

**Committee Election:** The House agreed to H. Res. 88, electing Members to the Committee on Agriculture: to rank immediately after Mr. Phelps of Illinois, Mr. Lucas of Kentucky; to rank immediately after Mr. Acevedo-Vilá of Puerto Rico, Mr. Kind of Wisconsin and Mr. Shows of Mississippi. And, to the Committee on the Budget: Mr. Matheson of Utah. **Page H885**

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

***Made in America Information Toll Free Number:*** H.R. 725, amended, to establish a toll free number under the Federal Trade Commission to assist consumers in determining if products are American-made (passed by a ye and nay vote of 407 yeas to 3 nays, Roll No. 48); **Pages H883–85, H902–03**

***Marjory Williams Scrivens Post Office in Miami, Florida:*** H.R. 364, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 5927 Southwest 70th Street in Miami, Florida, as the “Marjory Williams Scrivens Post Office;” **Pages H885–86**

***Joe Trogon Post Office Building in Asheboro, North Carolina:*** H.R. 821, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 1030 South Church Street in Asheboro, North Carolina, as the “W. Joe Trogon Post Office Building;” **Pages H886–87**

***Antitrust Technical Corrections:*** H.R. 809, to make technical corrections to various antitrust laws and to references to such laws; **Pages H888–89**

***Madrid Protocol Implementation:*** H.R. 741, to amend the Trademark Act of 1946 to provide for the registration and protection of trademarks used in commerce, in order to carry out provisions of certain international conventions; **Pages H889–93**

***Multidistrict, Multiparty, Multiforum Trial Jurisdiction:*** H.R. 860, to amend title 28, United States Code, to allow a judge to whom a case is transferred to retain jurisdiction over certain multidistrict litigation cases for trial, and to provide for Federal jurisdiction of certain multiparty, multiforum civil actions; **Pages H893–98**

***Intellectual Property and High Technology Technical Amendments:*** S. 320, amended, to make technical corrections in patent, copyright, and trademark laws; and **Pages H898–H901**

***Vacating Arbitration Award Technical Amendments:*** H.R. 861, to make technical amendments to section 10 of title 9, United States Code (passed by a ye and nay vote of 413 yeas with none voting “nay”, Roll No. 49). **Pages H901–02, H903**

**Japan-United States Friendship Commission:** The Chair announced the Speaker’s appointment of Representative McDermott to the Japan-United States Friendship Commission. **Page H904**

**Committee Election:** The House agreed to H. Res. 90, electing Mrs. Jones of Ohio to the Committee on Standards of Official Conduct. **Page H918**

**Quorum Calls—Votes:** Two ye and nay votes developed during the proceedings of the House today and appear on pages H902–03 and H903. There were no quorum calls.

**Adjournment:** The House met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 3:45 p.m.

## Committee Meetings

### FEDERAL FARM COMMODITY PROGRAMS

**Committee on Agriculture:** Continued hearings on federal farm commodity programs, with the National Farmers Union. Testimony was heard from Leland Swenson, President, National Farmers Union.

Hearings continue tomorrow.

### AGRICULTURE APPROPRIATIONS

**Committee on Appropriations:** Subcommittee on Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug and Related Agencies held a hearing on Inspector General, USDA. Testimony was heard from Roger C. Viadero, Inspector General, USDA.

### DEFENSE APPROPRIATIONS

**Committee on Appropriations:** Subcommittee on Defense met in executive session to hold a hearing on U.S. European Command. Testimony was heard from Gen. Joseph W. Ralston, USAF, Commander in Chief, European Command, Department of Defense.

The Subcommittee also met in executive session to hold a hearing on U.S. Space Command. Testimony was heard from Gen. Ralph Eberhart, USAF, Commander in Chief, U.S. Space Command and North American Aerospace Command, Department of Defense.

### LABOR, HHS, AND EDUCATION APPROPRIATIONS

**Committee on Appropriations:** Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services and Education continued appropriation hearings. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

Hearings continue tomorrow.

### MILITARY CONSTRUCTION APPROPRIATIONS

**Committee on Appropriations:** Subcommittee on Military Construction held a hearing on European Military Construction. Testimony was heard from Gen.

Joseph W. Ralston, USAF, Commander in Chief, European Command, Department of Defense.

