

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

COMPREHENSIVE TEST BAN TREATY

Committee on Armed Services: Committee held closed hearings on issues relating to military implications of the Comprehensive Test Ban Treaty (Treaty Doc. 105-28), receiving testimony from officials of the Department of Energy and the Intelligence Community.

Hearings continue tomorrow.

MANUFACTURED HOUSING IMPROVEMENT

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: Subcommittee on Housing and Transportation concluded hearings on S. 1452, to modernize the requirements under the National Manufactured Housing Construction and Safety Standards of 1974 and to establish a balanced consensus process for the development, revision, and interpretation of Federal construction and safety standards for manufactured homes, after receiving testimony from Senator Bayh; William Apgar, Assistant Secretary of Housing and Urban Development for Housing/Federal Housing Commissioner; William Lear, Fleetwood Enterprises, Inc., Riverside, California, on behalf of the Coalition to Improve the Manufactured Housing Act; and Rutherford Brice, Decatur, Georgia, on behalf of the American Association of Retired Persons.

SECURE RURAL SCHOOLS AND COMMUNITY SELF-DETERMINATION

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Subcommittee on Forests and Public Land Management concluded hearings on S. 1608, to provide annual payments to the States and counties from National Forest System lands managed by the Forest Service, and the revested Oregon and California Railroad and reconveyed Coos Bay Wagon Road grant lands managed predominately by the Bureau of Land Management, for use by the counties in which the lands are situated for the benefit of the public schools, roads, emergency and other public purposes; to encourage and provide new mechanism for cooperation between counties and the Forest Service and the Bureau of Land Management to make necessary investments in federal lands, and reaffirm the positive connection between Federal Lands counties and Federal Lands, after receiving testimony from Idaho State Representative Shirley Ringo; Bob Douglas, National Forest Counties and Schools Coalition, Tehama County, California; Jane O'Keefe, Oregon Counties Public Lands Committee, Lake County; Jack H. Summers, Jr., Liberty County School District, Lib-

erty County, Florida; Steven K. Troha, Allegheny Forest Coalition, Kane Pennsylvania; Phil Davis, Valley County Board of Commissioners, Valley County, Idaho; R. Chris von Doenhoff, Houston County Court, Houston County, Texas; David Schmidt, Linn County Board of Commissioner, Linn County, Oregon; Michael A. Francis, Wilderness Society, Washington, D.C.; and Doug Robertson, Association of O and C Counties, Roseburg, Oregon.

MTBE FUEL ADDITIVE

Committee on Environment and Public Works: Subcommittee on Clean Air, Wetlands, Private Property, and Nuclear Safety concluded hearings to examine the Environmental Protection Agency's Blue Ribbon Panel findings on the use of Oxygenates and MTBE, methyl tertiary-butyl ether, in gasoline, after receiving testimony from former Senator Jake Garn, on behalf of the Huntsman Corporation, Salt Lake City, Utah Daniel S. Greenbaum, Health Effects Institute, Cambridge, Massachusetts, on behalf of the Environmental Protection Agency's Blue Ribbon Panel; Michael P. Kenney, California Air Resources Board, Sacramento, on behalf of the California Environmental Protection Agency; and Robert H. Campbell, Sunoco, Inc. Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

INTERCOUNTRY ADOPTION

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee concluded hearings on the Convention On Protection of Children and Cooperation in Respect of Intercountry Adoption (Treaty Doc. 105-51), and S. 682, to implement the Hague Convention on Protection of Children and Co-operation in Respect of Intercountry Adoption, after receiving testimony from Mary A. Ryan, Assistant Secretary of State, Bureau of Consular Affairs; Ronald S. Federici, Psychiatric and Neuropsychological Associates, Alexandria, Virginia; Barbara A. Holtan, Tressler Lutheran Services, York, Pennsylvania; Tomilee Harding, Christian World Adoption, Hendersonville, North Carolina, Mark T. McDermott, American Academy of Adoption Attorneys, Washington, D.C.; and Susan Soon-Keum Cox, Holt International Children's Services, Eugene, Oregon.

