

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Bills Introduced: 19 public bills, H.R. 3484–3502; and 2 resolutions, H.J. Res. 115, and H. Res. 389, were introduced. Pages H1298–99

Reports Filed: Reports were filed as follows:

H. Res. 372, expressing the sense of the House of Representatives that marijuana is a dangerous and addictive drug and should not be legalized for medicinal use (H. Rept. 105–451 Part 1);

H.R. 2589, to amend the provisions of title 17, United States Code, with respect to the duration of copyright, amended (H. Rept. 105–452);

H.R. 3246, to assist small businesses and labor organizations in defending themselves against government bureaucracy; to ensure that employees entitled to reinstatement get their jobs back quickly; to protect the right of employers to have a hearing to present their case in certain representation cases; and, to prevent the use of the National Labor Relations Act for the purpose of disrupting or inflicting economic harm on employers (H. Rept. 105–453); and

H.R. 3114, to authorize United States participation in a quota increase and the New Arrangements to Borrow of the International Monetary Fund, amended (H. Rept. 105–454). Page H1298

Speaker Pro Tempore: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he designated Representative McInnis act as Speaker pro tempore for today. Page H1239

Suspensions: The House agreed to suspend the rules and pass the following measures:

Vessel Hull Design Protection Act: H.R. 2696, amended, to amend title 17, United States Code, to provide for protection of certain original designs; Pages H1243–47

Federal Courts Improvement Act: H.R. 2294, amended, to make improvements in the operation and administration of the Federal courts; Pages H1247–54

Civil Rights Commission Act: H.R. 3117, amended, to reauthorize the United States Commission on Civil Rights; Pages H1254–57

Lobbying Disclosure Technical Amendments Act: S. 758, to make certain technical corrections to the Lobbying Disclosure Act of 1995 clearing the measure for the President; Pages H1257–58

Human Rights in Northern Ireland: Debated on March 17, H. Con. Res. 152, amended, expressing the sense of the Congress that all parties to the

multiparty peace talks regarding Northern Ireland should condemn violence and fully integrate internationally recognized human rights standards and adequately address outstanding human rights violations as part of the peace process (agreed to by yeas and nays vote of 407 yeas to 2 nays with 1 voting “present”, Roll No. 56); and Pages H1258–59

Repression in Kosova: Debated on March 17, H. Con. Res. 235, amended, calling for an end to the violent repression of the legitimate rights of the people of Kosova (agreed to by a yeas and nays vote of 406 yeas to 1 nay with 1 voting “present”, No. 57). Pages H1259–60

Removal of Armed Forces from Bosnia and Herzegovina: The House failed to agree to H. Con. Res. 227, 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 by a yeas and nays vote of 193 yeas to 225 nays, Roll No. 58. Pages H1260–79

Pursuant to the unanimous consent order of March 12, the House considered the concurrent resolution and agreed to the Campbell amendment in the nature of a substitute that provides for the removal of United States Armed Forces from the Republic of Bosnia and Herzegovina not later than 60 days after the date on which a final judgment is entered by a court of competent jurisdiction determining the constitutional validity of the concurrent resolution. Page H1260

Amendments: Amendments ordered printed pursuant to the rule appear on page H1299.

Quorum Calls—Votes: Three yeas and nays votes developed during the proceedings of the House today and appear on pages H1258–59, H1259–60, and H1278–79. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: Met at 10:00 a.m. and adjourned at 5:01 p.m.

Committee Meetings

AGRICULTURAL TRADE-EUROPE— MULTILATERAL NEGOTIATIONS

Committee on Agriculture: Held a hearing to review the 1999 Multilateral Negotiations on Agricultural Trade-Europe. Testimony was heard from Dan Glickman, Secretary of Agriculture; Peter Scher, Ambassador, Special Trade Negotiator for Agriculture, Office of the U.S. Trade Representative; and public witnesses.

