

Referrals: S. 1668, to encourage the disclosure to Congress of certain classified and related information was referred to the Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence.

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Amendments: Amendments ordered printed pursuant to the rule appear on pages H1021–22.

Quorum Calls—Votes: Three yea and nay votes developed during the proceedings of the House today and appear on pages H925–26, H926–27, and H927. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: Met at 12:30 p.m. and adjourned at 11:24 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 Food Safety and Inspection Service. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the USDA: Catherine Woteki, Under Secretary, Caren A. Wilcox, Deputy Under Secretary, Thomas J. Billy, Administrator and William West, Assistant Deputy Administrator, Management, all with the Food Safety and Inspection Service; and Stephen B. Durhurst, Budget Officer.

ENERGY AND WATER DEVELOPMENT APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Energy and Water Development held a hearing on the Department of Energy. Testimony was heard from Federico Pena, Secretary of Energy.

INTERIOR APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Interior held a hearing on the Secretary of the Interior. Testimony was heard from Bruce Babbitt, Secretary of the Interior.

LABOR-HHS-EDUCATION APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education held a hearing on the Director, National Institutes of Health. Testimony was heard from Harold E. Varmus, M.D., Director, NIH, Department of Health and Human Services.

TRANSPORTATION APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Transportation held a hearing on the FAA. Testimony was

heard from Jane F. Garvey, Administrator, FAA, Department of Transportation.

VA-HUD-INDEPENDENT AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on VA, HUD and Independent Agencies held a hearing on EPA. Testimony was heard from Carol M. Browner, Administrator, EPA.

CHILD NUTRITION PROGRAMS

Committee on Education and the Workforce: Subcommittee on Early Childhood, Youth, and Families held a hearing on Child Nutrition Programs. Testimony was heard from Ed Cooney, Deputy Administrator, Special Nutrition Programs, Food, Nutrition, and Consumer Services, USDA; Bob Robinson, Director, Issue Area, GAO; Joyce Holmes Benjamin, Associate Superintendent, Department of Education, State of Oregon; and public witnesses.

OVERSIGHT INVESTIGATION—TEAMSTERS ELECTION

Committee on Education and the Workforce: Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations began consideration of the issuance of subpoena duces tecum in the oversight investigation of the International Brotherhood of Teamsters election.

CONGRESSIONAL REVIEW ACT IMPLEMENTATION

Committee on Government Reform and Oversight: Subcommittee on National Economic Growth, Natural Resources, and Regulatory Affairs held a hearing on the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs implementation of the Congressional Review Act. Testimony was heard from Robert Murphy, General Counsel, GAO; and a public witness.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURE; MIDDLE EAST—DEVELOPMENTS

Committee on International Relations: Began markup of H. Con. Res. 277, directing the President pursuant to section 5(c) of the War Powers Resolution to remove United States Armed Forces from the Republic of Bosnia and Herzegovina.

Will continue tomorrow.

The Committee also held a hearing on developments in the Middle East. Testimony was heard from Martin Indyk, Assistant Secretary, Near Eastern Affairs, Department of State.

JUDICIAL REFORM ACT

Committee on the Judiciary: Began markup of H.R. 1252, Judicial Reform Act of 1997.

Will continue March 24.

CONSUMER BANKRUPTCY ISSUES

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Commercial and Administrative Law held a hearing on the consumer bankruptcy issues in H.R. 3150, Bankruptcy Reform Act of 1998; H.R. 2500, Responsible Borrower Protection Bankruptcy Act; and H.R. 3146, Consumer Lenders and Borrowers Bankruptcy Accountability Act of 1998. Testimony was heard from Representatives McCollum, Boucher and Moran of Virginia; Edith Holan Jones, Judge, U.S. Court of Appeals, Fifth Circuit; Randall J. Newsome, U.S. Bankruptcy Judge, Northern District of California; and public witnesses.

MARITIME ADMINISTRATION AND PANAMA CANAL COMMISSION AUTHORIZATIONS

Committee on National Security: Special Oversight Panel on the Merchant Marine held a hearing on the fiscal year 1999 Maritime Administration authorization request and related matters, and the fiscal year 1999 Panama Canal Commission authorization request and related matters. Testimony was heard from John F. Graykowski, Acting Maritime Administrator, Department of Transportation; Togo D. West, Jr., Chairman, Board, Panama Canal Commission and Secretary of the Army; and Alberto Aleman, Administrator, Panama Canal Commission.

MILITARY HOUSING PRIVATIZATION INITIATIVE

Committee on National Security: Subcommittee on Military Installations and Facilities held a hearing on the implementation of the military housing privatization initiative. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Defense: John B. Goodman, Deputy Under Secretary (Industrial Affairs and Installations); Paul W. Jonson, Deputy Assistant Secretary, Army (Installations and Facilities); Duncan Holaday, Deputy Assistant Secretary, Navy (Installations and Facilities); and Jimmy Dishner, Deputy Assistant Secretary, Air Force (Installations).

DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION BUDGET REQUEST

Committee on National Security: Subcommittee on Military Procurement and the Subcommittee on Military Research and Development continued joint hearings on the fiscal year 1999 National Defense authorization request, with emphasis on Air Force Modernization. Testimony was heard from Lt. Gen. George K. Muellner, USAF, Principal Deputy, Acquisition, Department of the Air Force.

OVERSIGHT—INTERIOR COLUMBIA BASIN ECOSYSTEM MANAGEMENT PROJECT

Committee on Resources: Subcommittee on Forests and Forest Health held an oversight hearing on Interior Columbia Basin Ecosystem Management Project. Testimony was heard from Michael Dombeck, Chief, Forest Service, USDA; Martha Hahn, Idaho State Director, Bureau of Land Management, Department of the Interior; and public witnesses.