AFRICA DEVELOPMENT ASSISTANCE

Committee on Foreign Relations: Subcommittee on African Affairs continued hearings to examine the effectiveness of United States development assistance to Africa and the implementation of United States foreign policy, receiving testimony from Nicholas N. Eberstadt, American Enterprise Institute for Public Policy Research, and Carol Lancaster, Georgetown University School of Foreign Service, both of Washington, D.C.

Hearings recessed subject to call.

ASBESTOS EXPOSURE LITIGATION

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Administrative Oversight and the Courts concluded hearings on the S. 758, to establish legal standards and procedures for the fair, prompt, inexpensive, and efficient resolution of personal injury claims arising out of asbestos exposure, after receiving testimony from Representatives Gekas, Moran, Cannon, and Scott; Christopher Edley, Jr., Harvard Law School, Boston, Massachusetts; Jonathan P. Hiatt, American Federation of Labor and Congress of Industrial Organizations, and Karen Kerrigan, Small Business Survival Committee, both of Washington, D.C.; former Michigan Supreme Court Chief Justice Conrad L. Mallet, Jr., Detroit, on behalf of the Coalition for

Asbestos Resolution; Samuel J. Heyman, GAF Corporation, Wayne, New Jersey; Richard Middleton, Jr., Middleton, Mathis, Adams, and Tate, Savannah, Georgia, on behalf of the Association of Trial Lawyers of America; Michael Green, University of Iowa College of Law, Iowa City; Richard A. Nagareda, University of Georgia School of Law, Athens; and Paul R. Verkuil, Yeshiva University Benjamin N. Cardozo School of Law, New York, New York.

INTELLIGENCE

Select Committee on Intelligence: Committee held closed hearings on intelligence matters, receiving testimony from officials of the intelligence community.

Committee will meet again tomorrow.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Bills Introduced: 17 public bills, H.R. 3011–3027; and 2 resolutions, H.J. Res. 70 and H. Con. Res. 192, were introduced. **Pages H9409–10**

Reports Filed: Reports were filed today as follows:

S. 452, a private bill for the relief of Belinda McGregor (H. Rept. 106–364);

H.R. 1497, to amend the Small Business Act with respect to the women's business center program, amended (H. Rept. 106–365); and

H. Res. 323, providing for the consideration of H.R. 2990, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to allow individuals greater access to health insurance through a health care tax deduction, a long-term care deduction, and other health-related tax incentives, to amend the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 to provide access to and choice in health care through association health plans, and to amend the Public Health Service Act to create new pooling opportunities for small employers to obtain greater access to health coverage through HealthMarts and H.R. 2723, to amend title I of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974, title XXVII of the Public Health Service Act, and the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to protect consumers in managed care plans and other health coverage (H. Rept. 106–366). **Page H9409**

Speaker Pro Tempore: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he designated Representative Wilson to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. **Page H9305**

Recess: The House recessed at 9:27 a.m. and reconvened at 10:00 a.m. **Page H9308**

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure: Chairman Shuster forwarded copies of resolutions approved by the Committee on August 5, 1999 and copies of resolutions adopted by the Committee on August 5, 1999—referred to the Committee on Appropriations. **Page H9312**

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

Designating the J.J. "Jake" Pickle Federal Building: S. 559, to designate the Federal building located at 33 East 8th Street in Austin, Texas, as the "J.J. 'Jake' Pickle Federal Building"—clearing the measure for the President; **Pages H9334–38**

National Medal of Honor Memorial Act: H.R. 1663, amended, to designate as a national memorial the memorial being built at the Riverside National Cemetery in Riverside, California to honor recipients of the Medal of Honor (passed by a yeas and nays vote of 424 yeas with none voting "nay", Roll No. 474). Agreed to amend the title; **Pages H9312–15, H9338–39**

Commending the WWII Veterans Who Fought in the Battle of the Bulge: H.J. Res. 65, amended, commending the World War II veterans who fought in the Battle of the Bulge (passed by a yeas and nays vote of 422 yeas with none voting "nay", Roll No. 475); and **Pages H9315–28, H9339–40**

Expressing Sympathy for the Victims of Hurricane Floyd: H. Res. 322, expressing the sense of the House of Representatives in sympathy for the victims of Hurricane Floyd, which struck numerous