COMMERCE, JUSTICE, STATE, AND JUDICIARY APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, State, and Judiciary held a hearing on the SEC, and on Department of State Administration of Foreign Affairs. Testimony was heard from Arthur Levitt, Jr., Chairman, SEC; and Bonnie Cohen, Under Secretary, Management, Department of State.

ENERGY AND WATER DEVELOPMENT APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Energy and Water Development met in executive session to continue hearings on Atomic Energy Defense Activities. Testimony was heard from Adm. Frank Lee Bowman, USN, Director of Naval Nuclear Propulsion, Department of the Navy.

FOREIGN OPERATIONS, EXPORT FINANCING AND RELATED PROGRAMS APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Foreign Operations, Export Financing and Related Programs held a hearing on the AID Administrator. Testimony was heard from J. Brian Atwood, Administrator, AID, United States International Development Cooperation Agency.

INTERIOR APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Interior held a hearing on the U.S. Geological Survey. Testimony was heard from Thomas J. Casadevall, Acting Director, U.S. Geological Survey, Department of the Interior.

LABOR-HHS-EDUCATION APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education held a hearing on the National Library of Medicine, the National Institute of Nursing Research; Fogarty International Center, the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases, and the National Eye Institute. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Health and Human Services: Donald A.B. Lindberg, M.D., Director, National Library of Medicine; Patricia A. Grady, M.D., Director, National Institute of Nursing Research; Philip E. Schambra, M.D., Director, Fogarty International Center; Anthony S. Fauci, M.D., Director, National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases; and Carl Kupfer, M.D., Director, National Eye Institute.

NATIONAL SECURITY APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on National Security held a hearing on the Quality of Life.

Testimony was heard from Sergeant Major Robert E. Hall, USA; Electronic Technical Master Chief Petty Officer, John Hagan, USN; Sergeant Major Lewis G. Lee, USMC; and Chief Master Sergeant of the Air Force Eric W. Benken, USAF.

The Subcommittee also met in executive session to hold a hearing on Readiness. Testimony was heard from Gen. William W. Crouch, USA, Vice Chief of Staff of the Army; Adm. Donald L. Pilling, USN, Vice Chief of Naval Operations; Gen. Richard I. Neal, USMC, Assistant Commandant of the Marine Corps; and Gen. Ralph E. Eberhart, USAF, Vice Chief of Staff of the Air Force.

VA-HUD-INDEPENDENT AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on VA, HUD and Independent Agencies held a hearing on the Department of Veterans Affairs. Testimony was heard from Togo D. West, Acting Secretary, Department of Veterans Affairs.

COMMUNICATIONS SATELLITE COMPETITION AND PRIVATIZATION ACT

Committee on Commerce: Subcommittee on Telecommunications, Trade, and Consumer Protection approved for full Committee action, amended, H.R. 1872, Communications Satellite Competition and Privatization Act.

HIGHER EDUCATION AMENDMENTS

Committee on Education and the Workforce: Began markup of H.R. 6, Higher Education Amendments of 1998.

Will continue tomorrow.

OVERSIGHT—YEAR 2000 EFFORTS

Committee on Government Reform and Oversight, Subcommittee on Government Management, Information, and Technology, and the Subcommittee on Technology of the Committee on Science held a joint hearing on the Oversight of the Federal Government's Year 2000 Efforts. Testimony was heard from John Koskinen, Chair, President's Council on Year 2000 Conversion, OMB; Gene Dodaro, Assistant Comptroller General, GAO; the following officials of the Department of the Treasury: Constance E. Craig, Assistant Commissioner, Information Resources, Financial Management Services; James J. Flyzik, Acting Chief Information Officer; Arthur A. Gross, Associate Commissioner, Modernization and Chief Information Officer, IRS; and Dennis Schendel, Deputy Assistant Inspector General, Audit; and a public witness.

CAMPAIGN REFORM AND ELECTION INTEGRITY ACT

Committee on House Oversight: Ordered reported amended H.R. 3485, Campaign Reform and Election Integrity Act of 1998.

