

disclosures (rejected by a recorded vote of 178 ayes to 227 noes, Roll No. 85). **Page H1684**

H. Res. 116, the rule providing for the consideration of the bill was agreed to earlier by a voice vote. **Page H1629**

**Committee Resignations:** Read a letter from Representative Holden wherein he resigned from the Committee on Government Reform and Oversight; read a letter from Representative Lampson wherein he resigned from the Committee on Resources; and read a letter from Representative Doggett wherein he resigned from the Committee on Science. **Page H1684**

**Concerning Democracy in Zaire:** The House agreed to H. Res. 115, concerning the promotion of peace, stability, and democracy in Zaire. Agreed to the Royce amendment to the text; and agreed to the Royce amendment to the preamble. **Pages H1684–86**

**Committee Election:** Agreed to H. Res. 120 electing Representatives Holden and Lampson to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure; Representative Tauscher to the Committee on Science; Representative Davis of Florida to the Committee on International Relations; Representative Rodriguez to the Committee on National Security; Representative Doggett to the Committee on Resources; and Representative Ford to the Committee on Government Reform and Oversight. **Page H1687**

**Bipartisan Task Force on Reform of the Ethics Process:** Agreed by unanimous consent that the order of the House of February 12, 1997 be extended through April 23, 1997. On February 12, in furtherance of the understanding concerning the establishment of the ethics task force, it was made in order that during the period beginning immediately and ending on April 11, 1997: (1) the Committee on Standards of Official Conduct may not receive, renew, initiate, or investigate a complaint against the official conduct of a member, officer, or employee of the House; (2) the Committee on Standard of Official Conduct may issue advisory opinions and perform other non-investigative functions; and (3) a resolution addressing the official conduct of a member, officer, or employee of the House that is proposed to be offered from the floor by a member other than the Majority Leader or the Minority Leader as a question of the privileges of the House shall once noticed pursuant to clause 2(a)(1) of Rule IX, have precedence of all other questions except motions to adjourn only at a time or place designated by the chair in the legislative schedule within two legislative days after April 11, 1997. **Page H1687**

**Meeting Hour:** Agreed that when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet at 3:00 p.m. on

Monday, April 21; and agreed that when the House adjourns on Monday, it adjourn to meet at 2:00 p.m. on Wednesday, April 23. **Page H1687**

**Calendar Wednesday:** Agreed that the business in order under the Calendar Wednesday rule be dispensed with on Wednesday, April 23. **Page H1687**

**Senate Messages:** Message received from the Senate today appears on page H1621.

**Quorum Calls—Votes:** Four recorded votes developed during the proceedings of the House today and appear on pages H1624–25, H1625–26, H1626, and H1683–84. There were no quorum calls.

**Adjournment:** Met at 10:00 a.m. and adjourned at 8:52 p.m.

## Committee Meetings

### CONSERVATION RESERVE PROGRAM

*Committee on Agriculture:* Ordered reported amended H.R. 1342, to provide for a 1-year enrollment in the conservation reserve of land covered by expiring conservation reserve program contracts.

### NAFTA—REVIEW STATUS

*Committee on Agriculture:* Subcommittee on General Farm Commodities held a hearing on the status of NAFTA with Canada and Mexico. Testimony was heard from August Schumacher, Jr., Administrator, Foreign Agricultural Service, USDA; and public witnesses.

### COMMODITY EXCHANGE ACT

*Committee on Agriculture:* Subcommittee on Risk Management and Specialty Crops concluded hearings on reform of the Commodity Exchange Act and provisions of H.R. 467, Commodity Exchange Act Amendments of 1997. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

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

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, State and the Judiciary continued appropriation hearings. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

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

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Foreign Operations, Export Financing and Related Programs held a hearing on Export Finance Agencies. Testimony was heard from Rita M. Rodriguez, Acting

President and Chairman, Export-Import Bank; Mildred O. Callear, Acting President and CEO, Overseas Private Investment Corporation, U.S. International Development Cooperation Agency; and J. Joseph Grandmaison, Director, Trade and Development Agency.