#### **TRANSPORTATION APPROPRIATIONS**

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Transportation continued appropriation hearings. Testimony was heard from Members of Congress.

#### **TRICARE BENEFITS IMPLEMENTATION**

*Committee on Armed Services:* Subcommittee on Military Personnel held a hearing on implementation of TRICARE benefits for Medicare-eligible military retirees. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Defense: Rear Adm. Jarrett Clinton, USN, Acting Assistant Secretary (Health Affairs); James Sears, Director, TRICARE Management Activity; and Kenneth C. Schefflen, Director, Defense Manpower Data Center; Elizabeth Cusick, Acting Executive Associate Administrator, Health Care Financing Administration, Department of Health and Human Services; and public witnesses.

#### **USDA BUDGET PRIORITIES**

*Committee on the Budget:* Held a hearing on the Department of Agriculture Budget Priorities for Fiscal Year 2002. Testimony was heard from Representative Stenholm; Ann M. Veneman, Secretary of Agriculture; and a public witness.

#### **EMPOWERING SUCCESS: FLEXIBILITY AND SCHOOL CHOICE**

*Committee on Education and the Workforce:* Subcommittee on Education Reform held a hearing on Empowering Success: Flexibility and School Choice. Testimony was heard from Lisa Graham Keegan, Superintendent of Public Instruction, Department of Education, State of Arizona; Spence Korte, Superintendent, Public Schools, Milwaukee, Wisconsin; and public witnesses.

#### **OVERSIGHT—NATIONAL ENERGY POLICY: COAL**

*Committee on Energy and Commerce:* Subcommittee on Energy and Air Quality held an oversight hearing on National Energy Policy: Coal. Testimony was heard from Mary Hutzler, Director, Office of Integrated Analysis and Forecasting, Energy Information Agency, Department of Energy; Billy Jack Gregg, Director, Consumer Advocate Division, Public Service Commission, State of West Virginia; Edwin Pinero, Director, Program Operations, Office of Pollution and Compliance, Department of Environmental Protection, State of Pennsylvania.

#### **PUBLIC ACCESS TO STOCK MARKET DATA**

*Committee on Financial Services:* Subcommittee on Capital Markets, Insurance and Government Sponsored

Enterprises held a hearing on Public Access to Stock Market Data—Improving Transparency and Competition. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

#### **CONFRONTING LIBERIA**

*Committee on International Relations:* Subcommittee on Africa held a hearing on Confronting Liberia. Testimony was heard from Senator Feingold; and public witnesses.

#### **EL SALVADOR EARTHQUAKES; PERU—PROSPECTS FOR FREE AND FAIR ELECTIONS**

*Committee on International Relations:* Subcommittee on Western Hemisphere approved for full committee action H. Con. Res. 41, expressing sympathy for the victims of the devastating earthquakes that struck El Salvador on January 13, and February 13, 2001, and supporting ongoing aid efforts.

The Subcommittee also held a hearing on Prospects for Free and Fair Elections in Peru. Testimony was heard from Ambassador Luis Lauredo, OAS, Department of State; Susan Westin, Managing Director, International Affairs and Trade, GAO; and a public witness.

#### **PRIVATE IMMIGRATION AND PRIVATE CLAIMS BILLS**

*Committee on the Judiciary:* Subcommittee on Immigration and Claims approved for full Committee action a private claims bill.

Prior to this action, the Subcommittee adopted Rules of Procedure for private immigration bills and private claims bills and policy on Federal Charters.

#### **SMALL BUSINESS PAPERWORK RELIEF ACT; BUDGET VIEWS AND ESTIMATES**

*Committee on Rules:* Granted, by voice vote, an open rule providing 1 hour of debate on H.R. 327, Small Business Paperwork Relief Act. The rule provides that it shall be in order to consider as an original bill for the purpose of amendment the amendment in the nature of a substitute printed in the Congressional Record and numbered 1. The rule provides that the amendment in the nature of a substitute shall be open for amendment by section. The rule allows the Chairman of the Committee of the Whole to accord priority in recognition to Members who have preprinted their amendments in the Congressional Record. Finally, the rule provides one motion to recommit with or without instructions. Testimony was heard from Chairman Burton and Representatives Ose and Tierney.

