

Calendar Wednesday: Agreed that the business in order under the Calendar Wednesday rule be dispensed with on Wednesday, July 23. Page H5448

Amendments: Amendments ordered printed pursuant to the rule appear on page H5488.

Quorum Calls—Votes: One yea-and-nay vote and four recorded votes developed during the proceedings of the House today and appear on pages H5441, H5441–42, H5443–44, H5446, and H5448. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: Met at 10:00 a.m. and adjourned at 7:40 p.m.

Committee Meetings

USDA'S CIVIL RIGHTS ACTION TEAM REPORT

Committee on Agriculture: Held a hearing to review the USDA's Civil Rights Action Team Report. Testimony was heard from Representatives Waters and Conyers; and Dan Glickman, Secretary of Agriculture.

ENERGY AND WATER DEVELOPMENT AND LEGISLATIVE BRANCH APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Ordered reported the following appropriations for fiscal year 1998: Energy and Water Development; and Legislative Branch.

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on the District of Columbia continued appropriation hearings. Testimony was heard from Members of Congress and public witnesses.

FINANCIAL SERVICES COMPETITIVENESS ACT

Committee on Commerce: Subcommittee on Finance and Hazardous Materials held a hearing on H.R. 10, Financial Services Competitiveness Act of 1997. Testimony was heard from Arthur Levitt, Jr., Chairman, SEC; Alan Greenspan, Chairman, Board of Governors, Federal Reserve System; the following officials of the Department of the Treasury: John D. Hawke, Under Secretary, Domestic Finance; Eugene A. Ludwig, Comptroller and Nicolas Retsinas, Director, Office of Thrift Supervision; William J. Baer, Director, Bureau of Competition, FTC; Andrew C. Hove, Jr., Chairman, FDIC; and public witnesses.

Hearings continue July 25th.

HIGHER EDUCATION AMENDMENTS

Committee on Education and the Workforce: Subcommittee on Postsecondary Education, Training and Life-Long Learning continued hearings on H.R. 6, Higher Education Amendments of 1997, with emphasis

on Campus Crime and Regulatory Reform. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

Hearings continue July 22.

NATIONAL DRUG CONTROL POLICY

Committee on Government Reform and Oversight: Subcommittee on National Security, International Affairs, and Criminal Justice continued hearings on National Drug Control Policy: Drug Interdiction Efforts in Florida and the Caribbean. Testimony was heard from Speaker Gingrich; the following officials of the U.S. Customs Service, Department of the Treasury: Samuel Banks, Deputy Commissioner; Peter Girard, Group Supervisor for Cargo Theft Miami Seaport, Office of Investigations; and Mike Sinclair, Chief of Miami Seaport Cargo, Inspection Team; James Milford, Deputy Administrator, DEA, Department of Justice; Rear Adm. Norman Saunders, USCG, Commander, Seventh Coast Guard District, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Transportation; James H. Wallwork, Commissioner, Waterfront Commission of New York Harbor; and public witnesses.

INSPECTOR GENERAL'S OVERSIGHT—STATE DEPARTMENT AND AID

Committee on International Relations: Held a hearing on Inspector General's Oversight of the Department of State and Agency for International Development. Testimony was heard from Jacquelyn L. Williams-Bridgers, Inspector General, Department of State; Jeffrey Rush, Inspector General, AID, U.S. International Development Cooperation Agency; and a public witness.

INTERNET TAX FREEDOM ACT

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Commercial and Administrative Law held a hearing on H.R. 1054, Internet Tax Freedom Act. Testimony was heard from Senator Wyden; Representative Cox of California; and public witnesses.

OVERSIGHT—U.S. COMMISSION ON CIVIL RIGHTS

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on the Constitution held an oversight hearing on the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights. Testimony was heard from Cornelia Blanchette, Associate Director, Employment and Education Issues, GAO; the following officials of the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights: Mary Frances Berry, Chairperson; and Carl Anderson, Commissioner; and public witnesses.

