

Adjournment: The House met at 2 p.m. and adjourned at 10:55 p.m.

Committee Meetings

LABOR, HHS, EDUCATION APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, Education, held a hearing on NIH Panel: Collaborations in Research. Testimony was heard from the following officials Department of Health and Human Services: Kerry Weems, Deputy Assistant Secretary, Budget; Ruth L. Kirschstein, M.D., Acting Director, NIH; Stephen Katz, M.D., Director, National Institute of Arthritis and Musculoskeletal and Skin Diseases; Stephen Straus, M.D., Director, National Center for Complementary and Alternative Medicine; Duane Alexander, M.D., Director, National Institute of Child Health and Human Development; Donna Dean, M.D., Acting Director, National Institute of Bioimaging and Bioengineering; John Ruffin, M.D., Director, National Center on Minority Health and Health Disparities; and Gerald Keusch, M.D., Director, Fogarty International Center.

WELFARE REFORM—PROPOSED REVISIONS

Committee on Education and the Workforce: Held a hearing on “Working Toward Independence: The Administration’s Plan to Build upon the Successes of Welfare Reform.” Testimony was heard from Tommy G. Thompson, Secretary of Health and Human Services; and public witnesses.

CORPORATE AND AUDITING ACCOUNTABILITY, RESPONSIBILITY, AND TRANSPARENCY ACT

Committee on Financial Services: Concluded hearings on H.R. 3763, Corporate and Auditing Accountability, Responsibility, and Transparency Act of 2002. Testimony was heard from David M. Walker, Comptroller General, GAO; Richard Breeden, former Chairman, SEC; and public witnesses.

FEDERAL GOVERNMENT’S FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Committee on Government Reform: Subcommittee on Government Efficiency, Financial Management, and Intergovernmental Relations held a hearing on “The Federal Government’s Consolidated Financial Statements: Are They Reliable?” Testimony was heard from David M. Walker, Comptroller General, GAO; Donald V. Hammond, Fiscal Assistant Secretary, Department of the Treasury; and Mark W. Everson, Controller, Office of Federal Financial Management, OMB.

INS RESTRUCTURING

Committee on the Judiciary: Held an oversight hearing on “Restructuring the INS—How the Agency’s Dysfunctional Structure Impedes the Performance of its Dual Mission.” Testimony was heard from James W. Ziglar, Commissioner, INS, Department of Justice; and public witnesses.

DIGITAL TECH CORPS ACT

Committee on Rules: Granted, by voice vote, an open rule providing 1 hour of debate on H.R. 3925, Digital Tech Corps Act of 2002. The rule waives all points of order against consideration of the bill. 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 recommended by the Committee on Government Reform now printed in the bill, modified by the amendments recommended by the Committee on the Judiciary also printed in the bill. The rule allows the Chairman of the Committee of the Whole to accord priority in recognition to those Members who have pre-printed their amendments in the Congressional Record. Finally, the rule provides one motion to recommit with or without instructions. Testimony was heard from Representative Tom Davis of Virginia.

PAYROLL INDUSTRY AT RISK

Committee on Small Business: Subcommittee on Tax, Finance and Exports held a hearing on Payroll Industry at Risk Due to ACH System Used for Direct Deposit. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

OVERSIGHT—TAX RETURN FILING SEASON AND THE IRS BUDGET

Committee on Ways and Means: Subcommittee on Oversight held a hearing on the 2002 Tax Return Filing Season and the IRS Budget for Fiscal Year 2003. Testimony was heard from Charles O. Rossotti, Commissioner, IRS, Department of the Treasury; James R. White, Director, Tax Policy and Administration Issues, GAO; and public witnesses.

Joint Meetings

ROMANI HUMAN RIGHTS

Commission on Security and Cooperation in Europe (Helsinki Commission): Commission concluded hearings to examine Romani human rights issues, focusing on OSCE activities and recent Bulgaria activities, including barriers to Romani education in the region, after receiving testimony from Nicolae Gheorghe, Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe Office for Democratic Institutions and Human Rights, Warsaw, Poland; H. E. Elena Borislavova Poptodorova, Ambassador of Bulgaria to the United States, Sofia, Bulgaria; and Dimitrina

Petrova, European Roma Rights Center, and Rumyan Russinov, Roma Participation Project, both of Budapest, Hungary.

