

H5116, and H5116-17. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: Met at 10:00 a.m. and adjourned at 12:30 a.m. on Friday, July 11.

Committee Meetings

COMMERCE, JUSTICE, STATE, AND JUDICIARY APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, State, and Judiciary approved for full Committee action the Commerce, Justice, State, and Judiciary appropriations for fiscal year 1998.

COMBAT COUNTERFEITING

Committee on Banking and Financial Services: Subcommittee on General Oversight and Investigations held a hearing to review Treasury Department efforts to combat counterfeiting and its compliance with the international counterfeiting provisions of the Antiterrorism and Effective Death Penalty Act of 1996. Testimony was heard from John D. Hawke, Jr., Under Secretary, Domestic Finance, Department of the Treasury; and JayEtta Z. Hecker, Associate Director, International Relations and Trade Issues, GAO.

LITERACY: WHY CHILDREN CAN'T READ

Committee on Education and the Workforce: Held a hearing on Literacy: Why Children Can't Read. Testimony was heard from Reid Lyon, Acting Chief, Learning Disabled, Cognitive Development Branch, National Institute of Child Health and Human Development, Department of Health and Human Services; and public witnesses.

OVERSIGHT—NURSING HOMES HEALTH CARE

Committee on Government Reform and Oversight: Subcommittee on Human Resources continued oversight hearings on Fraud and Abuse in Nursing Home Services Billed to Medicare and Medicaid, Part 2. Testimony was heard from Kathleen Buto, Deputy Director, Center for Health Plans and Providers, Health Care Financing Administration, Department of Health and Human Services; and public witnesses.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Resources: Subcommittee on Forests and Forest Health held a hearing on the following bills: H.R. 1663, to clarify the intent of the Congress in Public Law 93-632 to require the Secretary of Agriculture to continue to provide for the maintenance of 18 concrete dams and weirs that were located in the Emigrant Wilderness at the time the wilderness area was designated as wilderness in that Public Law; and H.R. 1944, Warner Canyon Ski Hill Land Ex-

change Act of 1997. Testimony was heard from Lyle Laverty, Director, Recreation, Heritage and Wilderness Resources, Forest Service, USDA; and public witnesses.

OVERSIGHT—FEDERAL VS. STATE MANAGEMENT OF PARKS

Committee on Resources: Subcommittee on National Parks and Public Lands held an oversight hearing on Federal vs. State Management of Parks. Testimony was heard from Kenneth B. Jones, Deputy Director, Park Stewardship, Department of Parks and Recreation, State of California; and a public witness.

WILL FEDERAL GOVERNMENT COMPUTERS BE READY FOR THE YEAR 2000?

Committee on Science: Subcommittee on Technology and the Subcommittee on Government Management, Information and Technology of the Committee on Government Reform and Oversight held a joint hearing on Will Federal Government Computers Be Ready for the Year 2000? Testimony was heard from Sally Katzen, Administrator, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, OMB; Joel Willemsen, Director, Accounting and Information Management Division, GAO; Alvin M. Pesachowitz, Vice Chair, Chief Information Officers Council, Chief Information Officer, EPA; Katherine Adams, Chair, Interagency Year 2000 Subcommittee of the Chief Information Officers Council, Assistant Deputy Commissioner, Systems, SSA; and Joe Thompson, Chief Information Officer, GSA.

CONGRESSIONAL REVIEW ACT—IMPLEMENTATION

Committee on Small Business: Subcommittee on Regulatory Reform and Paperwork Reduction held a hearing on the Congressional Review Act and its Impact on Small Business. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES; TWA 800—STATUS OF CRASH INVESTIGATION

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure: Subcommittee on Aviation approved for full Committee action the following bills: H.R. 2036, Aviation Insurance Reauthorization Act of 1997; and H.R. 2005, amended, to amend title 49, United States Code, to clarify the application of the act popularly known as the Death on the High Seas Act to aviation incidents.

