

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

LINE ITEM VETO

Committee on Appropriations: Committee concluded hearings to examine the President's use of the line item veto with regard to the Military Construction Appropriations bill for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1998, after receiving testimony from Maj. Gen. Clair F. Gill, USA, Director of Army Budget; Rear Adm. James F. Amerault, USN, Director of Navy Budget/Fiscal Management; and Maj. Gen. Eugene Lupia, USAF, Civil Engineer, Department of the Air Force.

FINANCIAL ACCOUNTING STANDARD

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: Subcommittee on Securities concluded oversight hearings to review the Financial Accounting Standards Board's proposed standard on derivatives and hedging activities, a rule to improve standards of financial accounting and reporting by investors and creditors, after receiving testimony from Edmund L. Jenkins, Chairman, Financial Accounting Standards Board; Alex J. Pollock, President and Chief Executive Officer, Federal Home Loan Bank of Chicago, and William Roberts, First Chicago NBD Corporation, both of Chicago, Illinois; and Kenneth L. Wolfe, Hershey Foods Corporation, Hershey, Pennsylvania.

GLOBAL TOBACCO SETTLEMENT

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Committee resumed hearings to examine the proposed settlement between State Attorneys General and tobacco companies to mandate a total reformation and restructuring of how tobacco products are manufactured, marketed, and distributed in America, focusing on public health benefits, receiving testimony from John R. Seffrin, American Cancer Society, Atlanta, Georgia; Ronald M. Davis, American Medical Association, and Richard A. Levinson, American Public Health Association, both of Washington, D.C.; and M. Cass Wheeler, American Heart Association, Dallas, Texas.

Hearings were recessed subject to call.

NOMINATION

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Committee concluded hearings on the nomination of M. John Berry, of Maryland, to be Assistant Secretary of the

Interior for Policy, Management, and Budget, after the nominee, who was introduced by Senator Sarbanes and Representative Hoyer, testified and answered questions in his own behalf.

NATIONAL PARK SYSTEM

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Subcommittee on National Parks, Historic Preservation and Recreation concluded hearings to examine the feasibility of using bonding techniques to finance capital projects in the National Park System, after receiving testimony from Senator McCain; David Hayes, Counselor to the Secretary of the Interior; Dennis Zimmerman, Specialist in Public Finance, Congressional Research Service, Library of Congress; Henry Lee, Harvard University/Center for Science and International Affairs, Cambridge, Massachusetts; Albert C. Eisenberg, National Parks and Conservation Association, Washington, D.C.; and Kenneth C. Olson, Goldman, Sachs, and Co., New York, New York.

NATO ENLARGEMENT

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee held hearings to examine the benefits and risks of the proposal to grant NATO membership to Poland, Hungary, and the Czech Republic, receiving testimony from Senator Roth, on behalf of the Senate NATO Observer Group and the North Atlantic Assembly; Zibgniew Brzezinski, Center for Strategic and International Studies, former Secretary of Defense, Jeane J. Kirkpatrick, American Enterprise Institute, former U.S. Ambassador to the United Nations, Jonathan Dean, Union of Concerned Scientists, and Michael Mandelbaum, Paul H. Nitze School of Advanced International Studies/Johns Hopkins University, all of Washington, D.C.

Hearings were recessed subject to call.

U.N. CLIMATE CHANGE TREATY

Committee on Foreign Relations: Subcommittee on International Economic Policy, Export and Trade Promotion held hearings to examine the legally binding obligations and impact on the United States economy of the United Nations proposed climate change treaty which will be negotiated in December 1997 in Kyoto, Japan, receiving testimony from Timothy E. Wirth, Under Secretary of State for Global Affairs; Sallie Baliunas, Harvard-Smithsonian Center for Astrophysics, Cambridge, Massachusetts; Lawrence Chimerine, Economic Strategy Institute, and Daniel A. Lashof, Natural Resources Defense

Council, both of Washington, D.C.; and Mary H. Novak, WEFA, Inc., Burlington, Massachusetts.

Hearings were recessed subject to call.

CAMPAIGN FINANCING INVESTIGATION

Committee on Governmental Affairs: Committee continued hearings to examine certain matters with regard to the committee's special investigation on campaign financing, receiving testimony from Mark F. Thomann, former Midwest Finance Director, and Richard L. Sullivan, former Deputy Finance Director and Finance Director, both of the Democratic National Committee.

Also, committee approved the issuance of certain subpoenas with regard to the committee's special investigation on campaign financing.

Committee recessed subject to call.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on the Judiciary: Committee ordered favorably reported the following business items:

The nominations of Raymond C. Fisher, of California, to be Associate Attorney General, Department of Justice, Ronald Lee Gilman, of Tennessee, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Sixth Circuit, Richard Conway Casey, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of New York, James S. Gwin, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of Ohio, Dale A. Kimball, to be United States District Judge for the District of Utah, Algenon L. Marbley, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of Ohio, and Charles J. Siragusa, to be United States District Judge for the Western District of New York;

H.R. 1847, to improve the criminal law relating to fraud against consumers, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 1024, to make permanent certain provisions of the Bankruptcy Code relating to the adjustment of debts of a family farmer with regular annual income;

S. 1189, to increase the criminal penalties for assaulting or threatening Federal judges, their family members, and other public servants;

S. 1149, to provide for increased education funding by closing certain Bankruptcy Code loopholes re-

lating to local property tax revenues which can affect the amount of money made available for education, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute; and

S. 900, to provide for sentencing enhancements and amendments to the Federal Sentencing Guidelines for offenses relating to the abuse and exploitation of children, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute.