FARM BILL

Conferees met to resolve the differences between the Senate and House passed versions of H.R. 2646, to provide for the continuation of agricultural programs through fiscal year 2011, but did not complete action thereon, and will meet again tomorrow.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR WEDNESDAY, APRIL 10, 2002

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Special Committee on Aging: to hold hearings to examine issues relating to long-term health care, 9:30 a.m., SD-628.

Committee on Appropriations: to hold hearings to examine Homeland Security; hearings will continue at 2:00 p.m., 10 a.m., SH-216.

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Emerging Threats and Capabilities, to hold hearings on proposed legislation authorizing funds for fiscal year 2003 for the Department of Defense, focusing on technology for combating terrorism and weapons of mass destruction, 9 a.m., SR-253.

Subcommittee on Strategic, to hold hearings on proposed legislation authorizing funds for fiscal year 2003 for the Department of Defense, focusing on the Department of Energy's Environmental Management program and the National Nuclear Security Administration's Defense Program and other weapons activities, 2:30 p.m., SR-222.

Committee on Environment and Public Works: Subcommittee on Superfund, Toxics, Risk, and Waste Management, to hold oversight hearings to examine the Superfund program, 10 a.m., SD-406.

Committee on Finance: to hold hearings to examine the reauthorization of Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) Program, created by the Welfare Reform Law of 1996, 9:30 a.m., SD-215.

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: to hold hearings to examine the reauthorization of the Institute of Museum and Library Services Act, 10 a.m., SD-430.

Select Committee on Intelligence: to hold closed hearings to examine pending intelligence matters, 2:30 p.m., SH-219.

House

Committee on Appropriations, Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, State and Judiciary, on FTC, 10 a.m., and Congressional witnesses, 2 p.m., H-309 Capitol.

Subcommittee on the District of Columbia, on Public Safety/Emergency Preparedness/Courts, 1:30 p.m., 2362 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Foreign Operations, Export Financing and Related Agencies, on U.S. Assistance to Columbia, 2 p.m., 2359 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Interior, on National Park Service, 10 a.m., and an oversight hearing on Forest Service and Bureau of Land Management-Fish Passage Barriers, 1:30 p.m., B-308 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, Education, on Secretary of Education, 10:15 a.m., 2358 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on VA, HUD and Independent Agencies, on Congressional Witnesses, 9:30 a.m., H-143 Capitol.

Committee on Armed Services, Subcommittee on Military Installations and Facilities, hearing on force protection and long-term recapitalization of all U.S. military installations and facilities, 3 p.m., 2212 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Military Personnel, hearing on the fiscal year 2003 Defense Health Program budget request, 2 p.m., 2118 Rayburn.

Committee on Education and the Workforce, Subcommittee on Employer-Employee Relations and the Subcommittee on Workforce Protections, joint hearing on "Record Keeping under the LMRDA: Do DOL Reporting Systems Benefit the Rank and File?" 10:30 a.m., 2175 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Select Education, hearing on the "Status of Financial Management at the Department of Education," 2 p.m., 2175 Rayburn.

Committee on Energy and Commerce, to mark up H.R. 3833, Dot Kids Implementation and Efficiency Act of 2002, and to consider pending Committee business, 10 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

Committee on Financial Services, Subcommittee on Housing and Community Opportunity, hearing on H.R. 3995, Housing and Affordability for America Act of 2002, 10 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Housing and Community Opportunity, hearing to review the current status of empowerment zones and renewal communities, 2 p.m., 2128 Rayburn.

Committee on Government Reform, Subcommittee on Criminal Justice, Drug Policy, and Human Resources, hearing on "Enhancing Border Security and Law Enforcement," 10 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

Committee on the Judiciary, to mark up H.R. 3231, Immigration Reform and Accountability Act of 2001, 10 a.m., 2141 Rayburn.

Committee on Resources, Subcommittee on Forests and Forest Health, hearing on the following bills: H.R. 3962, Good Neighbor Act of 2002; H.R. 3954, Caribbean National Forest Wild and Scenic Rivers Act of 2002; and H.R. 3401, California Five Mile Regional Learning Center Transfer Act, 10 a.m., 1334 Longworth.

Subcommittee on Water and Power, hearing on H.R. 2301, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to construct a bridge on Federal land west of and adjacent to Folsom Dam in California, 2 p.m., 1334 Longworth.

Committee on Small Business, hearing entitled "Can Improved Compliance with the Regulatory Flexibility Act Resuscitate Small Healthcare Providers?" 10 a.m., 2360 Rayburn.