

H.R. 416, to provide for the rectification of certain retirement coverage errors affecting Federal employees (H. Rept. 106-29 Part 1). **Pages H713-14**

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

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Recess: The House recessed at 1:06 p.m. and reconvened at 2:00 p.m.

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George Washington Birthday: Agreed that the remarks made by Representatives Wolf and Moran at the wreath-laying ceremony at the Washington Monument for the observance of George Washington's birthday be inserted in today's Congressional Record.

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Committee Resignation: Read a letter from Representative Sisisky wherein he requested a leave of absence from the Committee on Small Business. Without objection, the resignation from the Committee was accepted.

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

Parks and Public Lands: H.R. 149, amended, to make technical corrections to the Omnibus Parks and Public Lands Management Act of 1996. Agreed to amend the title;

Pages H666-68

Hiram H. Ward Federal Building and Courthouse: H.R. 92, to designate the Federal building and United States courthouse located at 251 North Main Street in Winston-Salem, North Carolina, as the "Hiram H. Ward Federal Building and United States Courthouse;"

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James F. Battin United States Courthouse: H.R. 158, amended, to designate the Federal Courthouse located at 316 North 26th Street in Billings, Montana, as the "James F. Battin Federal Courthouse." Agreed to amend the title;

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Richard C. White Federal Building: H.R. 233, to designate the Federal building located at 700 East San Antonio Street in El Paso, Texas, as the "Richard C. White Federal Building;"

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Ronald V. Dellums Federal Building: H.R. 396, to designate the Federal building located at 1301 Clay Street in Oakland, California, as the "Ronald V. Dellums Federal Building;"

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New Jersey Coastal Heritage Trail: H.R. 171, to authorize appropriations for the Coastal Heritage Trail Route in New Jersey (passed by ye and nay vote of 394 yeas to 21 nays, Roll No. 22); and

Pages H668-70, H678

Designating Segments of the Sudbury, Assabet, and Concord Rivers in Massachusetts as Wild and

Scenic Rivers: H.R. 193, amended, to designate a portion of the Sudbury, Assabet, and Concord Rivers as a component of the National Wild and Scenic Rivers System (passed by a ye and nay vote of 395 yeas to 22 nays, Roll No. 23). **Pages H670-71, H679**

Committee Seniority: The House agreed to H. Res. 73 specifying that Representative Portman shall rank immediately following Representative Camp on the Committee on Standards.

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Presidential Message—Western Hemisphere Drug Alliance: Read a message from the President wherein he transmitted his report on the Western Hemisphere Drug Alliance—referred to the Committee on International Relations.

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Senate Messages: Messages received by the Clerk from the Senate on February 12 and February 16 appear on pages H663-64.

Amendments: Amendments ordered printed pursuant to the rule appear on pages H718-21.

Quorum Calls—Votes: Two ye and nay votes developed during the proceedings of the House today and appear on pages H678 and H679. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 12:30 p.m. and adjourned at 8:07 p.m.

Committee Meetings

AGRICULTURE, RURAL DEVELOPMENT, FDA APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies held a hearing on FDA. Testimony was heard from Jane Henney, M.D., Commissioner, FDA, Department of Health and Human Services.

LABOR-HHS-EDUCATION APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education held a hearing on Health Resources and Services Administration, on the Administration for Children and Families and on the Administration on Aging. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Health and Human Services: Claud E. Fox, M.D., Administrator, Health Resources and Services Administration; and Olivia Golden, Assistant Secretary, Administration for Children and Families.

TRANSPORTATION APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Transportation held a hearing on Surface Transportation Safety. Testimony was heard from Phyllis

Scheinberg, Associate Director, Transportation Issues, GAO; Jim Hall, Chairman, National Transportation Safety Board; and the following officials of the Department of Transportation: Kenneth Mead, Inspector General; Kenneth Wykle, Administrator, Federal Highway Administration; Ricardo Martinez, Administrator, National Highway Traffic Safety Administration; and Charles Hunnicutt, Assistant Secretary, Aviation and International Affairs, Office of the Secretary; and public witnesses.

