

Howard C. Nielson Post Office Building: H.R. 3120, to designate the United States Post Office located at 95 West 100 South Street in Provo, Utah, as the "Howard C. Nielson Post Office Building." Agreed to amend the title; **Pages H521-23**

Karl Bernal Post Office Building: H.R. 2766, to designate the United States Post Office located at 215 East Jackson Street in Painesville, Ohio, as the "Karl Bernal Post Office Building;" **Pages H523-24**

Blaine H. Eaton Post Office Building: S. 916, to designate the United States Post Office building located at 750 Highway 28 East in Taylorsville, Mississippi, as the "Blaine H. Eaton Post Office Building"—clearing the measure for the President; **Pages H524-26**

Eugene J. McCarthy Post Office Building: H.R. 2836, to designate the building of the United States Postal Service located at 180 East Kellogg Boulevard in Saint Paul, Minnesota, as the "Eugene J. McCarthy Post Office Building;" **Pages H526-27**

Daniel J. Doffyn Post Office Building: H.R. 2773, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 3750 North Kedzie Avenue in Chicago, Illinois, as the "Daniel J. Doffyn Post Office Building;" **Pages H527-28**

Larry Doby Post Office: S. 985, to designate the post office located at 194 Ward Street in Paterson, New Jersey, as the "Larry Doby Post Office"—clearing the measure for the President; and **Pages H528-30**

Minimum Sentences for Criminals Possessing Firearms: H.R. 424, to provide for increased mandatory minimum sentences for criminals possessing firearms (passed by a ye and nay vote of 350 yeas to 59 nays, Roll No. 18). **Pages H530-36**

Re-Referral of Executive Communication: It was made in order that the Committee on Agriculture be discharged from consideration of an Environmental Protection Agency rule on State Implementation Plans under the Clean Air Act, and that executive communication 6736 be re-referred to the Committee on Commerce. **Page H521**

Senate Messages: Message received from the Senate today appears on page H499.

Quorum Calls—Votes: One ye and nay vote developed during the proceedings of the House today and appears on pages H535-36. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: Met at 12:30 p.m. and adjourned at 8:54 p.m.

Committee Meetings

AGRICULTURE, RURAL DEVELOPMENT, FDA, AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies held a hearing on Farm and Foreign Agriculture Services. Testimony was heard from August Schumacher, Jr., Under Secretary, Farm and Foreign Agricultural Services, USDA; and Len Rogers, Acting Assistant Administrator, Humanitarian Response, AID, U.S. International Development Cooperation Agency.

LABOR-HHS-EDUCATION APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Service, and Education held a hearing on Employment and Training Administration/Veterans Employment. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Labor: Raymond J. Uhalde, Acting Assistant Secretary, Employment and Training; and Espiridion Borrego, Assistant Secretary, Veterans' Employment and Training Services.

VA-HUD-INDEPENDENT AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on VA-HUD and Independent Agencies held a hearing on Neighborhood Reinvestment Corporation and on the National Credit Union Administration. Testimony was heard from George Knight, Executive Director, Neighborhood Reinvestment Corporation; and Norman E. D'Amours, Chairman, National Credit Union Administration.

CONDUCT OF MONETARY POLICY

Committee on Banking and Financial Services: Subcommittee on Domestic and International Monetary Policy held a hearing to review the Federal Reserve's conduct of monetary policy (Humphrey-Hawkins). Testimony was heard from Alan Greenspan, Chairman, Board of Governors, Federal Reserve System.

TEACHER TRAINING

Committee on Education and the Workforce: Subcommittee on Early Childhood, Youth and Families held a hearing on Teacher Training. Testimony was heard from Eugene Hickok, Secretary of Education, State of Pennsylvania; and public witnesses.

FEDERAL RETIREMENT COVERAGE CORRECTIONS ACT

Committee on Government Reform and Oversight: Subcommittee on Civil Service approved for full Committee action amended the Federal Retirement Coverage Corrections Act.

