

Adjournment: The House met at 9:30 a.m. and adjourned at 11:34 p.m.

Committee Meetings

COMMERCE, JUSTICE, STATE AND JUDICIARY APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, State and Judiciary held a hearing on U.N. Peacekeeping. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of State: Richard Holbrooke, U.S. Ambassador to the U.N.; and David Welch, Assistant Secretary, International Organizations.

FOREIGN OPERATIONS, EXPORT FINANCING AND RELATED PROGRAMS APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Foreign Operations, Export Financing and Related Programs held a hearing on AID Administrator. Testimony was heard from J. Brady Anderson, Administrator, AID, Department of State.

INTERIOR APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Interior held a hearing on Native American issues. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

LABOR-HHS-EDUCATION APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education continued appropriations hearings. Testimony was heard from Members of Congress.

TREASURY, POSTAL SERVICE, AND GENERAL GOVERNMENT APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Treasury, Postal Service, and General Government held a hearing on the U.S. Mint. Testimony was heard from John P. Mitchell, Acting Director, U.S. Mint, Department of the Treasury; and public witnesses.

VA, HUD AND INDEPENDENT AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on VA, HUD and Independent Agencies continued appropriations hearings. Testimony was heard from Members of Congress.

FINANCIAL CONTRACT HIRING, HEDGE FUND DISCLOSURE, AND OVER-THE-COUNTER DERIVATIVES RECOMMENDATIONS

Committee on Banking and Financial Services: Held a hearing on the recommendations of the President's

Working Group on Financial Markets concerning Financial Contract Netting, Hedge Fund Disclosure, and Over-the-Counter Derivatives. Testimony was heard from Representative Baker; Lewis A. Sachs, Assistant Secretary, Financial Markets, Department of the Treasury; Patrick M. Parkinson, Associate Director, Division of Research and Statistics, Board of Governors, Federal Reserve System; Annette L. Nazareth, Director, Division of Market Regulation, SEC; C. Robert Paul, General Counsel, Commodity Futures Trading Commission; and public witnesses.

OVERSIGHT

Committee on Commerce: Subcommittee on Telecommunications, Trade, and Consumer Protection held an oversight hearing on the status of deployment of broadband technologies. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

EDUCATION OPTIONS

Committee on Education and the Workforce: Continued markup of H.R. 4141, Education Opportunities To Protect and Invest In Our Nation's Students (Education OPTIONS) Act.

Will continue tomorrow.

KOSOVO—RECENT DEVELOPMENTS

Committee on International Relations: Held a hearing on Recent Developments in Kosovo and Related Issues. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of State: Ambassador James Pardew, Deputy Special Advisor to the President and Secretary for Kosovo and Dayton Implementation; and James Swigert, Deputy Special Advisor, Deputy Assistant Secretary, both with the Bureau of European Affairs; and public witnesses.

OVERSIGHT—BANKRUPTCY CODE LIMIT ON REGULATORY POWERS

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Commercial and Administrative Law held an oversight hearing on the limit on regulatory powers under the Bankruptcy Code. Testimony was heard from Ethan Posner, Deputy Associate Attorney General, Department of Justice; Christopher J. Wright, General Counsel, FCC; and public witnesses.

OVERSIGHT—INTEGRATION OF ECO-REGION ASSESSMENTS IN FOREST SERVICE PLANS

Committee on Resources: Subcommittee on Forests and Forest Health held an oversight hearing on Integration of Eco-region Assessments in Forest Service Plans. Testimony was heard from Barry Hill, Associate Director, Energy, Resources, and Science Issues, Resources, Community, and Economic Development Division, GAO; and Chris Risbrudt, Director, Eco-

System Management Coordination, Forest Service, USDA.

TAXATION LIMITATION CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT

Committee on Rules: The Committee granted, by voice vote, a modified closed rule providing 2 hours of debate on H.J. Res. 94, proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States with respect to tax limitations. The rule provides for one amendment printed in the Congressional Record if offered by the Minority Leader or his designee, which shall be considered as read and shall be separately debatable for one hour equally divided and controlled by the proponent and an opponent. Finally, the rule provides for one motion to recommit, with or without instructions. Testimony was heard from Representatives Sessions and Conyers.