#### **LABOR-HHS-EDUCATION APPROPRIATIONS**

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services continued appropriation hearings. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

#### **NATIONAL SECURITY APPROPRIATIONS**

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on National Security continued appropriation hearings. Testimony was heard from Members of Congress and public witnesses.

#### **HOUSING OPPORTUNITY AND RESPONSIBILITY ACT OF 1997**

*Committee on Banking and Financial Services:* Continued markup of H.R. 2, Housing Opportunity and Responsibility Act of 1997.

Will continue April 23.

#### **PROPOSED OZONE AND PARTICULATE MATTER NAAQS REVISIONS**

*Committee on Commerce:* Subcommittee on Health and Environment and the Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations continued joint hearings on Review of EPA's Proposed Ozone and Particulate Matter NAAQS Revisions. Testimony was heard from Mary Nichols, Assistant Administrator, Air and Radiation, EPA; and Sally Katzen, Administrator, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, OMB.

Hearings continue April 24.

#### **FOOD SAFETY IN THE SCHOOL LUNCH PROGRAM**

*Committee on Education and the Workforce:* Subcommittee on Early Childhood, Youth and Families held a hearing on food safety in the School Lunch Program. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the USDA: Mary Ann Keefe, Acting Under Secretary, Food, Nutrition and Consumer Services; and Ken Clayton, Director, Agricultural Marketing Service; the following officials of the Department of Health and Human Services: Fred Shank, Director, Center for Food Safety and Applied Nutrition, FDA; and Harold Margolis, M.D., Chief, Hepatitis Branch, National Center for Infectious Diseases, Center for Disease Control, Department of Health and Human Services; and public witnesses.

#### **U.N. PEACEKEEPING**

*Committee on International Relations:* Continued hearings on "Does U.N. Peacekeeping Serve U.S. Interests?" (Part II). Testimony was heard from Princeton Lyman, Assistant Secretary, International Organizational Affairs, Department of State; and Edward L. Warner, Assistant Secretary, Strategy, Department of Defense.

#### **MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES**

*Committee on the Judiciary:* Subcommittee on Commercial and Administrative Law held a hearing on the following bills: H.R. 874, to provide that Oregon may not tax compensation paid to a resident of Washington for services as a Federal employee at a Federal hydroelectric facility located on the Columbia River; and H.R. 865, to provide that Kentucky may not tax compensation paid to a resident of Tennessee for services as a Federal employee at Fort Campbell, KY. Testimony was heard from Senator Thompson; Representatives Bryant, Linda Smith of Washington and Hastings of Washington; and public witnesses.

#### **FAIR HOUSING REFORM AND FREEDOM OF SPEECH ACT**

*Committee on the Judiciary:* Subcommittee on the Constitution held a hearing on H.R. 589, Fair Housing Reform and Freedom of Speech Act of 1997. Testimony was heard from Representative Bilbray; Paul Hancock, Deputy Assistant Attorney General, Civil Rights Division, Department of Justice; Susan Golding, Mayor, San Diego, California; and public witnesses.

#### **OVERSIGHT—FOREST SERVICE BUDGET**

*Committee on Resources:* Subcommittee on Forests and Forest Health held an oversight hearing on Forest Service Budget. Testimony was heard from James Lyons, Under Secretary, Natural Resources and Environment, USDA.

#### **OVERSIGHT—CALFED BAY-DELTA PROGRAM**

*Committee on Resources:* Subcommittee on Water and Power held an oversight hearing on the CALFED Bay-Delta Program and the fiscal year 1998 federal funding request for the program. Testimony was heard from John R. Garamendi, Deputy Secretary, Department of the Interior; Robert Perciasepe, Assistant Administrator, Water, EPA; Douglas P. Wheeler, Secretary for Resources, State of California; Lester Snow, Executive Director, CALFED Bay-Delta Program; and public witnesses.

**CIVILITY—HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES**

*Committee on Rules:* Subcommittee on Rules and Organization of the House held a hearing on Civility in the House of Representatives. Testimony was heard from Kathleen Hall Jamieson, Dean, Annenberg School for Communication, University of Pennsylvania and Donald Wolfensberger, Guest Scholar, Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars.