Prior to this action, the Subcommittee held a hearing on this measure. Testimony was heard from William E. Flynn, Associate Director, Retirement and Information Service, OPM; Roger W. Mehle, Executive Director, Federal Retirement Thrift Investment Board; and public witnesses.

OVERSIGHT—GULF WAR VETERANS HEALTH CONCERNS

Committee on Government Reform and Oversight: Subcommittee on Human Resources held a oversight hearing on ways to improve the federal government's approach to research into the health concerns of Gulf War veterans. Testimony was heard from John Feussner, M.D., Chief Research and Development Officer, Department of Veterans Affairs; Anna Johnson-Winegar, Director, Environmental and Life Sciences, Department of Defense; the following officials of the Department of Health and Human Services: Drue Barrett, Environmental Hazards and Health Effects Division and William Reeves, M.D., Branch Chief, Viral Exanthems, both with the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention; and Sheila Newton, National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences; Donna Heivilin, Director, Planning and Reporting, GAO; and public witnesses.

OVERSIGHT—REFUGEE PROGRAMS

Committee on International Relations: Subcommittee on International Operations and Human Rights held a hearing on Annual Oversight of Refugee Programs, Policies, and Budget. Testimony was heard from Julia Taft, Assistant Secretary, Bureau of Population, Refugees, and Migration, Department of State; and public witnesses.

DEPOT ISSUES

Committee on National Security: Subcommittee on Military Readiness held a hearing on depot issues. Testimony was heard from Henry L. Hinton, Jr., Assistant Comptroller, GAO.

Hearings continue tomorrow.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Resources: Subcommittee on National Parks and Public Lands held a hearing on the following bills: H.R. 2223, Education Land Grant Act; H.R. 1728, National Park Service Administrative Amendment of 1997; and H.R. 2993, to provide for the collection of fees for the making of motion pictures, television productions, and sound tracks in

National Park System and National Wildlife Refuge System units. Testimony was heard from Representative Hayworth; Sandra Key, Associate Deputy Chief, Forest Service, USDA; the following officials of the Department of the Interior: John M. Berry, Assistant Secretary, Policy Management and Budget; and Maureen Finnerty, Associate Director, Park Operations and Education, National Park Service; and public witnesses.

WITNESS PROTECTION AND INTERSTATE RELOCATION ACT

Committee on Rules: Granted, by voice vote, an open rule providing 1 hour of debate on H.R. 2181, Witness Protection and Interstate Relocation Act of 1997. The rule provides that the bill will be considered by title, and each title will be considered as read. 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 voting time 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 Representative McCollum.

FEDERAL AGENCY COMPLIANCE ACT

Committee on Rules: The Committee granted, by voice vote, an open rule providing 1 hour of debate on H.R. 1544, Federal Agency Compliance Act. The rule makes in order the Committee on the Judiciary amendment in the nature of a substitute as an original bill for amendment purposes which shall be considered as read. The rule authorizes the Chair to accord priority in recognition to Members who have pre-printed their amendment in the Congressional Record. The rule allows for the Chairman of the Committee of the Whole to postpone votes during consideration of the bill, and to reduce voting time to five minutes on a postponed question if the vote follows a fifteen minute vote. Finally, the rule provides for one motion to recommit, with or without instructions. Testimony was heard from Representative Gekas.

VETERAN'S LEGISLATION

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: Subcommittee on Benefits held a hearing on the following bills: H.R. 3039, Veterans' Transitional Housing Opportunities Act of 1997; and H.R. 3211, to amend title 38, United States Code, to enact into law eligibility requirements for burial at Arlington National Cemetery. Testimony was heard from John McLaurin,

Deputy Assistant Secretary (Military Personnel Management and Equal Opportunity Policy), Department of the Army; Keith Pedigo, Director, Loan Guaranty Service, Veterans Benefits Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs; Raymond Boland, Department of Veterans Affairs, State of Wisconsin; representatives of veterans organizations; and a public witness.

