

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

APPROPRIATIONS—EMERGENCY SUPPLEMENTAL

Committee on Appropriations: Committee ordered favorably reported an original bill (S. 544) making emergency supplemental appropriations and rescissions for recovery from natural disasters, and foreign assistance, for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1999.

APPROPRIATIONS—TRANSPORTATION

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Transportation concluded hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2000 for the Department of Transportation, after receiving testimony from Rodney E. Slater, Secretary of Transportation.

APPROPRIATIONS—NATIONAL DRUG CONTROL POLICY

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Treasury and General Government concluded hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2000 for the Office of National Drug Control Policy, after receiving testimony from Barry R. McCaffrey, Director, Office of National Drug Control Policy.

APPROPRIATIONS—FEDERAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Veteran Affairs, Housing and Urban Development and Independent Agencies concluded hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2000 for the Federal Emergency Management Agency, after receiving testimony from James L. Witt, Director, Mike Walker, Deputy Director, Gary Johnson, Chief Financial Officer, and Carrye Brown, Administrator, U.S. Fire Administrator, all of the Federal Emergency Management Agency.

AUTHORIZATION—DEFENSE

Committee on Armed Services: Committee concluded hearings on proposed legislation authorizing funds for fiscal year 2000 for the Department of Defense focusing on the military strategy and operational requirements of the regional commands, and the future years defense program, after receiving testimony from Adm. Dennis C. Blair, USN, Commander-in-Chief, U.S. Pacific Command; Gen. Charles E. Wilhelm, USMC, Commander-in-Chief, U.S. Southern Command; and Gen. John H. Tilelli, Jr., USA, Commander-in-Chief, United Nations Command/U.S. Forces Korea/Combined Forces Command Korea.

BUSINESS MEETING: FINANCIAL SERVICES MODERNIZATION ACT

Committee on Banking: Committee ordered favorably reported an original bill to enhance competition in the financial services industry by providing a prudential framework for the affiliation of banks, securities firms, insurance companies, and other financial service providers.

CHILDREN INTERNET PROTECTION

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Committee concluded hearings on S. 97, to require the installation and use by schools and libraries of a technology for filtering or blocking material on the Internet on computers with Internet access to be eligible to receive or retain universal service assistance, after receiving testimony from Janie Harris, Solace House, Shawnee Mission, Kansas; Mary Anne Layden, University of Pennsylvania Department of Psychiatry, Philadelphia; Candace Morgan, Fort Vancouver Regional Library, Vancouver, Washington; Gordon Ross, Net Nanny Software International, Inc., Bellevue, Washington; Bruce Taylor, National Law Center for Children and Families, Fairfax, Virginia; Jay A. Sekulow, American Center for Law and Justice, Virginia Beach, Virginia; Elliot M. Minberg, People for the American Way Foundation, Washington, D.C.; and Adrian Russell-Falla, RuleSpace, Inc., Portland, Oregon.

BUSINESS MEETING

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

S. 278, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to convey certain lands to the county of Rio Arriba, New Mexico;

S. 291, to convey certain real property within the Carlsbad Project in New Mexico to the Carlsbad Irrigation District;

S. 292, to preserve the cultural resources of the Route 66 corridor and to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to provide assistance;

S. 293, to direct the Secretaries of Agriculture and Interior to convey certain lands in San Juan County, New Mexico, to San Juan College;

S. 243, to authorize the construction of the Perkins County Rural Water System and authorize financial assistance to the Perkins County Rural Water System, Inc., a nonprofit corporation, in the planning and construction of the water supply system;

S. 330, to promote the research, identification, assessment, exploration, and development of methane hydrate resources;

S. 334, to amend the Federal Power Act to remove the jurisdiction of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission to license projects on fresh waters in the State of Hawaii;

S. 356, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to convey certain works, facilities, and titles of the Gila Project, and designated lands within or adjacent to the Gila Project, to the Wellton-Mohawk Irrigation and Drainage District;

S. 361, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to transfer to John R. and Margaret J. Lowe of Big Horn County, Wyoming, certain land so as to correct an error in the patent issued to their predecessors in interest;

S. 366, to amend the National Trails System Act to designate El Camino Real de Tierra Adentro as a National Historic Trail;

S. 382, to establish the Minuteman Missile National Historic Site in the State of South Dakota;

S. 422, to provide for Alaska state jurisdiction over small hydroelectric projects;

S. 426, to amend the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act, to provide for a land exchange between the Secretary of Agriculture and the Huna Totem Corporation;

S. 430, to amend the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act, to provide for a land exchange between the Secretary of Agriculture and the Kake Tribal Corporation;

S. 449, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to transfer to the personal representative of the estate of Fred Steffens of Big Horn County, Wyoming, certain land comprising the Steffens family property;

H.R. 171, to authorize appropriations for the Coastal Heritage Trail Route in New Jersey; and

H.R. 193, to designate a portion of the Sudbury, Assabet, and Concord Rivers as a component of the National Wild and Scenic Rivers System.

Also, Committee completed its review of those programs which fall within the committee's jurisdiction as contained in the President's proposed budget for fiscal year 2000, and agreed on recommendations it will make thereon to the Committee on the Budget.

NOMINATION

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Committee concluded hearings on the nomination of Robert Wayne Gee, of Texas, to be the Assistant Secretary of Energy for Fossil Energy, after the nominee testified and answered questions in his own behalf.