Prior to this action, the Subcommittee held a hearing on the status of the Investigation of the Crash of the TWA 800 and on H.R. 2005. Testimony was heard from Representatives McDade, Ehrlich, Delahunt, Rothman, Roukema, Maloney of Connecticut and Forbes; James E. Hall, Chairman, National Transportation Safety Board; James K. Kallstrom, Assistant Director in Charge, New York

Office, FBI, Department of Justice; Guy S. Gardner, Associate Administrator, Regulation and Certification, FAA, Department of Transportation; and public witnesses.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ADMINISTRATION AND APPALACHIAN REGIONAL COMMISSION REAUTHORIZATIONS

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure: Subcommittee on Public Buildings and Economic Development held a hearing on the Reauthorization of the Economic Development Administration and the Appalachian Regional Commission. Testimony was heard from Jesse White, Cochairman, Appalachian Regional Commission; Cecil H. Underwood, Governor, State of West Virginia; and Phillip A. Singerman, Assistant Secretary, Economic Development, Economic Development Administration, Department of Commerce.

DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS— MEDICAL PROGRAMS

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: Subcommittee on Health held a hearing to examine the Department of Veterans Affairs medical programs, to include consideration of pending proposals. Testimony was heard from Bernice Steinhardt, Director, Health Services Quality and Public Health Issues, GAO; and the following officials of the Department of Veterans Affairs: John Ogden, Chief Consultant, Pharmacy Benefits Management Strategic Health Group; and Thomas Garthwaite, M.D., Deputy Under Secretary, Health.

FUTURE OF SOCIAL SECURITY

Committee on Ways and Means: Subcommittee on Social Security continued hearings on The Future of Social Security for this Generation and the Next. Testimony was heard from Senator Gregg; Representatives Stenholm, Kolbe, DeFazio, Nadler, Sanders, Ehlers, Eddie Bernice Johnson of Texas, Deutsch, Pomeroy, Smith of Michigan, Burton of Indiana, Miller of Florida, Filner, Petri, Graham, Neumann, Sanford and Kucinich; and public witnesses.

Joint Meetings

TONGASS LAND MANAGEMENT

Joint Hearing: Senate Committee on Energy and Natural Resources concluded joint oversight hearings with the House Committee on Resources to examine certain issues with regard to the Tongass National Forest Land and Resource Management Plan, issued by the United States Forest Service on May 23, 1997, after receiving testimony from Phil Janik, Alaska Regional Forester, Forest Service, Department

of Agriculture; and David B. Allen, Alaska Regional Director, United States Fish and Wildlife Service, Department of the Interior.

BUDGET RECONCILIATION

Conferees met to resolve the differences between the Senate- and House-passed versions of H.R. 2015, to provide for reconciliation pursuant to subsections (b)(1) and (c) of section 105 of the concurrent resolution on the budget for fiscal year 1998, but did not complete action thereon, and recessed subject to call.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR FRIDAY, JULY 11, 1997

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Appropriations, Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, State, and the Judiciary, business meeting, to mark up proposed legislation making appropriations for the Departments of Commerce, Justice, State, and the Judiciary, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1998, 9 a.m., S-146, Capitol.

Subcommittee on Treasury, Postal Service, and General Government, business meeting, to mark up an original bill making appropriations for the Department of the Treasury, Postal Service, and general government for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1998, 10:30 a.m., SD-116.

Committee on the Judiciary, business meeting, to mark up S. 10, to reduce violent juvenile crime, promote accountability by juvenile criminals, and punish and deter violent gang crime, and S. 53, to require the general application of the antitrust laws to major league baseball, 9:30 a.m., S-211, Capitol.

House

Committee on Appropriations, to markup the following: Transportation appropriations for fiscal year 1998; and a revised 602(b) budget allocation report for fiscal year 1998, 9 a.m., 2359 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Energy and Water Development, to markup Energy and Water Development appropriations for fiscal year 1998, immediately following full Committee markup, 2362 Rayburn.

Committee on Commerce, Subcommittee on Telecommunications, Trade, and Consumer Protection, hearing on H.R. 1054, Internet Tax Freedom Act, 10:00 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

Joint Meetings

Conferees, on H.R. 2014, to provide for reconciliation pursuant to subsections (b)(2) and (d) of section 105 of the concurrent resolution on the budget for fiscal year 1998, 10 a.m., SD-215.