

H1710, H1755-56, H1765-66, H1778, and H1780. There were no quorum calls.

**Adjournment:** The House met at 10:00 a.m. and pursuant to the provisions of S. Con. Res. 23, adjourned at 8:29 p.m. until 12:30 p.m. on Monday, April 12, for morning-hour debates.

## ***Committee Meetings***

### **COMMERCE, JUSTICE, STATE AND JUDICIARY APPROPRIATIONS**

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, State, and the Judiciary held a hearing on SBA and on Drug Enforcement Programs. Testimony was heard from Aida Alvarez, Administrator, SBA; and the following officials of the Department of Justice: Thomas Constantine, Administrator, DEA; James Robinson, Assistant Attorney General, Criminal Division; and Donna Bucella, Director, Executive Office for U.S. Attorneys.

### **DEFENSE APPROPRIATIONS**

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Defense continued appropriation hearings. Testimony was heard from Members of Congress and public witnesses.

### **ENERGY AND WATER DEVELOPMENT APPROPRIATIONS**

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Energy and Water Development held a hearing on the Bureau of Reclamation. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of the Interior: Bruce Babbitt, Secretary; Patricia Beneke, Assistant Secretary, Water and Science; and Eluid Martinez, Commissioner, Bureau of Reclamation.

### **FOREIGN OPERATIONS APPROPRIATIONS**

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Foreign Operations held a hearing on AID Administrator. Testimony was heard from Brian Atwood, Administrator, AID, U.S. International Development Cooperation Agency.

### **INTERIOR APPROPRIATIONS**

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Interior held a hearing on Department of Energy; Conservation. Testimony was heard from Dan Reicher, Assistant Secretary, Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy, Department of Energy.

### **LABOR-HHS-EDUCATION APPROPRIATIONS**

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education held a hearing on the National Council on Disability; the National Commission on Libraries; the Armed Forces Retirement Home, the Medicare Payment Advisory Commission and the NLRB. Testimony was heard from Audrey McCrimon, Chairperson, Committee on Finance, National Council on Disability; Jeanne Hurley Simon, Chairperson, National Commission

on Libraries; David F. Lacy, Chief Executive Officer/Chairman of the Board, Armed Forces Retirement Home; Gail Wilensky, Chairperson, Medicare Payments Advisory Commission; and John C. Truesdale, Chairman, NLRB.

### **TREASURY-POSTAL SERVICE APPROPRIATIONS**

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Treasury, Postal Service, and General Government, on Office of National Drug Control Policy. Testimony was heard from Gen. Barry McCaffrey, Director, Office of National Drug Control Policy; Alan I. Leshner, Director, National Institute on Drug Abuse, NIH, Department of Health and Human Services; and public witness.

### **VA-HUD-INDEPENDENT AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS**

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on VA, HUD, and Independent Agencies held a hearing on Corporation for National and Community Service. Testimony was heard from Harris Wofford, CEO, Corporation for National and Community Service.

### **NATIONAL DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION**

*Committee on Armed Services:* Continued hearings on the fiscal year 2000 National Defense authorization budget request. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Defense: Louis Caldera, Secretary of the Army; Richard Danzig, Secretary of the Navy; and F. Whitten Peters, Acting Secretary of the Air Force.

### **TECHNOLOGY AND BANKING**

*Committee on Banking and Financial Services:* Subcommittee on Capital Markets, Securities, and Government Sponsored Enterprises held a hearing on Technology and Banking. Testimony was heard from Brooksley Born, Chair, Commodity Futures Trading Commission; Laura Unger, Commissioner, SEC; James Kamihachi, Senior Deputy Comptroller, Economic and Policy Analysis, Department of the Treasury; Arthur Murton, Director, Division of Insurance, FDIC; and public witnesses.

### **ROSA PARKS GOLD MEDAL AWARD**

*Committee on Banking and Financial Services:* Subcommittee on Domestic and International Monetary Policy approved for full Committee action H.R. 573, to authorize the President to award a gold medal on behalf of the Congress to Rosa Parks in recognition of her contributions to the Nation.

### **SATELLITE COMPETITION AND CONSUMER PROTECTION ACT**

*Committee on Commerce:* Ordered reported amended H.R. 851, Satellite Competition and Consumer Protection Act.