NOMINATIONS

Committee on Environment and Public Works: Committee concluded hearings on the nominations of Gary S. Guzy, of the District of Columbia, to be an Assistant Administrator (Office of General Counsel) of

the Environmental Protection Agency, and Anne Jeannette Udall, of North Carolina, to be a Member of the Board of Trustees of the Morris K. Udall Scholarship and Excellence in National Environmental Policy Foundation, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf. Mr. Guzy was introduced by Senator Lautenberg and Dr. Udall was introduced by Representative Udall.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Finance: Committee ordered favorably reported the following bills:

S. 331, bill to amend the Social Security Act to expand the availability of health care coverage for working individuals with disabilities, to establish a Ticket to Work and Self-Sufficiency Program in the Social Security Administration to provide such individuals with meaningful opportunities to work, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute; and

S. 494, to amend title XIX of the Social Security Act to prohibit transfers or discharges of residents of nursing facilities as a result of a voluntary withdrawal from participation in the Medicaid program.

FOREIGN AFFAIRS BUDGET

Committee on Foreign Relations: Subcommittee on International Operations concluded hearings on the President's proposed budget request for fiscal year 2000 for the Department of State, after receiving testimony from Bonnie R. Cohen, Under Secretary for Management, and Jacquelyn Williams-Bridgers, Inspector General, both of the Department of State; and Benjamin F. Nelson, Director, International Relations and Trade Issues, National Security and International Affairs Division, General Accounting Office.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Governmental Affairs: Committee ordered favorably reported the following measures:

S. 380, to reauthorize the Congressional Award Act;

S. 92, to provide for biennial budget process and a biennial appropriations process and to enhance oversight and the performance of the Federal Government, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

An original bill to provide guidance for the designation of emergencies as a part of the budget process. (As approved by the committee, the bill incorporates the text of Title II of S. 93.); and

An original bill to prevent the shutdown of the Government at the beginning of a fiscal year if a new budget is not yet enacted. (As approved by the committee, the bill incorporates the text of Title IV of S. 93.)

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on the Judiciary: Committee ordered favorably reported S. 249, to provide funding for the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children, and to reauthorize the Runaway and Homeless Youth Act, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute.

NEW SAFE ACT

Committee on Health, Education, Labor and Pensions: Subcommittee on Employment, Safety and Training concluded hearings on S. 385, to amend the Occupational Safety and Health Act of 1970 to further improve the safety and health of working environments, after receiving testimony from Charles N. Jeffress, Assistant Secretary of Labor for Occupational Safety

and Health; Roslyn C. Wade, Minnesota Department of Labor and Industry, Minneapolis; Harry C. Alford, Jr., National Black Chamber of Commerce, Inc., and Margaret Seminario, Department of Occupational Safety and Health (AFL-CIO), both of Washington, D.C.; Robert J. Cornell, Mon Valley Petroleum, Inc., McKeesport, Pennsylvania, on behalf of the National Association of Manufacturers; Edwin J. Foulke, Jr., Jackson, Lewis, Schnitzler and Krupman, Greenville, South Carolina, on behalf of the United States Chamber of Commerce; Scott Hobbs, Hobbs, Inc., New Canaan, Connecticut, on behalf of the Associated General Contractors of America; Gayla McCluskey, American Industrial Hygiene Association, Radnor, Pennsylvania; and Curtis McGuire, Redlegs Lumper Service, Columbus, Ohio.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Bills Introduced: 51 public bills, H.R. 973-1023; 3 private bills, H.R. 1024-1026; and 4 resolutions, H.J. Res. 36, H. Con. Res. 41, and H. Res. 97-98, were introduced. **Pages H1011-13**

Reports Filed: Reports were filed today as follows: H.R. 819, to authorize Appropriations for the Federal Maritime Commission for fiscal years 2000 and 2001 (H. Rept. 106-42). **Page H1010**

Speaker Pro Tempore: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he designated Representative Hefley to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. **Page H959**

Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act: The House passed H.R. 707, to amend the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act to authorize a program for predisaster mitigation, to streamline the administration of disaster relief, to control the Federal costs of disaster assistance by ye and nay vote of 415 yeas to 2 nays, Roll No. 33. **Pages H966-977**

Agreed to the Committee amendment in the nature of a substitute made in order by the rule. **Page H976**

Agreed To:

The Fowler amendment that allows a state, in lieu of repair, to receive a 90 percent contribution of the Federal repair estimate for alternative projects in areas with unstable soil; specifies that victims shall not be denied assistance solely on the basis of an application or receipt of other Federal financial assistance, including aid from the SBA; and requires public comment before adopting new or modified disas-

ter assistance policy and prohibits any policy that would retroactively reduce the amount of assistance provided to a State or local government; and **Page H975**

The Traficant amendment that requires the compliance with the Buy American Act and provides for the debarment of persons convicted of fraudulent use of "Made in America" labels. **Pages H975-76**

Earlier, agreed to H. Res. 91, the rule that provided for consideration of the bill by voice vote. **Pages H964-65**

Condolences on the Death of the Hon. Morris K. Udall: The House agreed to H. Con. Res. 40, honoring Morris King Udall, former United States Representative from Arizona, and extending the condolences of the Congress on his death. **Pages H978-86**

Meeting Hour—March 8: Agreed that when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet at 2 p.m. on Monday, March 8. **Page H986**

Meeting Hour—March 9: Agreed that when the House adjourns on Monday, it adjourn to meet at 10:30 a.m. on Tuesday, March 9, for morning-hour debate. **Page H986**

Calendar Wednesday: Agreed that the business in order under the Calendar Wednesday rule be dispensed with on Wednesday, March 10. **Page H986**

Committee Resignation: Read a letter from Representative Buyer wherein he resigned from the Committee on the Judiciary. Without objection, the resignation was accepted. **Pages H986-87**

Commission on the Advancement of Women and Minorities in Science, Engineering, and