

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA CRIME AND VIOLENCE

Committee on Governmental Affairs: Subcommittee on Oversight of Government Management, Restructuring and the District of Columbia concluded hearings on S. 294, to establish Federal penalties for the killing or attempted killing of a law enforcement officer of the District of Columbia, after receiving testimony from Senator Hutchison; Carol Schwartz, Member, Council of the District of Columbia, Stephen Harlan, Vice Chairman, District of Columbia Financial Responsibility and Management Assistance Authority, Eugene N. Hamilton, Chief Judge, Superior Court of the District of Columbia, Larry D. Soulsby, Chief, Metropolitan Police Department, and Robert E. Moffit, Heritage Foundation, H. Beecher Hicks, Jr., Metropolitan Baptist Church, and Tracie Gibson, all of Washington, D.C.; and Gary Mather and James Stewart, both of Booz-Allen & Hamilton, Inc., Falls Church, Virginia; and C. Stephen Wallis, Ellicott City, Maryland.

JUSTICE DEPARTMENT

Committee on the Judiciary: Committee concluded oversight hearings on the operations of the Department of Justice, after receiving testimony from Janet Reno, Attorney General, Department of Justice.

EQUAL OPPORTUNITY IN FEDERAL CONSTRUCTION

Committee on Labor and Human Resources: Committee concluded hearings to examine equal opportunity issues in the Federal construction industry, including the impact of the proposed Executive Order to require project labor agreements to be utilized for all federal and federally funded construction projects, and S. 606, to prohibit discrimination in contracting on federally funded projects on the basis of certain labor policies of potential contractors, after receiving testimony from Senator Hutchinson; John A. Koskinen, Deputy Director for Management, Office of Management and Budget; Robert A. Georgine, Building and Construction Trades Department/AFL-CIO, and R. Bruce Josten, United States Chamber of Commerce, both of Washington, D.C.; Tom Roller, Granite Construction Company, Watsonville, California, on behalf of the Associated General Contractors of America; Peter G. Vigue, Cianbro Corporation, Pittsfield, Maine, on behalf of the Associated Builders and Contractors, Inc.; and John T. Dunlop, Harvard University, Cambridge, Massachusetts.

INTELLIGENCE

Select Committee on Intelligence: Committee held closed hearings on intelligence matters, receiving testimony from officials of the intelligence community.

Committee will meet again on Tuesday, May 6.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Bills Introduced: 21 public bills, H.R. 1487-1507; and 4 resolutions, H.J. Res. 75, H. Con. Res. 69, and H. Res. 137-138, were introduced.

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Reports Filed: One report was filed as follows:

H. Res. 136, providing for consideration of H. Res. 129, providing amounts for the expenses of certain committees of the House of Representatives in the One Hundred Fifth Congress (H. Rept. 105-84).

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Adoption Promotion Act: By a yea-and-nay vote of 416 yeas to 5 nays, Roll No. 96, the House passed H.R. 867, to promote the adoption of children in foster care.

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Agreed to the Committee amendment in the nature of a substitute as modified and amended.

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Agreed to:

The Traficant amendment that expresses the sense of the Congress that, to the greatest extent practicable, all equipment and products purchased with funds made available under this Act should be American-made;

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The Morella amendment that provides that at least one of the projects approved pursuant to the authority to approve home child protection demonstration projects shall address kinship care;

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The Jackson-Lee amendment that provides, at the option of the States, for a criminal record and child abuse registry check for prospective foster or adoptive parents and employees of child care institutions; and

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The Maloney of New York amendment that expresses the sense of the Congress that the States

should have in effect laws and procedures that permit any parent who is chronically ill or near death to designate a standby guardian without surrendering parental rights.

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Amendments Withdrawn:

The Tiahrt amendment was offered but subsequently withdrawn that sought to have States seek to terminate parental rights of children who have spent 12 of their most recent 18 months in foster care and removes the exception that allows a state to document a compelling reason for not filing a petition to terminate the rights;

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The Morella amendment was offered but subsequently withdrawn that sought to establish kinship care demonstration projects; and

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The Eddie Bernice Johnson amendment was offered but subsequently withdrawn that sought to include assistance in establishing outreach programs to identify and recruit minority families to adopt children.

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The Clerk was authorized in the engrossment of H.R. 867 to correct section numbers, punctuation, and cross references and to make such other technical and conforming changes as may be necessary to reflect the actions of the House in amending the bill.

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Earlier, the House agreed to H. Res. 134, the rule that provided for consideration of the bill, by voice vote.

Pages H2012–15

Housing Authority and Responsibility Act: The House completed all debate on H.R. 2, to repeal the United States Housing Act of 1937, deregulate the public housing program and the program for rental housing assistance for low-income families, and increase community control over such programs. Consideration of amendments will begin on Thursday, May 1.

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Earlier, the House agreed to H. Res. 133, the rule that is providing for consideration of the bill, by voice vote.

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Committee Election: The House agreed to H. Res. 137, electing Representative Mica to the Committee on House Oversight.

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Amendments: Amendments ordered printed pursuant to the rule appear on pages H2092–94.

Quorum Calls—Votes: One yea-and-nay vote developed during the proceedings of the House today and appears on pages H2034–35. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: Met at 11:00 a.m. and adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

Committee Meetings

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on the District of Columbia held a hearing on the Administration's Proposal. Testimony was heard from John W. Hill, Jr., Executive Director, Financial Responsibility and Management Assistance Authority; G. Edward DeSeve, Controller, Office of Federal Financial Management, OMB; and public witnesses.

VA-HUD-EDUCATION APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on VA, HUD, and Independent Agencies continued appropriation hearings. Testimony was heard from Members of Congress and public witnesses.

RIEGLE-NEAL CLARIFICATION ACT

Committee on Banking and Financial Services: Subcommittee on Financial Institutions and Consumer Credit held a hearing on H.R. 1306, Riegle-Neal Clarification Act of 1997. Testimony was heard from Thomas R. Carper, Governor, State of Delaware; Margarita Prentice, Senator, State of Washington; and public witnesses.

MEDICAL DEVICES

Committee on Commerce: Subcommittee on Health and Environment held a hearing on Medical Devices: Technological Innovation and Patient/Provider Perspectives. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the FDA, Department of Health and Human Services: Michael A. Friedman, M.D., Lead Deputy Commissioner; D. Bruce Burlington, M.D., Director and Susan Alpert, M.D., Director, Office of Device Evaluation, both with the Center for Devices and Radiological Health; and public witnesses.

PRODUCT LIABILITY

Committee on Commerce: Subcommittee on Telecommunications, Trade, and Consumer Protection held a hearing on Product Liability Reform and How the Legal Fee Structure Affects Consumer Compensation. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

EMPLOYMENT, TRAINING AND LITERACY ENHANCEMENT ACT

Committee on Education and the Workforce: Ordered reported amended H.R. 1385, Employment, Training and Literacy Enhancement Act of 1997.