

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Armed Services: Committee ordered favorably reported the following business items:

S. 922, to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 1996 for intelligence and intelligence-related activities of the United States Government and the Central Intelligence Agency Retirement and Disability System, with an amendment; and

The nominations of Lt. Gen. John P. Otjen, United States Army, to be Lieutenant General, and Lt. Gen. James R. Clapper, Jr., United States Air Force, for appointment to the grade of lieutenant general on the retired list.

NOMINATIONS

Committee on the Judiciary: Committee ordered favorably reported the nominations of Terence T. Evans, of Wisconsin, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Seventh Circuit, Michael R. Murphy, of Utah, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Tenth Circuit, James M. Moody, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Arkansas, William K. Sessions III, to be United States District Judge for the District of Vermont, Ortrie D. Smith, to be United States District Judge for the Western District of Missouri, and Donald C. Pogue, of Connecticut, to be a Judge of the United States Court of International Trade.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Bills Introduced: Sixty-four public bills, H.R. 2193–2256; two private bills, H.R. 2257–2258; and eight resolutions, H. Con. Res. 93–98, and H. Res. 211–212 were introduced. Pages H8533–36

Reports Filed: Reports were filed as follows:

H.R. 782, to amend title 18 of the United States Code to allow members of employee associations to represent their views before the United States Government, amended (H. Rept. 104–230);

H.R. 1852, to authorize appropriations for the National Science Foundation, amended (H. Rept. 104–231);

H.R. 1870, to authorize appropriations for the activities of the Under Secretary of Commerce for technology, and for Scientific and Technical Research Services and Construction of Research Facilities activities of the National Institute of Standards and Technology, for fiscal year 1996, amended (H. Rept. 104–232);

H.R. 2043, to authorize appropriations to the National Aeronautics and Space Administration for human space flight, science, aeronautics, and technology, mission support, and Inspector General, amended (H. Rept. 104–233);

H.R. 1296, to provide for the Administration of certain Presidio properties at minimal cost to the Federal taxpayer, amended (H. Rept. 104–234);

H.R. 1851, to authorize appropriations for carrying out the Federal Fire Prevention and Control Act of 1974 for fiscal years 1996 and 1997, amended (H. Rept. 104–235); and

H.R. 1816, to authorize appropriations for civilian research, development, demonstration, and commer-

cial application activities of the Department of Energy for fiscal year 1996, amended (H. Rept. 104–236, Part 1). Pages H8532–33

Speaker Pro Tempore: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he designates Representative Bunn of Oregon to act as a Speaker pro tempore for today. Page H8425

Communications Act: By a recorded vote of 305 ayes to 117 noes, Roll No. 635, the House passed H.R. 1555, to promote competition and reduce regulation in order to secure lower prices and higher quality services for American telecommunications consumers and encourage the rapid deployment of new telecommunications technologies. Pages H8425–H8507

By a recorded vote of 224 ayes to 199 noes, Roll No. 634, the House agreed to the Markey motion to recommit the bill to the Committee on Commerce with instructions to report it back forthwith containing an amendment requiring the establishment of a television rating code and requiring that televisions manufactured in or imported to the United States be equipped with program-blocking technology (V-CHIP). Subsequently the bill was reported back to the House with the amendment, and the amendment was agreed to. Pages H8503–05

Agreed To:

The Bliley amendment that, among other things, shortens from 15 to 6 months the length of time the FCC will have to promulgate rules for implementation of the checklist provisions and reduce the time span that a Bell company must operate their long distance service through a separate subsidiary from 3

years to 18 months (agreed to by a recorded vote of 256 ayes and 149 noes, Roll No. 627);

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The Stupak amendment that provides that nothing in the bill affects the authority of local governments to manage public rights-of-way or to require fair and reasonable compensation from telecommunications providers for use of such rights-of-way, and strikes provisions that prohibit local governments from distinguishing between types of telecommunications providers in imposing fees (agreed to by a recorded vote of 338 ayes to 86 noes, Roll No. 629);

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The Cox of California amendment that protects from liability those providers and users seeking to clean up the Internet and prohibiting the FCC from imposing content or any regulation of the Internet (agreed to by a recorded vote of 420 ayes to 4 noes, Roll No. 631);

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The Markey amendment that limits to 35 percent the percentages of households nationwide that may be reached by TV stations directly owned by a single network or ownership group (agreed to by a recorded vote of 228 ayes to 195 noes, Roll No. 632); and

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The Markey amendment, as amended by the Coburn substitute (substitute agreed to by a recorded vote of 222 ayes to 201 noes, Roll No. 633), that establishes as national policy the encouragement of the television and video industry to establish industry-wide technology standards and rating procedures which would empower parents to block programming they deem inappropriate for their children.

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Rejected:

The Conyers amendment, as modified, that sought to provide for an Attorney General review of the Bell company entry into new markets and to provide for approval unless the Attorney General found there was a dangerous probability that such company or its affiliates would successfully use their market power to substantially impede competition in the market such company sought to enter (rejected by a recorded vote of 151 ayes to 271 noes, Roll No. 630); and

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The Markey amendment that sought to not deregulate cable rates for an existing cable system until a telephone company had actually been authorized to provide competing video services to subscribers in the same franchise area, limit the exemption from price controls for small cable operators to systems with 10,000 or fewer subscribers in its franchise area, and lower the complaint threshold under which the FCC could trigger a rate review from 5 percent

of all subscribers to 10 subscribers (rejected by a recorded vote of 148 ayes to 275 noes, Roll No. 628).

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The Clerk was authorized to make technical corrections and conforming changes, and to delete duplicative material, in the engrossment of the bill.