OVERSIGHT—FAIRNESS IN MUSIC LICENSING

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Courts and Intellectual Property held an oversight hearing

on Fairness in Music Licensing. Testimony was heard from Robert Stoll, Administrator, Office of Legislative Affairs, Patent and Trademark Office, Department of Commerce; Marybeth Peters, Register of Copyrights, Library of Congress; and public witnesses.

NATO EXPANSION

Committee on National Security: Held a hearing on NATO expansion. Testimony was heard from Walter Slocombe, Under Secretary, Policy, Department of Defense; John Kornblum, Assistant Secretary, European and Canadian Affairs, Department of State; and public witnesses.

OVERSIGHT

Committee on Resources: Subcommittee on Fisheries Conservation, Wildlife & Oceans held an oversight hearing to review the final outcome of the Tenth Meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora (CITES). Testimony was heard from Donald J. Barry, Acting Assistant Secretary, Fish and Wildlife and Parks, Department of the Interior.

OVERSIGHT

Committee on Resources: Subcommittee on Water and Power held an oversight hearing on Compliance by certain Departments with the Government Performance and Results Act. Testimony was heard from Susan D. Kladiva, Acting Associate Director, Energy Resources, and Science Issues, GAO; the following officials of the Department of the Interior: Eluid L. Martinez, Commissioner, Bureau of Reclamation; and Gordon P. Eaton, Director, U.S. Geological Survey; and Robert Sanmartin, Executive Director, Energy and Resources Board, Department of Energy.

TRANSPORTATION APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Rules: Granted, by voice vote, an open rule providing 1 hour of debate on H.R. 2169, making appropriations for the Department of Transportation and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1998. The rule waives clause 2(I)(6) of rule XI (relating to the 3-day availability of the report), clause 7 of rule XXI (relating to the 3-day availability of printed hearings), and section 401(a) (prohibiting consideration of legislation containing contract authority not previously subject to appropriation) of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974 against consideration of the bill.

The rule waives clause 6 of rule XXI (prohibiting reappropriations in an appropriations bill) against provisions in the bill and clause 2 of rule XXI (prohibiting unauthorized and legislative provisions in

an appropriations bill) against provisions in the bill except as otherwise specified in the rule.

The rule provides that the amendment printed in section 2 of the resolution shall be considered as adopted. The rule authorizes the Chair to accord priority in recognition to Members who have pre-printed their amendments in the Congressional Record. The rule allows the Chairman of the Committee of the Whole to postpone votes during consideration of the bill, and to reduce to five minutes on a postponed question if the vote follows a fifteen minute vote. Finally, the rule provides one motion to recommit, with or without instructions. Testimony was heard from Representatives Wolf, Shuster, Sabo and Oberstar.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ADMINISTRATION AND APPALACHIAN REGIONAL COMMISSION REAUTHORIZATIONS

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure: Subcommittee on Public Buildings and Economic Development concluded hearings on the Reauthorization of the Economic Development Administration and the Appalachian Regional Commission. Testimony was heard from Representatives Kanjorski and McGovern; and public witnesses.

AGGRESSIVE DRIVING

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure: Subcommittee on Surface Transportation held a hearing on Road Rage: Causes and Dangers of Aggressive Driving. Testimony was heard from Ricardo Martinez, M.D., Administrator, National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, Department of Transportation; and public witnesses.

SEXUAL HARASSMENT WITHIN VA

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations continued hearings on sexual harassment issues involving senior career managers within the Department of Veterans Affairs and H.R. 1703, the Department of Veterans Affairs Employment Discrimination Prevention Act. Testimony was heard from Senator Faircloth and the following officials of the Department of Veterans Affairs: Hershel W. Gober, Acting Secretary; and William T. Merriman, Deputy Inspector General.

