

INTELLIGENCE

Select Committee on Intelligence: Committee held closed hearings on intelligence matters, receiving testimony from officials of the intelligence community.

Committee will meet again on Wednesday, April 1.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Bills Introduced: 13 public bills, H.R. 3558–3570; and 5 resolutions, H. Con. Res. 251–253, and H. Res. 398–399, were introduced. **Pages H1642–43**

Reports Filed: Reports were filed as follows:

H.R. 2786, to authorize additional appropriations for the Department of Defense for ballistic missile defenses and other measures to counter the emerging threat posed to the United States and its allies in the Middle East and Persian Gulf region by the development and deployment of ballistic missiles by Iran (H. Rept. 105–468 Part 1). **Page H1642**

Personal Privilege: Representative Shuster rose to a point of personal privilege and was recognized for 1 hour. **Pages H1553–56**

Small Business Paperwork Reduction Act: The House passed H.R. 3310, to amend chapter 35 of title 44, United States Code, for the purpose of facilitating compliance by small businesses with certain Federal paperwork requirements, and to establish a task force to examine the feasibility of streamlining paperwork requirements applicable to small businesses by a recorded vote of 267 ayes to 140 noes, Roll No. 74. Agreed to amend the title. **Pages H1562–81**

Agreed to the McIntosh amendment that requires the States, in the enforcement of a Federal program, to comply with provisions that allow the suspension of a civil fine for a first-time violation of a paperwork requirement by a small business (agreed to by a recorded vote of 224 ayes to 179 noes, Roll No. 73). **Pages H1578, H1579–80**

Rejected the Kucinich amendment that sought to establish a policy or program for eliminating, delaying, and reducing civil fines for first-time violations by small entities (rejected by a recorded vote of 183 ayes to 221 noes, Roll No. 72). **Pages H1572–78, H1578–79**

Earlier, agreed to H. Res. 396, the rule that provided for consideration of the bill by a voice vote. **Pages H1559–62**

Foreign Affairs Reform and Restructuring Act: The House agreed to the conference report on H.R.

1757, to consolidate international affairs agencies, to authorize appropriations for the Department of State and related agencies for fiscal years 1998 and 1999, to ensure that the enlargement of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO) proceeds in a manner consistent with United States interests, to strengthen relations between the United States and Russia, and to preserve the prerogatives of the Congress with respect to certain arms control agreements. **Page H1600**

Earlier, agreed to H. Res. 385, the rule that waived points of order against the conference report bill by a yeas and nays vote of 234 yeas to 172 nays, Roll No. 75. **Pages H1581–88**

Fairness for Small Business and Employees Act: The House passed 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 by a recorded vote of 202 ayes to 200 noes, Roll No. 78. **Pages H1609–22**

Agreed to the Goodling amendment that clarifies that a bona fide employee has all of the rights provided by the National Labor Relations Act including the right to form, join, or assist labor organizations, to bargain collectively through representatives, and to engage in other activities for the purpose of collective bargaining or mutual aid (agreed to by a recorded vote of 398 ayes with none voting “no”, Roll No. 77). **Pages H1619–22**

Earlier, the agreed to H. Res. 393, the rule that provided for consideration of the bill by a yeas and nays vote of 220 yeas to 185 nays, Roll No. 76. **Pages H1600–09**

Forest Recovery and Protection Act: Agreed by unanimous consent that H. Res. 394, be considered as adopted and that during consideration of H.R. 2515, in the Committee of the Whole pursuant to that resolution, that the amendment in the nature of

a substitute made in order as original text be considered as read; and after general debate the bill be considered for amendment under the five-minute rule for a period not to extend beyond 1:30 p.m. on Friday, March 27, 1998. **Page H1623**

Late Reports: The Committee on Appropriations received permission to have until midnight on Friday, March 27, 1998 to file two privileged reports on bills making Emergency Supplemental Appropriations for Fiscal Year 1998 and making Supplemental Appropriations for Fiscal Year 1998. **Page H1609**

Authority to Add Cosponsors: Agreed that Representative Capps be authorized to sign and submit requests to add co-sponsors to H.R. 2009, Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis (ALS) Research, Treatment, and Assistance Act of 1997. **Page H1623**

Senate Messages: Message received from the Senate today appears on page H1553.

Amendments: Amendments ordered printed pursuant to the rule appear on pages H1644–47.

Quorum Calls—Votes: Two yea and nay votes and five recorded votes developed during the proceedings of the House today and appear on pages H1578–79, H1579–80, H1580–81, H1588, H1608–09, H1622, and H1622–23. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: Met at 10:00 a.m. and adjourned at 11:17 p.m.

Committee Meetings

USDA'S FEDERAL MILK MARKETING ORDER REFORM

Committee on Agriculture: Subcommittee on Livestock, Dairy, and Poultry held a hearing to review the USDA's Federal Milk Marketing Order Reform. Testimony was heard from Enrique E. Figueroa, Administrator, Agricultural Marketing Service, USDA; Ben Brancel, Secretary of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection, State of Wisconsin; and public witnesses.

COMMERCE, JUSTICE, STATE, AND JUDICIARY APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, State, and the Judiciary held a hearing on State and Local Law Enforcement. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Justice: Joe Brann, Director, Cops Program; Laurie Robinson, Assistant Attorney General, Office of Justice Programs; and Shay Bilchik, Administrator, Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention.

ENERGY AND WATER DEVELOPMENT APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Energy and Water Development held a hearing on the Appalachian Regional Commission. Testimony was heard from Jesse L. White, Jr., Federal Co-Chair, Appalachian Regional Commission; and Cecil H. Underwood, Governor, State of West Virginia.

INTERIOR APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Interior, the Committee on the Budget and the Committee on Resources held a joint oversight hearing on the Forest Service. Testimony was heard from Barry T. Hill, Associate Director, Energy, Resources and Science Issues, GAO; and the following officials of the USDA: Roger C. Viadero, Inspector General; and Michael Dombeck, Chief, Forest Service.

INTERIOR APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on the Interior held a hearing on Department of Energy Conservation. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Energy: Dan W. Reicher, Assistant Secretary, Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy; and Patricia Fry Godley, Assistant Secretary, Fossil Energy.

LABOR-HHS-EDUCATION APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education held a hearing on Elementary and Secondary Education; Bilingual Education and Minority Languages Affairs, Howard University and on Special Institutions for the Disabled. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Education: Gerald N. Tirozzi, Assistant Secretary, Elementary and Secondary Education; Delia Pompa, Director, Office of Bilingual Education and Minority Languages Affairs; Judith E. Heumann, Assistant Secretary, Special Education and Rehabilitative Services; and H. Patrick Swygert, President, Howard University.

VA-HUD-INDEPENDENT AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on VA, HUD, and Independent Agencies held a hearing on the Department of Housing and Urban Development. Testimony was heard from Andrew M. Cuomo, Secretary of Housing and Urban Development.

CREDIT UNION MEMBERSHIP ACCESS ACT

Committee on Banking and Financial Services: Ordered reported amended H.R. 1151, Credit Union Membership Access Act.