TREASURY, POSTAL SERVICE, AND GENERAL GOVERNMENT APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Treasury, Postal Service, and General Government held a hearing on Treasury Law Enforcement. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of the Treasury: James E. Johnson, Under Secretary, Enforcement; Bruce J. Bowen, Acting Director, U.S. Secret Service; W. Ralph Basham, Director, Federal Law Enforcement Training Center; John W. Magaw, Director, Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, and Firearms; and Raymond Kelly, Commissioner, U.S. Customs Service.

VA-HUD-INDEPENDENT AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on VA, HUD, and Independent Agencies held a hearing on the Consumer Product Commission, the Consumer Information Center and on the Office of Inspector General, FDIC. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Consumer Product Safety Commission: Ann Brown, Chairman; Mary Sheila Gall, Vice Chairman; and Thomas H. Moore, Commissioner; the following officials of the GSA: Teresa Nasif, Director, Consumer Information Center, Beth Newberger, Associate Administrator, Public Affairs; and Bill Early, Director of Budget; and Gaston Gianni, Jr., Inspector General, FDIC.

DEFENSE INFORMATION SUPERIORITY AND INFORMATION ASSURANCE

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Military Procurement and the Subcommittee on Military Research and Development held a joint hearing on Defense Information Superiority and Information Assurance. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Defense: John Hamre, Deputy Secretary; Art Money, Senior Civilian Official, Assistant Secretary (Command, Control, Communications and Intelligence); Adm. Archie R. Clemens, USN, Commander-in-Chief, Pacific Fleet; Vice Adm. Arthur K. Cebrowski, USN, President, Naval War College; Lt. Gen. John L. Woodward, USAF, Director, Command, Control, Communications and Computers Systems, The Joint Staff; Lt.

Gen. William H. Campbell, USA, Director, Information Systems, Command, Control, and Computers, Department of the Army; Vice Adm. Robert J. Natter, USN, Director, Space, Information Warfare, Command and Control, Department of the Navy; Lt. Gen. William J. Donahue, USAF, Director, Headquarters Communications and Information, Department of the Air Force; and Lt. Gen. John E. Rhodes, USMC, Commanding General, Marine Corps Combat Development Command, U.S. Marine Corps.

VOLUNTEER FIREFIGHTERS—IMPACT OF FAIR LABOR STANDARDS ACT

Committee on Education and the Workforce: Subcommittee on Workforce Protections held a hearing on Impact of the Fair Labor Standards Act on Volunteer Firefighters. Testimony was heard from Representative Bateman; and public witnesses.

Y2K TECHNOLOGY CHALLENGE: WILL THE POSTAL SERVICES DELIVER?

Committee on Government Reform, Subcommittee on the Postal Service, the Subcommittee on Government Management, Information, and Technology, and the Subcommittee on Technology of the Committee on Science held a joint hearing on “Y2K Technology Challenge: Will the Postal Services Deliver?” Testimony was heard from the following officials of the U.S. Postal Service: Karla W. Corcoran, Inspector General; and Norman E. Lorentz, Senior Vice President and Chief Technology Officer; and Jack L. Brock, Director, Governmentwide and Defense Information Systems, Accounting and Information Management Division, GAO.

OVERSIGHT—MINING, THE AMERICAN ECONOMIC AND NATIONAL SECURITY

Committee on Resources: Subcommittee on Energy and Mineral Resources held an oversight hearing on Mining, the American Economy and National Security—The Role of Public Lands in Maintaining a National Asset. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the U.S. Geological Service, Department of the Interior: Michael J. McKinley and W. David Menzie, both with the Minerals Information Team; and public witnesses.

OVERSIGHT—FOREST SERVICE BUDGET; EMIGRANT WILDERNESS PRESERVATION ACT

Committee on Resources: Subcommittee on Forests and Forest Health held an oversight hearing on the Forest Service Budget for Fiscal Year 2000. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the USDA: James R. Lyons, Under Secretary, Natural Resources and Environment; and Mike Dombeck, Chief, Forest Service.