PEACE CORPS VOLUNTEERS

Committee on International Relations: Held a hearing on the Peace Corps: 10,000 Volunteers by the Year 2000. Testimony was heard from Senators Coverdell and Dodd; Representatives Farr, Hall of Ohio, Petri, Shays and Walsh; Donna E. Shalala, Secretary, Department of Health and Human Services; and the following officials of the Peace Corps, Mark Gearan, Director; James Carden, Volunteer.

CONSUMER BANKRUPTCY ISSUES

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Commercial and Administrative Laws continued hearings 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 Judith R. Starr, Assistant Chief Litigation Counsel, Enforcement Division, SEC; Bernice Donald, Judge, U.S. District Court, Western District of Tennessee; Michael J. Kane, Deputy Secretary, Enforcement, Department of Revenue, State of Pennsylvania; and public witnesses.

Hearings continue tomorrow.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Courts and Intellectual Property approved for full Committee action the following: Alternative Dispute Resolution; H.R. 3210, amended, Copyright Compulsory License Improvement Act; and H.R. 2652, amended, Collections of Information Antipiracy Act.

U.S. POLICY ON BOSNIA

Committee on National Security: Held a hearing on U.S. Policy on Bosnia. Testimony was heard from William S. Cohen, Secretary of Defense; and Madeleine K. Albright, Secretary of State.

DEFENSE REFORM INITIATIVE

Committee on National Security: Subcommittee on Military Installations and Facilities held a hearing on infrastructure implications of the Defense Reform Initiative. Testimony was heard from John B. Goodman, Deputy Under Secretary, Industrial Affairs and Installations, Department of Defense; and the following officials of GAO: Barry W. Holman, Associate Director, Defense Management Issues; Carol R. Schuster, Associate Director, Military Operations and

Capabilities Issues; and William M. Solis, Assistant Director, Military Operations and Capabilities Issues.

QUARTERLY READINESS REPORTS

Committee on National Security: Subcommittee on Readiness held a hearing on Quarterly Readiness Reports. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Defense: Louis Finch, Deputy Under Secretary, Readiness; Maj. Gen. John J. Maher, USA, Vice Director, Operations, Joint Staff; Lt. Gen. Thomas N. Burnette, Jr., USA, Deputy Chief of Staff, Operations and Plans and Army Operations, Department of Army; Vice Adm. James O. Ellis, Jr., USN, Deputy Chief of Naval Operations, Plans, Policy and Operations, Department of Navy; Lt. Gen. Patrick K. Gamble, USAF, Deputy Chief of Staff, Air and Space Operations, Department of the Air Force; Lt. Gen. Martin R. Steele, USMC, Deputy Chief of Staff, Plans, Policies and Operations, Headquarters, U.S. Marine Corps.

OVERSIGHT—NATIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL POLICY ACT

Committee on Resources: Held an oversight hearing on Problems and Issues with the National Environmental Policy Act. Testimony was heard from Kathleen McGinty, Chair, Council on Environmental Quality; Gale Norton, Attorney General, State of Colorado; and public witnesses.

OVERSIGHT—NATIONAL MARINE FISHERIES SERVICE BUDGET REQUEST AND OTHER NOAA PROGRAMS

Committee on Resources: Subcommittee on Fisheries Conservation, Wildlife and Oceans held an oversight hearing on National Marine Fisheries Service FY '99 Budget request and other National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration programs. Testimony was heard from Robert L. Mallett, Deputy Secretary, Department of Commerce.

OVERSIGHT—DIESEL TECHNOLOGY FOR THE 21ST CENTURY

Committee on Science: Subcommittee on Energy and Environment held an oversight hearing on Diesel Technology for the 21st Century. Testimony was heard from Dan Reicher, Assistant Secretary, Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy, U.S. Department of Energy; and public witnesses.

