

current law to recoup Federal taxpayers' share of Medicaid funds from State tobacco settlements, after receiving testimony from Michael Hash, Deputy Administrator, Health Care Financing Administration, Department of Health and Human Services; Kentucky Governor Paul E. Patton, Frankfort, on behalf of the National Governors' Association; Pennsylvania Attorney General Mike Fisher, Harrisburg, on behalf of the National Association of Attorney's General; Texas Attorney General John Cornyn, Austin; Iowa Attorney General Tom Miller, Des Moines; and Matthew Myers, National Center for Tobacco-Free Kids, Washington, D.C.

#### FOREST SERVICE BUDGET

*Committee on Energy and Natural Resources:* On Friday, March 12, Subcommittee on Forests and Public Land Management held oversight hearings on the President's proposed budget request for fiscal year 2000 for the Forest Service, Department of Agriculture, receiving testimony from Mike Dombeck, Chief, and Ronald E. Stewart, Deputy Chief for Programs and Legislation, both of the Forest Service, Department of Agriculture.

Hearings continue on Tuesday, March 16.

#### INTERNATIONAL AGRICULTURAL TRADE

*Committee on Finance:* Subcommittee on International Trade held hearings on the status of agricultural

trade issues and negotiations with the People's Republic of China and the European Union, focusing on market access, China's negotiations with the World Trade Organization, pork import restrictions, the European Union's Common Agricultural Policy, biotechnology issues, and approval process, beef import restrictions, the oilseed industry trade, and labeling, receiving testimony from Stuart E. Eizenstat, Under Secretary of State for Economic, Business, and Agricultural Affairs; Peter L. Scher, Special Trade Negotiator, Office of the United States Trade Representative; August Schumacher, Jr., Under Secretary of Agriculture for Farm and Foreign Agricultural Services; John Hardin, Jr., Danville, Indiana, on behalf of the National Pork Producers Council; and Allen F. Johnson, National Oilseed Processors Association, and Greg Mastel, Economic Strategy Institute, both of Washington, D.C.

Hearings recessed subject to call.

#### JUSTICE BUDGET

*Committee on the Judiciary:* On Friday, March 12, Committee concluded hearings on the President's proposed budget request for fiscal year 2000 for the Department of Justice, after receiving testimony from Janet Reno, Attorney General, Department of Justice.

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## House of Representatives

### *Chamber Action*

**Bills Introduced:** 2 public bills, H.R. 1108–1109; and 2 resolutions, H. Con. Res. 55, and H. Res. 112 were introduced. Page H1267

**Reports Filed:** Reports were filed today as follows:

H.R. 975, to provide for a reduction in the volume of steel imports, and to establish a steel import notification and monitoring program, adversely (H. Rept. 106–51). Page H1267

**Speaker Pro Tempore:** Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he designated Representative Pease to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. Page H1261

**Quorum Calls—Votes:** No quorum calls or votes developed during the proceedings of the House today.

**Adjournment:** The House met at 2 p.m. and adjourned at 2:48 p.m.

### *Committee Meetings*

#### NUCLEAR WASTE POLICY ACT

*Committee on Commerce:* On March 12, the Subcommittee on Energy and Power continued hearings on H.R. 45, Nuclear Waste Policy Act of 1999. Testimony was heard from Bill Richardson, Secretary of Energy.

#### DOT AND FAA—WILL THEY BE READY FOR YEAR 2000?

*Committee on Government Reform:* Subcommittee on Government Management, Information, and Technology and the Subcommittee on Technology of the Committee on Science held a joint hearing on "Will the Department of Transportation and the FAA be Ready for the Year 2000?" Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Transportation: Mortimer L. Downey, Deputy Secretary; Jane F. Garvey, Administrator, FAA; and Kenneth M. Mead, Inspector General; and Joel C.