The Subcommittee also held a hearing on H.R. 359, Emigrant Wilderness Preservation Act of 1999. Testimony was heard from Gloria Manning, Acting Deputy Chief, National Forest System, Forest Service, USDA; and public witnesses.

WIRELESS COMMUNICATIONS AND PUBLIC SAFETY ACT

Committee on Rules: Granted, by voice vote, an open rule providing 1 hour of debate on H.R. 438, Wireless Communications and Public Safety Act of 1999. The rule waives points of order against consideration of the bill for failure to comply with clause 4(a) of rule XIII (requiring a three-day layover of the committee report). The rule makes in order the Committee on Commerce amendment in the nature of a substitute now printed in the bill as an original bill for the purpose of amendment and provides that each section shall 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 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 one motion to recommit with or without instructions. Testimony was heard from Representatives Tauzin and Markey.

WIRELESS PRIVACY ENHANCEMENT ACT

Committee on Rules: Granted, by voice vote, an open rule providing 1 hour of debate on H.R. 514, Wireless Privacy Enhancement Act of 1999. The rule waives points of order against consideration of the bill for failure to comply with clause 4(a) of rule XIII (requiring a three-day layover of the committee report). The rule further provides that each section of the bill shall 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 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 one motion to recommit with or without instructions. Testimony was heard from Representatives Tauzin and Markey.

FEDERAL FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE MANAGEMENT IMPROVEMENT ACT; BUDGET VIEWS AND ESTIMATES

Committee on Rules: Granted, by voice vote, an open rule providing 1 hour of debate on H.R. 409, Federal Financial Assistance Management Improvement Act of 1999. The rule further provides that each sec-

tion of the bill shall 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 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 one motion to recommit with or without instructions. Testimony was heard from Representatives Horn, Portman, and Turner.

The Committee also adopted Committee Budget Views and Estimates for Fiscal Year 2000 for submission to the Committee on the Budget.

OVERSIGHT—NATIONAL EARTHQUAKE HAZARDS REDUCTION PROGRAM AUTHORIZATION

Committee on Science: Subcommittee on Basic Research held an oversight hearing on National Earthquake Hazards Reduction Program reauthorization. Testimony was heard from Michael J. Armstrong, Associate Director, Mitigation, FEMA; P. Patrick Leahy, Chief Geologist, U.S. Geological Survey, Department of the Interior; Joseph Bordogna, Acting Deputy Director, NSF; Raymond Kammer, Director, National Institute for Standards and Technology, Department of Commerce; and public witnesses.

CLEAN WATER ACT—GOVERNORS' PERSPECTIVES

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure: Subcommittee on Water Resources and Environment held a hearing on Governors' Perspectives on the Clean Water Act. Testimony was heard from the following Governors: George E. Pataki, State of New York; Jim Geringer, State of Wyoming; and Parris N. Glendening, State of Maryland.

CONGRESSIONAL COMMISSION ON SERVICEMEMBERS AND VETERANS TRANSITION ASSISTANCE REPORT

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: Held a hearing to receive the Report of the Congressional Commission on Servicemembers and Veterans Transition Assistance. Testimony was heard from Anthony J. Principi, Chairman, Congressional Commission on Servicemembers and Veterans Transition Assistance; and former Senator Robert Dole of Kansas.

PRESIDENT'S SOCIAL SECURITY FRAMEWORK

Committee on Ways and Means: Held a hearing on the President's Social Security Framework. Testimony was heard from Jacob J. Lew, Director, OMB; Kenneth Apfel, Commissioner, SSA; David M. Walker, Comptroller General, GAO; the following officials of

the CBO: Dan L. Crippen, Director; and Barry B. Anderson, Deputy Director; Edward Gramlich, member, Board of Governors, Federal Reserve System; and public witnesses.

