairs,* to hold joint hearings with the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs on the legislative recommendations of the Disabled American Veterans, 9:30 a.m., 345 Cannon Building.

**House**

*Committee on Agriculture,* Subcommittee on Department Operations, Nutrition, and Foreign Agriculture, hearing