

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

FINANCIAL SERVICES COMPETITIVENESS ACT

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: Committee resumed hearings on H.R. 10, to enhance competition in the financial services industry by providing a prudential framework for the affiliation of banks, securities firms, and other financial service providers, receiving testimony from Mary Griffin, on behalf of Consumers Union and the Consumer Federation of America, Edmund Mierzwinski, U.S. Public Interest Research Group, Allen J. Fishbein, Center for Community Change, John E. Taylor, National Community Reinvestment Coalition, and Ralph Nader, all of Washington, D.C.

Hearings continue tomorrow.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Committee ordered favorably reported the following bills:

S. 1695, to establish the Sand Creek Massacre National Historic Site in the State of Colorado, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 1418, to promote the research, identification, assessment, exploration, and development of methane hydrate resources, with amendments;

H.R. 2217, to extend the deadline for the commencement of construction of a FERC hydroelectric project located in San Miguel, Colorado to January 30, 2002;

H.R. 2165, to extend the deadline for the commencement of construction of a FERC hydroelectric project located in Scott County, Iowa for up to three consecutive 2-year periods;

H.R. 2841, to extend the deadline for the commencement of construction of a FERC hydroelectric project located in Bracken County, Kentucky for up to three consecutive 2-year periods;

H.R. 449, to provide for the orderly disposal of certain Federal lands in Clark County, Nevada, and to provide for the acquisition of environmentally sensitive lands in the State of Nevada; and

S. 890, to dispose of certain Federal properties located in Dutch John, Utah, and to assist the local government in the interim delivery of basic services to the Dutch John community, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute.

ASIAN FINANCIAL CONDITION

Committee on Foreign Relations: Subcommittee on International Economic Policy, Export, and Trade Promotion held hearings to examine the state of certain Asian economies and currencies, receiving testi-

mony from Lawrence H. Summers, Deputy Secretary of the Treasury.

Hearings were recessed subject to call.

KOSOVO

Committee on Foreign Relations: Subcommittee on European Affairs held hearings to examine the current state of human rights violations and United States policy in the Yugoslavian province of Kosovo, receiving testimony from Senator D'Amato; former Senator Dole, on behalf of the International Commission on Missing Persons in the Former Yugoslavia; and Morton I. Abramowitz, International Crisis Group, Washington, D.C., former Assistant Secretary of State for Intelligence and Research.

Hearings were recessed subject to call.

GOVERNMENT COMPUTER SECURITY

Committee on Governmental Affairs: Committee concluded hearings to examine the state of computer security within Federal, State and local agencies, focusing on certain risks related to computer-communication technology and efforts to reduce them, after receiving testimony from George J. Tenet, Director of Central Intelligence; and Lt. Gen. Kenneth A. Minihan, Director, National Security Agency, Department of Defense.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on the Judiciary: Committee ordered favorably reported the following measures:

S.J. Res. 40, proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States authorizing Congress to prohibit the physical desecration of the flag of the United States; and

H.J. Res. 54, proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States authorizing the Congress to prohibit the physical desecration of the flag of the United States.

AGRICULTURE GUESTWORKER PROGRAM

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Immigration concluded hearings to examine the implementation and the ability of the H-2A agricultural guestworker program (which provides a way for U.S. agricultural employers to bring nonimmigrant foreign workers into the United States to perform seasonal agricultural work on a temporary basis when domestic workers are unavailable) to meet the needs of the agricultural industry, after receiving testimony from Senators Graham, Gorton, Craig, Coverdell, Wyden, and Gordon Smith; Representatives Berman and Robert Smith; Carlotta C. Joyner, Director,

Education and Employment Issues, Health, Education, and Human Services Division, General Accounting Office; Howard Kelly, Michigan Farm Bureau, Lansing; Juanita Santana, Oregon Child Development Coalition, Wilsonville; Leo C. Polopolus, University of Florida, Gainesville; Walter Kates, Florida Fruit and Vegetable Association, Orlando, on behalf of the National Council of Agricultural Employers; and Robert A. Williams, Florida Legal Services, Inc., Tallahassee.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Labor and Human Resources: Committee ordered favorably reported S. 2206, to make improvements to and authorize funds for programs of the Head Start Act, the Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Act of 1981, and the Community Services Block Grant Act, and to establish demonstration projects that provide an opportunity for persons with limited means to accumulate assets, with amendments.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Indian Affairs: Committee ordered favorably reported the following bills:

S. 1925, to make certain technical corrections in laws relating to Native Americans, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute; and

S. 1998, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to establish the Four Corners Interpretive Center within the boundaries of the Four Corners Monument Tribal Park using land designated and made available by the Navajo Nation or the Ute Mountain Ute Tribe.

INDIAN WATER RIGHTS

Committee on Indian Affairs: Committee concluded joint hearings with the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources' Subcommittee on Water and Power on the following bills:

S. 1899, to approve and ratify the Water Rights Compact entered into on April 14, 1997, by the Chippewa Cree Tribe of the Rocky Boy's Reservation and the State of Montana, after receiving testimony from Robert T. Anderson, Counselor to the Secretary of the Interior; Roger St. Pierre, Chippewa Cree Tribe of the Rocky Boy's Reservation, Box Elder, Montana; and Chris D. Tweeten, Montana Reserved Water Rights Compact Commission, Helena; and

S. 1771, to provide for a final settlement of the claims of the Colorado Ute Indian Tribes, after receiving testimony from Senator Allard; Eluid Martinez, Commissioner, Bureau of Reclamation, Department of the Interior; Colorado Attorney General Gale Norton, Denver; New Mexico State Engineer Thomas C. Turney, Santa Fe; Clement Frost, Southern Ute Tribal Council, Ignacio, Colorado; Judy Knight-Frank, Ute Mountain Ute Tribal Council, Towaoc, Colorado; James C. Decker, Taxpayers for the Animas River, and Sage Remington, Southern Ute Grassroots Organization, both of Durango, Colorado; Mark Duncan, San Juan Water Commission, Farmington, New Mexico; and Lori Potter, Kelly, Haglund, Garnsey & Kahn, Denver, Colorado, on behalf of the Sierra Club.

INTELLIGENCE

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

Committee will meet again tomorrow.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Bills Introduced:

15 Public bills, H.R. 4123-4137; and 5 resolutions, H. Con. Res. 295-296 and H. Res. 492-494, were introduced. Pages H5296-97

Reports Filed:

Reports were filed as follows:
H.R. 3840, to provide for the exchange of certain lands within the State of Utah (H. Rept. 105-598);

Conference report on H.R. 2676, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to restructure and reform the Internal Revenue Service (H. Rept. 105-599);

Report on the Revised Suballocation of Budget Totals for Fiscal Year 1999 (H. Rept. 105-600);

H. Res. 489, providing for consideration of H.R. 4112, making appropriations for the Legislative Branch for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1999 (H. Rept. 105-601);

H. Res. 490, waiving points of order against the conference report on H.R. 2676, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to restructure and reform the Internal Revenue Service (H. Rept. 105-602); and

H. Res. 491, providing for consideration of a concurrent resolution for the adjournment of the House