RUSSIAN DEVELOPMENTS: AN INTELLIGENCE UPDATE BRIEFING

Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence: Met in executive session to receive a briefing on Russian Developments: An Intelligence Update. The Committee was briefed by departmental witnesses.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 24, 1999

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry: to hold oversight hearings on activities of the Department of Agriculture, 9:30 a.m., SR-332.

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Readiness and Management Support, to hold hearings on the national security ramifications of the Year 2000 computer problems, 9:30 a.m., SH-216.

Subcommittee on Personnel, to hold hearings on proposed legislation authorizing funds for fiscal year 2000 for the Department of Defense and for the future years defense program, focusing on recruiting and retention policies within DOD and the Military Services, 2 p.m., SR-222.

Subcommittee on Strategic, to hold hearings on national missile defense programs and policies, in review of the Defense Authorization Request for Fiscal Year 2000 and the Future Years Defense Program, 2 p.m., SR-232A.

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: to hold hearings on proposed legislation 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, 10 a.m., SD-106.

Committee on the Budget: to hold hearings on national defense budget issues, 2 p.m., SD-608.

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Subcommittee on Oceans and Fisheries, to hold hearings on the proposed budget request for fiscal year 2000 for the United States Coast Guard, Department of Transportation, 2:30 p.m., SR-253.

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Subcommittee on National Parks, Historic Preservation, and Recreation, to hold oversight hearings on the President's proposed budget request for fiscal year 2000 for National Park Service programs and operations, 2 p.m., SD-366.

Committee on Environment and Public Works: to hold hearings to examine the President's proposed budget request for fiscal year 2000 for the Environmental Protection Agency, 9 a.m., SD-406.

Subcommittee on Clean Air, Wetlands, Private Property, and Nuclear Safety, to hold hearings on potential

year 2000 issues relative to the nuclear industry and chemical safety, 2:15 p.m., SH-216.

Committee on Finance: to hold hearings on the current status, availability and effectiveness of tax-favored retirement savings vehicles, including IRA's, 401(k)s, 403(b)s and 457 plans, 10 a.m., SD-215.

Committee on Foreign Relations: to hold hearings to examine the President's proposed budget request for fiscal year 2000 for foreign assistance programs, 11 a.m., SD-419.

Subcommittee on European Affairs, to hold hearings on anti-semitism in Russia, 2 p.m., SD-419.

Committee on Governmental Affairs: to hold hearings on the future of the Independent Counsel Act, 10 a.m., SD-342.

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: to hold hearings on balancing the needs of medical research and confidentiality, 9:30 a.m., SD-430.

Committee on Indian Affairs: to hold hearings on the President's proposed budget request for fiscal year 2000 for Indian programs, 9 a.m., SR-485.

United States Senate Caucus on International Narcotics Control: to hold hearings to examine United States-Mexican counter narcotics efforts, 9 a.m., SD-628.

House

Committee on Agriculture, Subcommittee on Department Operations, Oversight, Nutrition, and Forestry, hearing to review Forest Service forest health maps, 10 a.m., 1300 Longworth.

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

Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, State, and Judiciary, on Embassy Security, 10 a.m., 2237 Rayburn, and on Bureau of Prisons, 2 p.m., H-309 Capitol.

Subcommittee on Defense, executive, on fiscal year 2000 Intelligence Budget, 9:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m., H-140 Capitol.

Subcommittee on Foreign Operations, Export Financing and Related Programs, on Hurricane Mitch Supplemental, 9:30 a.m., 2212 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Interior, on Secretary of Energy, 10 a.m., and on Secretary of the Interior, 1 p.m., B-308 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, on Director, NIH, 10 a.m., and on National Cancer Institute, National Institute on Deafness and Other Communication Disorders, 2 p.m., 2358 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Treasury, Postal Service, and General Government, on IRS, 10 a.m., on Bureau of Engraving and Printing, and on U.S. Mint and Financial Management Service, 2 p.m., 2359 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on VA, HUD, Independent Agencies, on Chemical Safety and Hazard Investigation Board, 9:30 a.m., on Council on Environmental Quality, 10:30 a.m., and on American Battle Monuments Commission, 11:30 a.m., H-143 Capitol.