### JUVENILE CRIME CONTROL AND DELINQUENCY PREVENTION ACT

*Committee on Education and the Workforce:* Subcommittee on Early Childhood, Youth, and Families held a hearing on H.R. 1150, Juvenile Crime Control and Delinquency Prevention Act of 1999. Testimony was heard from Patricia Mantoya, Commissioner, Administration on Children, Youth, and Families, Department of Health and Human Services; and Shay Bilchik, Administrator, Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention, Office of Judicial Programs, Department of Justice.

### EXPANDING AFFORDABLE HEALTH CARE

*Committee on Education and the Workforce:* Subcommittee on Employer-Employee Relations held a hearing on Expanding Affordable Health Care Coverage: Benefits and Consequences of Association Health Plans. Testimony was heard from Steven B. Larsen, Commissioner of Insurance, State of Maryland; and public witnesses.

### LATEX ALLERGIES AND THE HEALTHCARE INDUSTRY

*Committee on Education and the Workforce:* Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations held a hearing on Latex Allergies and the Healthcare Industry: Do OSHA's Actions Confuse or Clarify? Testimony was heard from Angela Presson, M.D., Medical Officer, Occupational Safety and Health Administration, Department of Labor; Elizabeth D. Jacobson, M.D., Acting Director, Center for Devices and Radiological Health, FDA, Department of Health and Human Services; and public witnesses.

### DIETARY SUPPLEMENT HEALTH AND EDUCATION ACT

*Committee on Government Reform:* Held a hearing on "Dietary Supplement Health and Education Act: Is the FDA Trying to Change the Intent of Congress?" Testimony was heard from Jane E. Henney, Commissioner, FDA, Department of Health and Human Services; and public witnesses.

### TRADE DEFICIT

*Committee on Government Reform:* Subcommittee on Criminal Justice, Drug Policy, and Human Resources held a hearing on "A Record Trade Deficit: How Can the U.S. Government Prevent a Looming Trade Crisis?" Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Commerce: Michael J. Copps, Assistant Secretary, Trade Development; and Johnnie E. Frazier, Acting Inspector General; and public witnesses.

### U.S. CAPITOL POLICE MANAGEMENT

*Committee on House Administration:* Held a hearing on United States Capitol Police Management. Testimony was heard from Robert W. Gramling, Director, Corporate Audits and Standards, Accounting and Information Management Division, GAO; James W. Zigler, Chairman, U.S. Capitol Police; Alan M.

Hantman, Architect of the Capitol; Wilson Livingood, Sergeant at Arms, House of Representatives; Gary L. Albrecht, Chief of Police; and a public witness.

### RUSSIAN FOREIGN POLICY

*Committee on International Relations:* Held a hearing on Russian Foreign Policy: Proliferation to Rogue Regimes. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

### RESOLUTION CONDEMNING MURDER OF A HUMAN RIGHTS LAWYER

*Committee on International Relations:* Subcommittee on International Operations and Human Rights approved for full Committee action H. Res. 128, condemning the murder of human rights lawyer Rosemary Nelson and calling for the protection of defense attorneys in Northern Ireland.

### BANKRUPTCY REFORM ACT

*Committee on the Judiciary:* Subcommittee on Commercial and Administrative Law approved for full Committee action amended H.R. 833, Bankruptcy Reform Act of 1999.

### OVERSIGHT—PATENT REFORM; PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE REAUTHORIZATION ACT

*Committee on the Judiciary:* Subcommittee on Courts and Intellectual Property held an oversight hearing on Patent Reform and a hearing on the Patent and Trademark Office Reauthorization Act for Fiscal Year 2000. Testimony was heard from Representatives Rohrabacher and Campbell; Todd Dickinson, Acting Assistant Secretary and Acting Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks, U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, Department of Commerce; and public witnesses.

### OVERSIGHT—BENEFITS OF A MORE EDUCATED WORKFORCE

*Committee on the Judiciary:* Subcommittee on Immigration and Claims held an oversight hearing on the benefits to the American Economy of a more educated workforce. Testimony was heard from the following Senior Legal Specialists, Directorate of Legal Research, Western Law Division, Library of Congress: Kersi Shroff and Stephen Clarke; and public witnesses.

### MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

*Committee on Science:* Ordered reported amended the following bills: H.R. 209, Technology Transfer Commercialization Act of 1999; H.R. 1184, Earthquake Hazards Reduction Authorization Act of 1999; and H.R. 1183, Fastener Quality Act Amendments of 1999.

The Committee also approved its Oversight Agenda for the 106th Congress.

### WOMEN'S BUSINESS ENTERPRISES

*Committee on Small Business:* Subcommittee on Government Programs and Oversight held a hearing on

women's business enterprises. Testimony was heard from Representatives Kelly and Dunn; and public witnesses.

#### **OVERSIGHT—OFFICE OF MOTOR CARRIERS**

*Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure*, Subcommittee on Ground Transportation held an oversight hearing on the Office of Motor Carriers. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

#### **OVERSIGHT—VETERANS BENEFITS ADMINISTRATION**

*Committee on Veterans' Affairs*: Subcommittee on Benefits held an oversight hearing on the Veterans Benefits Administration. Testimony was heard from Joseph Thompson, Under Secretary, Benefits, Veterans Benefits Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs; Cynthia A. Bascetta, Associate Director, VA and Military Health Care, GAO; and representatives of veterans organizations.

#### **DVA'S MANAGEMENT OF FEDERAL EMPLOYEES' COMPENSATION ACT PROGRAM**

*Committee on Veterans' Affairs*: Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations held a hearing to examine the Department of Veterans Affairs management of the Federal Employees' Compensation Act program. Testimony was heard from Shelby Hallmark, Deputy Director, Office of Workers' Compensation Programs, Department of Labor; and the following officials of the Department of Veterans Affairs: Richard J. Griffin, Inspector General; Ronald E. Cowles, Deputy Assistant Secretary, Human Resources Management; John Hancock, Director, Occupational Health and Safety Staff, Office of Administration; Fred Malphus, Director, Veterans Integrated Service Network 2; and Smith Jenkins, Jr., Director, Veterans Integrated Service Network 22.

#### **SOCIAL SECURITY'S GOALS AND CRITERIA FOR ASSESSING REFORM**

*Committee on Ways and Means*: Subcommittee on Social Security held a hearing on Social Security's Goals and Criteria for Assessing Reforms. Testimony was heard from David M. Walker, Comptroller General, GAO; Stephen C. Goss, Deputy Chief Actuary for Long-Range Actuarial Estimates, SSA; and public witnesses.

#### **BUDGET: ALL-SOURCE ANALYSIS**

*Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence*: Met in executive session to hold a hearing on Fiscal Year 2000 Budget: All-Source Analysis. Testimony was heard from departmental witnesses.

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#### **NEW PUBLIC LAWS**

(For last listing of Public Laws, see DAILY DIGEST, p. D284)

S.447, to amend as timely filed, and process payment, the applications submitted by the Dodson School Districts for certain Impact Aid payments for fiscal year 1999. Signed March 23, 1999. (P.L. 106-3)

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#### **COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR FRIDAY, MARCH 26, 1999**

##### **Senate**

No meetings/hearings scheduled.

##### **House**

*Committee on Appropriations*, Subcommittee on Interior, on Indian Health Service, 10 a.m., B-308 Rayburn.

*Committee on Commerce*, Subcommittee on Energy and Power, hearing on The Iraqi Oil for Food Program and Its Impact, 10 a.m., 2322 Rayburn.

*Committee on Government Reform*, Subcommittee on Government Management, Information, and Technology, hearing on "Oversight of Financial Management Practices at the Health Care Financing Administration", 10 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

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#### **CONGRESSIONAL PROGRAM AHEAD**

**Week of March 29 through April 3, 1999**

##### **Senate Chamber**

Senate will be in adjournment until Monday, April 12, 1999.

##### **Senate Committees**

No meetings/hearings scheduled.

##### **House Committees**

*Committee on Government Reform*, March 31, Subcommittee on Government Management, Information, and Technology, hearing on "Can the Federal Government Balance Its Books? A Review of the Federal Consolidated Financial Statements", 10 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.