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Late Report: The Committee on Economic and Educational Opportunities received permission to have until noon on Friday, September 1, 1995, to file a report on H.R. 1594, to place restrictions on the promotion by the Department of Labor of economically targeted investments in connection with employee benefit plans.

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Rereferral: The bill H.R. 2077, to designate the United States Post Office building located at 33 College Avenue in Waterville, Maine, as the “George J. Mitchell Post Office Building,” originally referred to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, was rereferred to the Committee on Government Oversight.

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George J. Mitchell Building: House passed H.R. 2077, to designate the United States Post Office building located at 33 College Avenue in Waterville, Maine, as the “George J. Mitchell Post Office Building.”

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D.C. Convention Center and Sports Arena: House passed H.R. 2108, to permit the Washington Convention Center Authority to expend revenues for the operation and maintenance of the existing Washington Convention Center and for preconstruction activities relating to a new convention center in the District of Columbia, to permit a designated authority of the District of Columbia to borrow funds for the preconstruction activities relating to a sports arena in the District of Columbia and to permit certain revenues to be pledged as security for the borrowing of such funds.

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Calendar Wednesday: Agreed to dispense with Calendar Wednesday business of September 6, 1995.

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Resignations—Appointments: It was made in order that notwithstanding any adjournment of the House until Wednesday, September 6, 1995, the Speaker and the Minority Leader be authorized to accept resignations and to make appointments authorized by law or by the House.

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Extensions of Remarks: It was made in order that for the legislative days of Wednesday, August 2, Thursday, August 3, and Friday, August 4, all Members be permitted to extend their remarks and to include extraneous material in that section of the Record entitled “Extensions of Remarks”. Page H8511

Designation of Speaker Pro Tempore: Read and accepted a letter from the Speaker wherein he designates Representative Davis to act as Speaker pro tempore to sign enrolled bills and joint resolutions through September 6, 1995. **Page H8511**

Presidential Messages: Read the following messages from the President:

United States-Bulgaria nuclear energy agreement: Message wherein he transmits the text of a proposed Agreement between the Government of the United States of America and the Government of the Republic of Bulgaria for Cooperation in the Field of Peaceful Uses of Nuclear Energy, with accompanying annex and agreed minute—referred to the Committee on International Relations and ordered printed (H. Doc. 104-108); **Pages H8511-12**

Energy policy: Message wherein he reports to Congress on our Nation's energy policy—referred to the Committee on Commerce; and **Page H8512**

D.C. Financial Authority Budget: Message wherein he transmits the District of Columbia Financial Responsibility and Management Assistance Authority's operating budget for fiscal year 1996—referred to the Committee on Government Reform and Oversight. **Page H8512**

Senate Messages: Messages received from the Senate today appear on page H8507.

Quorum Calls—Votes: Nine recorded votes developed during the proceedings of the House today and appear on pages H8459-60, H8476-77, H8477, H8477-78, H8478-79, H8484-85, H8496, H8504-05, and H8506-07. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: Met at 8 a.m. and, pursuant to the provisions of H. Con. Res. 92, adjourned at 6:17 p.m. until noon on Wednesday, September 6.

Committee Meetings

REGULATION OF PUBLIC UTILITY HOLDING COMPANIES—SEC REPORT

Committee on Commerce: Subcommittee on Telecommunications and Finance and the Subcommittee on Energy and Power held a joint hearing on the SEC's June 19, 1995 report entitled "The Regulation of Public Utility Holding Companies." Testimony was heard from Elizabeth Moler, Chair, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, Department of Energy; Arthur Levitt, Jr., Chairman, SEC; Robert Gee, Commissioner, Public Utilities Commission, State of Texas; and public witnesses.

RESTRICT AUTHORITY OF D.C. SUPERIOR COURT—CERTAIN CHILD CUSTODY AND VISITATION RIGHTS

Committee on Government Reform and Oversight: Subcommittee on the District of Columbia held a hearing on H.R. 1855, to amend title 11, District of Columbia Code, to restrict the authority of the Superior Court of the District of Columbia over certain pending cases involving child custody and visitation rights. Testimony was heard from Representatives Morella and Molinari; Charles Gill, Judge, Circuit Court, State of Connecticut; and public witnesses.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE FUTURE

Committee on International Relations: Held a hearing on the Future of the Department of Commerce. Testimony was heard from Representatives Roth, Manzullo, Mica and Chrysler; Ronald H. Brown, Secretary of Commerce; Michael Kantor, U.S. Trade Representative; and public witnesses.

MINERAL LEASING ACT AMENDMENTS

Committee on Resources: Subcommittee on Energy and Mineral Resources approved for full Committee action amended H.R. 699, to amend the Mineral Leasing Act to provide for a royalty payment for heavy crude oil produced from the public lands which is based on the degree of API gravity.

SMALL BUSINESS CREDIT EFFICIENCY ACT

Committee on Small Business: Ordered reported amended H.R. 2150, Small Business Credit Efficiency Act of 1995.

COMMITTEE BUSINESS

Committee on Standards of Official Conduct: Met in executive session to consider pending business.

Joint Meetings

EMPLOYMENT SITUATION

Joint Economic Committee: Committee held hearings to examine the employment-unemployment situation for July, receiving testimony from Katherine G. Abraham, Commissioner of the Bureau of Labor Statistics, Department of Labor.

Committee recessed subject to call.

CONGRESSIONAL PROGRAM AHEAD

Week of August 7 through 12, 1995

Senate Chamber

On *Monday*, Senate will resume consideration of H.R. 4, Family Self-Sufficiency Act.