HCFA'S FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AUDIT

Committee on Ways and Means: Subcommittee on Health held a hearing on the Inspector General's Audit of Health Care Financing Administration's Financial Statements. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Health and

Human Services; June Gibbs Brown, Inspector General; and Bruce Vladeck, Administrator, Health Care Financing Administration.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR FRIDAY, JULY 18, 1997

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Appropriations, Subcommittee on Interior, business meeting, to mark up proposed legislation making appropriations for the Department of the Interior and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1998, 10 a.m., SD-124.

House

No committee meetings are scheduled.

CONGRESSIONAL PROGRAM AHEAD

Week of July 21 through 26, 1997

Senate Chamber

On *Monday*, Senate will consider S. 1034/H.R. 2158, VA/HUD Appropriations, and resume consideration of S. 1023, Treasury/Postal Service Appropriations, with a vote on final passage to occur thereon.

During the week, Senate expects to consider the following appropriations bills:

H.R. 2016, Military Construction Appropriations; S. 1033, Agriculture Appropriations; and S. 1022, Commerce, Justice, State Appropriations; and may consider S. 39, International Dolphin Conservation Program Act, and S. 830, FDA Modernization and Accountability Act.

Senate will also consider any cleared legislative and executive business.

(Senate will recess on Tuesday, July 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: July 22, to hold hearings to examine certain clean air issues with regard to agriculture, 9:30 a.m., SR-332.

July 23, Full Committee, to hold hearings on the nominations of Catherine E. Woteki, of the District of Columbia, to be Under Secretary of Agriculture for Food Safety, and Shirley Robinson Watkins, of Arkansas, to be Under Secretary of Agriculture for Food, Nutrition, and Consumer Services, 9 a.m., SR-332.

Committee on Appropriations: July 22, Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, business meeting, to mark up proposed legislation making appropriations for the Departments of Labor, Health and

Human Services, and Education, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1998, 9 a.m., SD-192.

July 22 and 24, Full Committee, Tuesday, business meeting, to mark up proposed legislation making appropriations for the Department of Transportation and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1998, and H.R. 2107, making appropriations for the Department of the Interior for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1998, 2:30 p.m.; Thursday, business meeting, to mark up proposed legislation making appropriations for the Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1998, 9:30 a.m.; SD-106.

July 23, Subcommittee on District of Columbia, to resume hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 1998 for the government of the District of Columbia, focusing on the Departments of Health, Human Services, and Public Works, 10 a.m., SD-192.

Committee on Armed Services: July 24, to hold hearings on the nomination of John J. Hamre, of South Dakota, to be Deputy Secretary of Defense, 9:30 a.m., SR-222.

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: July 24, to hold hearings to review a General Accounting Office report relating to program efficiencies at the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) and the National Science Foundation (NSF), 9:30 a.m., SR-253.

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: July 22, to hold hearings to review the Department of the Interior's handling of the Ward Valley land conveyance, S. 964, proposed Ward Valley Land Transfer Act, and related matters, 9 a.m., SD-366.

July 23, Full Committee, business meeting, to consider pending calendar business; to be followed by hearings to examine natural gas issues, focusing on the world energy supply and demand to the year 2015, the role of government in large scale gas projects in foreign countries, and emerging technologies in gas field development that are making natural gas more economical to market, 9:30 a.m., SD-366.

July 24, Subcommittee on Forests and Public Land Management, to hold hearings on S. 1028 and H.R. 858, bills to direct the Secretary of Agriculture to conduct a pilot project on designated lands within Plumas, Lassen, and Tahoe National Forests in California to demonstrate the effectiveness of the resource management activities proposed by the Quincy Library Group and to amend current land and resource management plans for these national forests to consider the incorporation of these resource management activities, 10 a.m., SD-366.

July 24, Subcommittee on National Parks, Historic Preservation, and Recreation, to hold hearings to review the process by which the National Park Service determines the suitability and feasibility of new areas to be added to the National Park System, and to examine the criteria used to determine national significance, 2 p.m., SD-366.

Committee on Environment and Public Works: July 24, business meeting, to consider the nomination of Jamie Rappaport Clark, of Maryland, to be Director of the