TREASURY REPORT—INNOCENT SPOUSE RELIEF

Committee on Ways and Means: Subcommittee on Oversight held a hearing on the Treasury Department Report on Innocent Spouse Relief. Testimony was heard from Donald C. Lubick, Assistant Secretary, Tax Policy, Department of the Treasury; and Lynda D. Willis, Director, Tax Policy and Administration Issues, GAO.

ASIA TRADE ISSUES

Committee on Ways and Means: Subcommittee on Trade held a hearing on Asia Trade Issues. Testimony was heard from Charlene Barshefsky, U.S. Trade Representative; Stuart E. Eizenstat, Under Secretary, Economic, Business and Agricultural Affairs, Department of State; David A. Lipton, Under Secretary, International Affairs, Department of the Treasury; and public witnesses.

Joint Meetings

IMF AND INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC POLICY

Joint Economic Committee: Committee concluded hearings to examine the financing, procedures, administration, and economic impact of the International Monetary Fund, after receiving testimony from Timothy Geithner, Assistant Secretary of the Treasury for International Affairs; Charles Calomiris, Columbia University, New York, New York; Allan Meltzer, Carnegie Mellon University, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania; and Larry Lindsey, American Enterprise Institute, and C. Fred Bergsten, Institute for International Economics, both of Washington, D.C.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 25, 1998

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Armed Services, Subcommittee on Readiness, to continue hearings on the status of the operational readiness of the U.S. military forces including the availability of resources and training opportunities necessary to meet our national security requirements, 10 a.m., SH-216.

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs, to hold oversight hearings on monetary policy of the United States, 10 a.m., SD-538.

Committee on the Budget, to hold hearings to examine long term budget projections and issues, 10 a.m., SD-608.

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation, Subcommittee on Surface Transportation and Merchant Marine, to hold hearings on proposed legislation authorizing funds for programs of the Rail Safety Act, 2 p.m., SR-253.

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources, Subcommittee on Forests and Public Land Management, to hold oversight hearings on the use of speciality forest products from the National Forests, 10:30 a.m., SD-366.

Committee on Finance, to resume hearings on proposals and recommendations to restructure and reform the Internal Revenue Service, including a related measure H.R. 2676, 10 a.m., SD-215.

Committee on Foreign Relations, Subcommittee on International Economic Policy, Export and Trade Promotion, to hold hearings on the implementation of U.S. policy on construction of a Western Caspian Sea oil pipeline, 10 a.m., SD-419.

Full Committee, to hold hearings on the nomination of Robert T. Grey, Jr., of Virginia, for the rank of Ambassador during his tenure of service as United States Representative to the Conference on Disarmament, 2 p.m., SD-419.

Committee on the Judiciary, to hold hearings to examine incidences of high tech worker shortage and immigration policy, 10 a.m., SD-226.

Full Committee, to hold hearings on pending judicial nominations, 2 p.m., SD-226.

Committee on Labor and Human Resources, to hold hearings to examine how to mobilize school and community resources during non-school hours, 9:30 a.m., SD-430.

Committee on Rules and Administration, to hold oversight hearings on the strategic plan implementation including budget requests for the operations of the Office of the Secretary of the Senate, the Sergeant at Arms and the Architect of the Capitol, 9 a.m., SR-301.

Committee on Indian Affairs, to hold hearings on the President's proposed budget request for fiscal year 1999 for Indian programs, 9:30 a.m., SD-562.

House

Committee on Appropriations, Subcommittee on Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies, on FDA, 1 p.m., 2362-A Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, State, and Judiciary, on Legal Services Corporation, 10:30 a.m., H-309 Capitol, and on the Secretary of State, 2 p.m., 2358 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Foreign Operations, Export Financing and Related Programs, on Security Assistance, 10 a.m., H-144 Capitol.

Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, on Pension Agencies and Office of Inspector General (Labor), 10 a.m., and on the Employment