Also, committee began consideration of S. 474, to provide criminal penalties against any person who, while engaged in the business of betting or wagering, knowingly uses a communication facility for the transmission or receipt in interstate or foreign commerce of bets or wagers, information assisting in the placing of bets or wagers, or a communication that entitles the transmitter or receiver to receive money or credit as a result of bets or wagers, but did not complete action thereon, and recessed subject to call.

CLINICAL AND ALTERNATIVE MEDICINE RESEARCH

Committee on Labor and Human Resources: Subcommittee on Public Health and Safety concluded hearings to examine support strategies for clinical research and alternative medicine research at the National Institutes of Health, after receiving testimony from Harold Varmus, Director, National Institutes of Health, Department of Health and Human Services; Gordon H. Williams, Brigham and Women's Hospital, on behalf of the Clinical Research Study Group of the National Institutes of Health, and Alan C. Moses, on behalf of the General Clinical Research Center, and David M. Eisenberg, both of the Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center, all of Boston, Massachusetts; John A. Morris, Vanderbilt University School of Medicine, Nashville, Tennessee, on behalf of the Coalition for American Trauma Care; Katrina A. Gwinn, Mayo Clinic Scottsdale, Scottsdale, Arizona; Robert R. Rich, Baylor College of Medicine, Houston, Texas, on behalf of the Association of American Medical Colleges; and James S. Gordon, Georgetown University School of Medicine and Center for Mind-Body Medicine, Washington, D.C.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Bills Introduced: 30 public bills, H.R. 2644–2673; 1 private bill, H.R. 2674; and 5 resolutions, H.J. Res. 96, H. Con. Res. 170, and H. Res. 266–268, were introduced. **Pages H8832–33**

Reports Filed: Reports were filed today as follows: H. Res. 265, providing for consideration of H.R. 2204, to authorize appropriations for fiscal years 1998 and 1999 for the Coast Guard (H. Rept. 105–317);

H.R. 2513, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to restore and modify the provision of the Taxpayer Relief Act of 1997 relating to exempting active financing income from foreign personal holding company income and to provide for the non-recognition of gain on the sale of stock in agricultural processors to certain farmers' cooperatives, amended (H. Rept. 105–318 Part 1);

S. 923, to deny veterans benefits to persons convicted of Federal capital offenses, amended (H. Rept. 105–319); and

H.R. 2367, to increase, effective as of December 1, 1997, the rates of compensation for veterans with service-connected disabilities and the rates of dependency and indemnity compensation for the survivors of certain disabled veterans (H. Rept. 105–320). **Pages H8831–32**

Speaker Pro Tempore: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he designated Representative LaTourette to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. **Page H8729**

Journal: By a recorded vote of 352 ayes to 58 noes, Roll No. 509, the House agreed to the Speaker's approval of the Journal of Wednesday, October 8. **Pages H8729, H8741**

Transportation Appropriations Conference Report: By a ye and nay vote of 401 yeas to 21 nays, Roll No. 510, the House agreed to the conference report on H.R. 2169, making appropriations for the Department of Transportation and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1998. **Pages H8741–52**

By a ye and nay vote of 413 yeas to 4 nays, Roll No. 507, the House agreed to H. Res. 263, the rule that waived points of order against consideration of the conference report. **Pages H8737–40**

District of Columbia Appropriations: By a ye and nay vote of 203 yeas to 202 nays with 1 voting "present", Roll No. 513, the House passed H.R. 2607, making appropriations for the government of the District of Columbia and other activities chargeable in whole or in part against the revenues of said District for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1998. By a recorded vote of 162 yeas to 135 noes, Roll No. 514, agreed to the Hansen motion to table the motion to reconsider the vote. **Pages H8752–H8806**

Rejected the Moran motion to recommit the bill to the Committee on Appropriations by voice vote. **Page H8804**

Agreed To:

The Sabo amendment that strikes the waiver of Davis-Bacon for school construction and repair (agreed to by a recorded vote of 234 yeas to 188 noes, Roll No. 511). **Pages H8780–83**

Rejected:

The Moran amendment in the nature of a substitute that retains increased funding for police officer and firefighter pay raises and inserts the text of the Senate's version, S. 1156 (rejected by a recorded vote of 197 yeas to 212 noes with 1 voting "present", Roll No. 512). **Pages H8783–H8803**

By a ye and nay vote of 370 yeas to 50 nays, Roll No. 508, the House agreed to H. Res. 264, the rule that provided for consideration of the bill. Pursuant to the rule the amendment printed in part 1 of the Committee on Rules report, H. Rept. 105–315, was considered as adopted. **Pages H8729–37, H8740–41**

Future Resignation: Read a letter from Representative Flake to the Honorable Alexander Treadwell, Secretary of State, State of New York, regarding his future resignation from the House of Representatives. **Page H8807**

Speaker Pro Tempore: The Speaker designated Representative Morella to act as Speaker pro tempore to sign enrolled bills and joint resolutions through October 21. **Page H8807**

Calendar Wednesday: Agreed that business in order under the Calendar Wednesday rule be dispensed with on Wednesday, October 22, 1997. **Pages H8807–08**

Resignations—Appointments: Agreed that notwithstanding any adjournment of the House until