MOTIONS TO SUSPEND RULES

Committee on Rules: The Committee granted, by voice vote, a rule providing that suspensions will be in order at any time on or before the legislative day of Friday, April 14, 2000. The rule provides that the object of any motion to suspend the rules will be announced from the floor at least one hour prior to its consideration. Finally, the rule provides that the Speaker or his designee shall consult with the Minority Leader or his designee on the object of any suspension considered under this resolution.

CLEAN LAKES PROGRAMS REAUTHORIZATION

Committee on Rules: The Committee granted, by voice vote, an open rule providing 1 hour of debate on H.R. 2328, to amend the Federal Water Pollution Control Act to reauthorize the Clean Lakes Program. The rule makes in order the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure amendment in the nature of a substitute, now printed in the bill, as an original bill for the purpose of amendment. The rule waives clause 7 of rule XVI (prohibiting nongermane amendments) against the committee amendment in the nature of a substitute. The rule provides that the amendment in the nature of a substitute shall be open for amendment by section. The rule authorizes the Chairman of the Committee of the Whole to accord priority in recognition to Members who have pre-printed their amendments in the Congressional Record. The rule allows the Chairman of the Committee of the Whole to postpone votes during consideration of the bill and to reduce voting time to five minutes on a postponed question if the vote follows a fifteen minute vote. Finally, the rule provides one motion to recommit, with or without instructions. Testimony was heard from Chairman Shuster and Representatives Sweeney and Borski.

CHESAPEAKE BAY RESTORATION ACT

Committee on Rules: The Committee granted, by voice vote, an open rule providing 1 hour of debate on H.R. 3039, Chesapeake Bay Restoration Act of 1999. The rule provides that the bill shall be open for amendment at any point. The rule authorizes the Chair to accord priority in recognition to Members who have pre-printed their amendments in the Congressional Record. The rule allows the Chairman of the Committee of the Whole to postpone votes during consideration of the bill and to reduce voting time to five minutes on a postponed question if the vote follows a fifteen minute vote. Finally, the rule provides one motion to recommit, with or without instructions. Testimony was heard from Chairman Shuster and Representative Borski.

NASA'S BUDGET REQUEST—AERO-SPACE TECHNOLOGY ENTERPRISE

Committee on Science: Subcommittee on Space and Aeronautics held a hearing on NASA's Fiscal Year 2001 Budget Request: Aero-Space Technology Enterprise. Testimony was heard from Sam Venneri, Associate Administrator, Aero-Space Technology Enterprise, NASA; and public witnesses.

OVERSIGHT—E-COMMERCE AND SMALL BUSINESSES

Committee on Small Business: Subcommittee on Government Programs and Oversight held an oversight hearing to examine the federal government's use of e-commerce to facilitate procurement in comparison to the private sector. Testimony was heard from Deidre Lee, Administrator, Office of Federal Procurement Policy, OMB; the following officials of the SBA: Max E. Summers, State Director, Small Business Development Center, State of Missouri; and Major Clark, Assistant Advocate, Office of Advocacy; Scottie Knott, Director, JECPO, Defense Logistics Agency, Department of Defense; and a public witness.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure: Ordered reported the following bills: H.R. 673, amended, Florida Keys Water Quality Improvements Act of 1999; H.R. 855, amended, Long Island Sound Preservation and Protection Act; H.R. 1106, amended, Alternative Water Sources Act of 1999; H.R. 1237, amended, to amend the Federal Water Pollution Control Act to permit grants for the national estuary program to be used for the development and implementation of a comprehensive conservation and management plan, to reauthorize appropriations to carry out the program; H.R. 2957, amended, Lake Pontchartrain Basin Protection Act of 1999 and H.R. 3313, amended, Long Island Sound Restoration Act;

H.R. 1405, to designate the Federal building located at 143 West Liberty Street, Medina, Ohio, as the "Donald J. Pease Federal Building"; H.R. 1571, to designate the Federal building under construction at 600 State Street in New Haven, Connecticut, as the "Merrill S. Parks, Jr., Federal Building"; H.R. 1729, To designate the Federal facility located at 1301 Emmet Street in Charlottesville, Virginia, as the "Pamela B. Gwin Hall"; H.R. 1901, to designate the United States border station located in Pharr, Texas, as the "Kika de la Garza United States Border Station".