SMALL BUSINESS REGULATORY BURDEN

Committee on Small Business: Subcommittee on Government Programs and Oversight and the Subcommittee on Regulatory Reform and Paperwork Reduction held a joint hearing on unequal regulatory burden borne by small businesses. Testimony

was heard from L. Nye Stevens, Director, Management Workforce Issues, General Government Division, GAO; Jere W. Glover, Chief Council for Advocacy, SBA; Thomas E. Kelly, Director, Office of Regulatory Management and Information, EPA; Greg Watchman, Acting Assistant Secretary, Occupational Safety and Health Administration, Department of Labor; and public witnesses.

FAA AND AIRPORT IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM REAUTHORIZATION

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure: Subcommittee on Aviation continued hearings on reauthorization of the Federal Aviation Administration and Airport Improvement Program. Testimony was heard from Jane F. Garvey, Administrator, FAA, Department of Transportation; Norman Y. Mineta, Chair, National Civil Aviation Review Commission; and public witnesses.

Hearings continue tomorrow.

SHIP SCRAPPING ACTIVITIES

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure: Subcommittee on Coast Guard and Maritime Transportation held a hearing on Ship Scrapping Activities of the United States Government. Testimony was heard from Representative Miller of California; David Heeter, Assistant Attorney General, Department of Justice, State of North Carolina; Patricia A. Rivers, Assistant Deputy Under Secretary, Cleanup, Office of the Deputy Under Secretary, Environmental Security, Department of Defense; and public witnesses.

BUDGET VIEWS AND ESTIMATES

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: Approved Fiscal Year 1999 Budget views and estimates for submission to the Committee on the Budget.

VA PARTICIPATION IN ENERGY MANAGEMENT PROGRAM

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations held a hearing on Department of Veterans Affairs participation in the Energy Management Program. Testimony was heard from John Archibald, Director, Federal Energy Management Program, Department of Energy; Maj. Gen. Milton Hunter, USA, Director, Military Programs, Army Corps of Engineers, Department of Army; and the following officials of the Department of Veterans Affairs: Kenneth Clark, Chief Network Officer, Veterans Health Administration; and Robert A. Palazzi, Chief Design Development, West Haven VA Medical Center; and a public witness.

COMMERCIAL MAPPING TECHNOLOGIES

Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence: Met in executive session to hold a briefing on Commercial Map-

ping Technologies. The Committee was briefed by departmental witnesses.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR THURSDAY, MARCH 19, 1998

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Appropriations, Subcommittee on Legislative Branch, to hold hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 1999 for the Architect of the Capitol, the General Accounting Office, and the Government Printing Office, 9 a.m., SD-116.

Subcommittee on VA, HUD, and Independent Agencies, to hold hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 1999 for the Department of Veterans Affairs, and cemeterial expenses for the Army, 9:30 a.m., SD-138.

Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, State, and the Judiciary, to hold hearings on proposed budget estimates for the Federal Communications Commission, and the Securities and Exchange Commission, 10 a.m., S-146, Capitol.

Subcommittee on Transportation, to hold hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 1999 for the Department of Transportation, 10 a.m., SD-124.

Subcommittee on Defense, to hold closed hearings to examine intelligence issues, 3:30 p.m., S-407, Capitol.

Committee on Armed Services, to hold hearings to examine issues related to NATO enlargement, 10 a.m., SR-222.

Subcommittee on Strategic Forces, 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 the Department of Energy's science-based stockpile stewardship and management program, 2:30 p.m., SR-232A.

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, to hold hearings on S. 1488, to ratify an agreement between the Aleut Corporation and the United States to exchange land rights received under the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act for certain land interests on Adak Island, and S. 1670, to amend the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act to provide for selection of lands by certain veterans of the Vietnam era, 9:30 a.m., SD-366.

Committee on the Judiciary, business meeting, to mark up H.R. 927, to provide for appointment of United States marshals by the Attorney General, and S. Res. 198, designating April 1, 1998 as "National Breast Cancer Survivors' Day", and to consider the nomination of Richard A. Paez, of California, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Ninth Circuit, time and room to be announced.