

remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S7833.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

PUBLIC SAFETY SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Subcommittee on Science, Technology, and Space concluded hearings on proposed legislation authorizing funds for the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, United States Fire Administration, and the National Earthquake Hazards Reduction Program, after receiving testimony from D. James Baker, Under Secretary for Oceans and Atmosphere, and Administrator, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, and Raymond G. Kammer, Director, National Institute of Standards and Technology, both of the Department of Commerce; Michael J. Armstrong, U. S. Associate Director for Mitigation, and Richard A. Marinucci, Acting Chief Operating Officer, Fire Administration, both of the Federal Emergency Management Agency; P. Patrick Leahy, Chief Geologist, U. S. Geological Survey, Department of the Interior; and Eugene Wong, Assistant Director for Engineering, National Science Foundation.

ELECTRIC UTILITY DEREGULATION

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Committee held hearings on S. 161, to provide for a transition to market-based rates for power sold by the Federal Power Marketing Administrations and the Tennessee Valley Authority, S. 282, to provide that no electric utility shall be required to enter into a new contract or obligation to purchase or to sell electricity or capacity under section 210 of the Public Utility Regulatory Policies Act of 1978, S. 516, to benefit consumers by promoting competition in the electric power industry, S. 1047, to provide for a more competitive electric power industry, S. 1273, to amend the Federal Power Act, to facilitate the transition to more competitive and efficient electric power markets, and S. 1284, to amend the Federal Power Act to ensure that no State may establish, maintain, or enforce on behalf of any electric utility an exclusive right to sell electric energy or otherwise unduly discriminate against any consumer who seeks to purchase electric energy in interstate commerce from any supplier, receiving testimony from Senator Schumer; Bill Richardson, Secretary, and James J. Hoecker, Chairman, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, both of the Department of Energy; and

Nebraska Governor Mike Johanns, Lincoln, on behalf of the Governors' Public Power Alliance.

Hearings continue on Thursday, July 15.

WILDLAND FIRE PREPAREDNESS

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Subcommittee on Forests and Public Land Management concluded oversight hearings on the federal government's state of preparedness for this year's wildland fire season, including fire fighting budgets, availability and retention of trained fire fighters, and cooperative programs outside the federal government to enhance fire suppression capabilities, after receiving testimony from Les Rosenkrance, Director, and Dennis Pendleton, Assistant Director, both of the Office of Fire and Aviation, Ron Dunton, Fire Program Manager, all of the Bureau of Land Management, and Arch Wells, Chief Forester, Bureau of Indian Affairs, all of the Department of the Interior; Larry Payne, Assistant Deputy Chief for State and Private Forestry, Forest Service, Department of Agriculture; and Ron Burnham, Fire Chief, Red River, New Mexico; and Toby Martinez, Santa Fe, New Mexico.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Environment and Public Works: Committee ordered favorably reported the following business items:

S. 1100, to amend the Endangered Species Act of 1973 to provide that the designation of critical habitat for endangered and threatened species be required as part of the development of recovery plans for those species, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

An original resolution authorizing expenditures by the Committee on Environment and Public Works; and

The nomination of Timothy Fields, Jr., of Virginia, to be Assistant Administrator, Office of Solid Waste, Environmental Protection Agency.

NOMINATIONS

Committee on Finance: Committee concluded hearings on the nominations of Stuart E. Eizenstat, of Maryland, to be Deputy Secretary of the Treasury, Jeffrey Rush, Jr., of Virginia, to be Inspector General, Department of the Treasury, and Lewis Andrew Sachs, of Connecticut, to be Assistant Secretary of the Treasury for Financial Markets, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf. Mr. Eizenstat was introduced by Senators Sarbanes and Coverdell.

ELEMENTARY AND SECONDARY EDUCATION ACT

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: Committee resumed hearings on proposed legislation authorizing funds for programs of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act, focusing on arts education and magnet schools, receiving testimony from John Sykes, VH1, New York, New York; John D. Kemp, VSA arts, and Derek Gordon, John F. Ken-

edy Center for the Performing Arts, both of Washington, D.C.; Tom Durante, Arlington County Public Schools, Arlington, Virginia; Benjamin O. Canada, Portland Public Schools, Portland, Oregon, on behalf of the Americans for the Arts; Danielle Rice, Philadelphia Museum of Art, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania; and Sandra B. Burks, Roanoke City Public Schools, Roanoke, Virginia.

Hearings continue tomorrow.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Bills Introduced: 21 public bills, H.R. 2367–2387; 1 private bill, H.R. 2388; and 8 resolutions, H. Con. Res. 144–147, and H. Res. 226–229, were introduced. Pages H5091–92

Reports Filed: Reports were filed today as follows:

H.J. Res. 34, congratulating and commending the Veterans of Foreign Wars (H. Rept. 106–205);

H.R. 1568, to provide technical, financial, and procurement assistance to veteran owned small businesses, amended (H. Rept. 106–206 Part 1);

H.R. 562, to approve and ratify certain transfers of land and natural resources by or on behalf of the Delaware Nation of Indians, amended (H. Rept. 106–207);

H. Res. 230, providing for the consideration of H.R. 66, to preserve the cultural resources of the Route 66 corridor and to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to provide assistance (H. Rept. 106–208);

H. Res. 231, providing for the consideration of H.R. 592, to redesignate Great Kills Park in the Gateway National Recreation Area as “World War II Veterans Park at Great Kills (H. Rept. 106–209);

H. Res. 232, providing for the consideration of H.R. 791, to amend the National Trails System Act to designate the route of the War of 1812 British invasion of Maryland and Washington, District of Columbia, and the route of the American defense, for study for potential addition to the national trails system (H. Rept. 106–210);

H. Res. 233, providing for the consideration of H.R. 1218, to amend title 18, United States Code, to prohibit taking minors across State lines in circumvention of laws requiring the involvement of parents in abortion decisions (H. Rept. 106–211); and

Conference report on H.R. 775. A bill to establish certain procedures for civil actions brought for dam-

age relating to the failure of any device or system to process or otherwise deal with the transition from the year 1999 to the year 2000, and for other purposes (H. Rept. 106–212). Pages H5066–73, H5090–91

Recess: The House recessed at 1:10 p.m. and reconvened at 2:00 p.m. Page H4999

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

100th Anniversary of the Veterans of Foreign Wars: H.J. Res. 34, congratulating and commending the Veterans of Foreign Wars;

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Veterans Entrepreneurship and Small Business Development Act: H.R. 1568, amended, to provide technical, financial, and procurement assistance to veteran owned small businesses;

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Prohibiting States From Imposing Discriminatory Commuter Taxes on Nonresidents: H.R. 2014, to prohibit a State from imposing a discriminatory commuter tax on nonresidents;

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Maurine B. Neuberger United States Post Office: H.R. 1327, to designate the United States Postal Service building located at 34480 Highway 101 South in Cloverdale, Oregon, as the “Maurine B. Neuberger United States Post Office”;

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Veterans Benefits Improvement Act: H.R. 2280, amended, to amend title 38, United States Code, to provide a cost-of-living adjustment in rates of compensation paid for service-connected disabilities, to enhance the compensation, memorial affairs, and housing programs of the Department of Veterans Affairs, and to improve retirement authorities applicable to judges of the United States Court of Appeals for Veterans Claims (passed by a yeas and nays vote of 424 yeas with none voting “nay”, Roll No. 257); and

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