**FEDERAL AGENCY COMPLIANCE WITH REGULATORY FLEXIBILITY ACT**

*Committee on Small Business:* Subcommittee on Government Programs and Oversight and Subcommittee on Regulatory Reform and Paperwork Reduction concluded joint hearings on Federal Agency Compliance with the Regulatory Flexibility Act: Are Federal Agencies Using "Good Science" In Their Making? Testimony was heard from Jere Glover, Chief Counsel for Advocacy, SBA; Thomas Kelly, Chair, Small Business Advocacy, EPA; Robert Burt, Office of Regulatory Analysis, Department of Labor; and public witnesses.

**SEXUAL HARASSMENT WITHIN VA**

*Committee on Veterans' Affairs:* Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations held a hearing on sexual harassment issues involving senior career managers within the VA. Testimony was heard from Ronnie Blumenthal, Director, Office of Federal Operations, EEOC; the following officials of the Veterans Administration: Hershel Gober, Deputy Secretary; Eugene A. Brickhouse, Assistant Secretary, Human Resources and Management; Gerald K. Hinch, Deputy Assistant Secretary, Equal Opportunity; Mary Lou Keener, General Counsel; Jule D. Moravec, Chief Network Officer, Veterans Health Administration; Leroy P. Gross, M.D., Director, Veterans Integrated Service Network #6, Veterans Health Administration; and William T. Merriman, Deputy Inspector General; certain current or former women employees of the Veterans Affairs Medical Center, Fayetteville, NC; and public witnesses.

**MEDICARE'S COVERAGE POLICY**

*Committee on Ways and Means:* Subcommittee on Health held a hearing on Issues Relating to Medicare's Coverage Policy. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Health and Human Services: Bruce C. Vladeck, Administrator, Health Care Financing Administration; John M. Eisenberg, M.D., Administrator, Agency for Health Care Policy and Research; and Claude Lenfant, M.D., Director, National Heart, Blood and Lung Institute, NIH; and public witnesses.

**COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR FRIDAY, APRIL 18, 1997**

*(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)*

**Senate**

*Committee on Foreign Relations,* to hold hearings on the nomination of Thomas R. Pickering, of New Jersey, to be Under Secretary of State for Political Affairs, 10 a.m., SD-419.

*Committee on Labor and Human Resources,* to hold hearings to examine proposals to improve the health status of children, 9:30 a.m., SD-430.

**House**

*Committee on Government Reform and Oversight,* Subcommittee on Government Management, Information, and Technology, hearing on "Oversight of the Debt Collection Improvement Act", 9:30 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

**CONGRESSIONAL PROGRAM AHEAD  
Week of April 21 through 26, 1997****Senate Chamber**

On *Monday*, Senate will meet in pro forma session.

On *Tuesday*, no legislative business is scheduled.

On *Wednesday*, Senate will consider the Chemical Weapons Convention (Treaty Doc. 103-21), and S. Res. 75, to advise and consent to the ratification of the Chemical Weapons Convention, subject to certain conditions.

During the balance of the week, Senate may consider any cleared executive and legislative business.

*(Senate will recess on Tuesday, April 22, 1997 from 12:30 p.m. until 2:15 p.m. for respective party conferences.)*

**Senate Committees**

*(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)*

*Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry:* April 24, to hold hearings on U.S. agricultural export issues, 9 a.m., SR-332.

*Committee on Appropriations:* April 22, Subcommittee on VA, HUD, and Independent Agencies, to hold hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 1998 for the National Science Foundation and the Office of Science and Technology Policy, 9:30 a.m., SD-192.

April 22 and 24, Subcommittee on Energy and Water Development, to hold hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 1998, Tuesday, for the Environmental Management Program of the Department of Energy, 9:30 a.m.; Thursday, for the Corp of Engineers and the Bureau of Reclamation, Department of the Interior, 9:30 a.m.; SD-124.

April 22, Subcommittee on Agriculture, Rural Development, and Related Agencies, to hold hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 1998 for the Agricultural Research Service, the Cooperative State Research, Education, and Extension Service, the Economic Research