The Committee adopted Budget Views and Estimates for Fiscal Year 2002 for submission to the Committee on the Budget.

**CLIMATE CHANGE**

*Committee on Science:* Held a hearing entitled: "Climate Change: The State of the Science." Testimony was heard from Daniel Albritton, Director, Aeronmay Laboratory, NOAA, Department of Commerce; and public witnesses.

**BUDGET VIEWS AND ESTIMATES**

*Committee on Small Business:* Approved Committee Budget Views and Estimates for Fiscal Year 2002 for submission to the Committee on the Budget.

**AIR TRAFFIC CONTROL SYSTEM—  
MODERNIZATION**

*Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure,* Subcommittee on Aviation held a hearing on the FAA's efforts to modernize the Air Traffic Control system, focusing on the Standard Terminal Automation Replacement System (STARS). Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Transportation: Kenneth M. Mead, Inspector General; and Steven Zaidman, Associate Administrator, Research and Acquisitions, FAA; and public witnesses.

**ADMINISTRATION'S HEALTH AND  
WELFARE PRIORITIES; BUDGET VIEWS  
AND ESTIMATES**

*Committee on Ways and Means:* Held a hearing on the Administration's Health and Welfare Priorities. Testimony was heard from Tommy G. Thompson, Secretary of Health and Human Services.

Prior to this action, the Committee approved Committee Budget Views and Estimates for Fiscal Year 2002 for submission to the Committee on the Budget.

**BRIEFING—COVERT ACTION CAPABILITIES**

*Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence,* Subcommittee on International Policy and National Security and the Subcommittee on Human Intelligence, Analysis and Counterintelligence met in executive session to hold a joint briefing on Covert Action Capabilities. The Subcommittees were briefed by departmental witnesses.

**Joint Meetings****WILDFIRE PROGRAM**

*Joint Hearing:* Senate Appropriations' Subcommittee on the Interior concluded joint hearings with the House Committee on Appropriations' Subcommittee on the Interior on issues dealing with the wildfire program, after receiving testimony from Lyle Laverty, Associate Deputy Chief/National Fire Plan Coordinator, Forest Service, Department of Agriculture; Tim Hartzell, Director, Office of Wildland

and Fire Coordination, Department of the Interior; and James Hubbard, Colorado State Forest Service, Fort Collins, on behalf of the Western Governors Association.

**VETERANS PROGRAMS**

*Joint Hearing:* Senate Committee on Veterans' Affairs concluded joint hearings with the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs to examine the legislative recommendations of the Disabled American Veterans, after receiving testimony from Armando C. Albarran, Disabled American Veterans, Washington, D.C., who was accompanied by several of his associates.

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**NEW PUBLIC LAWS**

(For last listing of Public Laws, see DAILY DIGEST, p. D136)

H.R. 559, to designate the United States courthouse located at 1 Courthouse Way in Boston, Massachusetts, as the "John Joseph Moakley United States Courthouse". Signed March 13, 2001. (Public Law 107-2)

S. 279, affecting the representation of the majority and minority membership of the Senate Members of the Joint Economic Committee. Signed March 13, 2001. (Public Law 107-3)

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**COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR THURSDAY,  
MARCH 15, 2001**

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

**Senate**

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Transportation, to hold oversight hearings on competition and mobility issues in the freight rail industry, 10 a.m., SD-124.

Subcommittee on District of Columbia, to hold hearings on the District of Columbia's child and family services receivership, 10:30 a.m., SD-192.

*Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs:* business meeting to mark up S. 149, to provide authority to control exports, 10 a.m., SD-538.

*Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation:* business meeting to consider S. 319, to amend title 49, United States Code, to ensure that air carriers meet their obligations under the Airline Customer Service Agreement, and provide improved passenger service in order to meet public convenience and necessity; S. 361, to establish age limitations for airmen; S. 415, to amend title 49, United States Code, to require that air carriers meet public convenience and necessity requirements by ensuring competitive access by commercial air carriers to major cities; the committee resolution designating Senator Allen as Chairman of the Subcommittee on Science, Technology, and Space; the nomination of Rear Adm. Thad W. Allen, United States Coast Guard to be Commander, Atlantic Area, U.S. Coast Guard, with the grade of Vice Admiral;