AFRICA GROWTH AND OPPORTUNITY ACT

Committee on Rules: Granted, by voice vote, a structured rule providing 2 hours of debate on H.R. 1432, Africa Growth and Opportunity Act. The rule provides for consideration of the committee amendment in the nature of a substitute now printed in the bill, as modified by the amendments printed in part 1 of the report of the Committee on Rules, as an original bill for the purpose of amendment which shall be considered as read. The rule waives points of order against the committee amendment for failure to comply with clause 7 of Rule XVI (prohibiting nongermane amendments). The rule makes in order only those amendments printed in part 2 of the report of the Committee on Rules. The rule provides that the amendments will be considered only in the order specified in the report, may be offered only by the Member designated in the report, shall be considered as read, shall be debatable for the time specified in the report, equally divided between a proponent and an opponent and are not subject to amendment. 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 Chairman Gilman, Representatives Crane, Collins, Miller of Florida, Menendez, Brown of Ohio, Rangel, Spratt, Waters, Bishop and Davis of Illinois.

TUCKER ACT SHUFFLE RELIEF ACT

Committee on Rules: Granted, by voice vote, an open rule providing 1 hour of debate on H.R. 992, Tucker Act Shuffle Relief Act of 1997. The rule makes in order as an original bill for the purpose of amendment the Judiciary Committee amendment in the nature of a substitute, which shall be considered as read. The rule provides that Members who have pre-printed their amendments in the Congressional Record prior to their consideration will be given priority in recognition to offer their amendments if otherwise consistent with House rules. 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 Smith of Texas and Watt of North Carolina.

ADVANCEMENT OF WOMEN IN SCIENCE, ENGINEERING, AND TECHNOLOGY DEVELOPMENT ACT

Committee on Science: Subcommittee on Technology and the Subcommittee on Basic Research Subcommittee on Technology held a joint hearing on H.R. 3007, Advancement of Women in Science, Engineering, and Technology Development Act. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

SUPERFUND ACCELERATION, FAIRNESS, AND EFFICIENCY ACT

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure: Subcommittee on Water Resources and Environment continued markup of H.R. 2727, Superfund Acceleration, Fairness, and Efficiency Act.

Will continue tomorrow.

OVERSIGHT—PENSION ISSUES

Committee on Ways and Means: Subcommittee on Oversight held an oversight hearing of pension issues. Testimony was heard from David Strauss, Executive Director, Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation; William J. Scanlon, Director, Health Financing and Systems Issues, GAO; and public witnesses.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR WEDNESDAY, MARCH 11, 1998

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Appropriations, Subcommittee on Defense, to hold hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 1999 for the Department of Defense, focusing on Navy and Marine Corps programs, 10 a.m., SD-192.

Committee on Armed Services, Subcommittee on Readiness, to resume hearings on proposed legislation authorizing funds for fiscal year 1999 for the Department of Defense and the future years defense program, focusing on environmental and military construction programs, 9 a.m., SR-232A.

Subcommittee on Airland Forces, to hold hearings on proposed legislation authorizing funds for fiscal year 1999 for the Department of Defense and the future years defense program, focusing on land forces modernization, 10 a.m., SR-222.

Subcommittee on Personnel, to resume hearings on proposed legislation authorizing funds for fiscal year 1999 for the Department of Defense and the future years de-

fense program, focusing on the defense health program, 2 p.m., SR-222.

Subcommittee on Strategic Forces, to hold hearings on proposed legislation authorizing funds for fiscal year 1999 for the Department of Defense and the future years defense program, focusing on U.S. national security space programs and policies, 2:30 p.m., SR-232A.

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs, Subcommittee on Financial Services and Technology, to hold hearings on S. 1594, to facilitate the use of electronic authentication techniques by financial institutions, 10 a.m., SD-538.

Committee on the Budget, business meeting, to mark up a proposed concurrent resolution setting forth the fiscal year 1999 budget for the Federal Government, 2 p.m., SD-608.

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation, to resume hearings to examine the scope and depth of 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, 9:30 a.m., SR-253.

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources, business meeting, to consider pending calendar business, 9:30 a.m., SD-366.

Committee on Foreign Relations, business meeting, to consider S. Res. 187, expressing the sense of the Senate regarding the human rights situation in the People's Republic of China, 11 a.m., SD-419.

Subcommittee on Near Eastern and South Asian Affairs, to hold hearings to examine developments in the Middle East, 2 p.m., SD-419.

Committee on the Judiciary, to hold an additional hearing on the nomination of Frederica A. Massiah-Jackson, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania (reported by Committee), 10 a.m., SD-226.

Subcommittee on Administrative Oversight and the Courts, to hold hearings on S. 1301, to provide for consumer bankruptcy protection, 2 p.m., SD-226.

Committee on Labor and Human Resources, business meeting, to mark up S. 1648, to provide for reductions in youth smoking, for advancements in tobacco-related research, and the development of safer tobacco products, and to consider the nominations of Richard M. McGahey, of New York, to be an Assistant Secretary, and Ida L. Castro, of New York, to be Director of the Women's Bureau, both of the Department of Labor, 10 a.m., SD-106.

Committee on Indian Affairs, business meeting, to mark up those provisions which fall within the committee's jurisdiction as contained in the President's proposed budget for fiscal year 1999 with a view towards making its recommendations to the Committee on the Budget; to be followed by an oversight hearing on sovereign immunity, focusing on contracts involving Indian tribes and alleged difficulties in collecting State retail taxes, 9:30 a.m., SH-216.

Select Committee on Intelligence, to hold closed hearings on intelligence matters, 2:30 p.m., SH-219.