The Committee also approved Corps of Engineers Survey Resolutions and 11(b) Public Buildings Resolutions.

EGYPT AIR CRASH ISSUES

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure: Subcommittee on Aviation held a hearing on Issues Arising out of the Egypt Air Crash, including Video Recorders in the Cockpit, English Proficiency Requirements for Foreign Pilots and Psychological Testing of Pilots. Testimony was heard from Representative Franks of New Jersey; James E. Hall, Chairman, National Transportation Safety Board; Thomas McSweeney, Associate Administrator, Regulation and Certification, FAA, Department of Transportation; and public witnesses.

CAPITAL INVESTMENT PROGRAM

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure: Subcommittee on Economic Development, Public Buildings, Hazardous Materials and Pipeline Transportation held a hearing on GSA's Fiscal Year 2001 Capital Investment Program. Testimony was heard from Robert Peck, Commissioner, Public Buildings Service, GSA; and Bernard Ungar, Director, Government Business Operational Issues, GAO.

FUNDAMENTAL TAX REFORM

Committee on Ways and Means: Held a hearing on fundamental tax reform. Testimony was heard from Representatives Peterson of Minnesota and Linder; Billy Hamilton, Deputy Comptroller of Public Accounts, State of Texas; and public witnesses.

Hearings continue tomorrow.

SOCIAL SECURITY—EFFORTS TO INFORM PUBLIC

Committee on Ways and Means: Subcommittee on Social Security held a hearing on efforts to inform the public about Social Security. Testimony was heard from Representatives Weller, Hoekstra, Pomeroy and Sununu; Kenneth S. Apfel, Commissioner, SSA; Barbara Bovbjerg, Associate Director, Education, Workforce and Income Security Issues, Health, Education

and Human Services Division, GAO; and public witnesses.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR WEDNESDAY, APRIL 12, 2000

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on VA, HUD, and Independent Agencies, to hold hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2001 for the Corporation for National and Community Service, Community Development Financial Institutions, and Chemical Safety and Hazardous Investigation Board, 9:30 a.m., SD-138.

Subcommittee on Defense, to hold hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2001 for the Department of Defense, focusing on missile defense programs, 10 a.m., SD-192.

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: Subcommittee on Securities, to hold oversight hearings on multi-state insurance agent licensing reforms and the creation of the National Association of Registered Agents and Brokers, 10 a.m., SD-538.

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: to hold hearings on S. 2255, to amend the Internet Tax Freedom Act to extend the moratorium through calendar year 2006, 9:30 a.m., SR-253.

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Subcommittee on Water and Power, to hold oversight hearings to examine federal actions affecting hydropower operations on the Columbia River system, 2:30 p.m., SD-366.

Committee on Foreign Relations: Subcommittee on European Affairs, to hold hearings to examine issues dealing with the Russian presidential elections, 10 a.m., SD-419.

Subcommittee on International Economic Policy, Export and Trade Promotion, to hold hearings on the status of infrastructure projects for Caspian Sea energy resources, 2 p.m., SD-419.

Committee on Governmental Affairs: to hold hearings to examine the Wassenaar arrangement and the future of multilateral export control, 10 a.m., SD-342.

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: business meeting to consider S. 2311, to revise and extend the Ryan White CARE Act programs under title XXVI of the Public Health Service Act, to improve access to health care and the quality of health care under such programs, and to provide for the development of increased capacity to provide health care and related support services to individuals and families with HIV disease; the proposed Organ Procurement and Transplantation Network Act Amendments of 2000; the nomination of Mel Carnahan, of Missouri, to be a Member of the Board of Trustees of the Harry S Truman Scholarship Foundation; the nomination of Edward B. Montgomery, of Maryland, to be Deputy Secretary of Labor; the nomination of Marc Racicot, of Montana, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Corporation for National and Community