

Joint Meetings

CUBAN LIBERTY AND DEMOCRATIC SOLIDARITY ACT

Conferees on Wednesday, February 28, agreed to file a conference report on H.R. 927, to seek international sanctions against the Castro Government in Cuba, and to plan for support of a transition government leading to a democratically elected government in Cuba.

FOREIGN RELATIONS AUTHORIZATION ACT

Conferees met to resolve the differences between the Senate- and House-passed versions of H.R. 1561, to consolidate the foreign affairs agencies of the United States; to authorize appropriations for the Department of State and related agencies for fiscal years 1996 and 1997; and to responsibly reduce the authorizations of appropriations for the United States foreign assistance programs for fiscal years 1996 and 1997, but did not complete action thereon, and will meet again on Tuesday, March 5.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR FRIDAY, MARCH 1, 1996

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

No meetings are scheduled.

CONGRESSIONAL PROGRAM AHEAD

Week of March 4 through 9, 1996

Senate Chamber

On *Monday*, Senate will meet in pro forma session.

On *Tuesday*, Senate will consider the conference report on H.R. 927, Cuban Liberty and Democratic Solidarity Act, and the conference report on H.R. 2546, D.C. Appropriations, with a vote on the conference report on H.R. 927 to occur at 2:15 p.m., following which a cloture vote on the conference report on H.R. 2546 will occur thereon.

During the balance of the week, Senate may consider S. Res. 227, relative to the Whitewater investigation, and consider any cleared legislative and executive business.

(Senate will recess from 12:30 p.m. until 2:15 p.m., on Tuesday, March 5, 1996, for respective party conferences.)

House Chamber

Monday, No legislative business is scheduled;
Tuesday, Consideration of 3 Suspensions:

1. H.R. 2778, Special tax treatment to U.S. troops in Bosnia;

2. H.R. 2853, Most favored nation status to Bulgaria; and

3. H.R. 497, National Gambling Impact and Policy Commission Act.

Wednesday and the balance of the week, Consideration of the following measures:

H.R. 994, Small Business Growth and Administrative Accountability Act;

Conference report on H.R. 927, Cuban Liberty and Democratic Solidarity Act;

A measure to increase temporarily the public debt; and

An omnibus appropriations or continuing resolution for fiscal year 1996.

NOTE:—Conference reports may be brought up at any time. Any further program will be announced later.

Senate Committees

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Committee on Appropriations: March 5, Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, to hold hearings to examine possible solutions to the budget impasse for Labor, Health and Education programs, 8:30 a.m., SD-192.

March 6, Subcommittee on Defense, to hold hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 1997 for the Department of Defense, 9:30 a.m., SD-192.

Committee on Armed Services: March 5, to hold hearings on proposed legislation authorizing funds for fiscal year 1997 for the Department of Defense and the future years defense program, 9:30 a.m., SD-G50.

March 6, Full Committee, to hold hearings on the 1996 Ballistic Missile Defense update review, 9:30 a.m., SD-G50.

Committee on the Budget: March 6, to hold hearings to review the current state of the U.S. economy, 10 a.m., SD-608.

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: March 5, to hold hearings on the nominations of Thomas Paul Grumbly, of Virginia, to be Under Secretary of Energy, Alvin L. Alm, of Virginia, to be an Assistant Secretary of Energy (Environmental Management), and Charles William Burton, of Texas, and Christopher M. Coburn, of Ohio, each to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the United States Enrichment Corporation, 9:30 a.m., SD-366.

March 6, Full Committee, to hold oversight hearings on issues relating to competitive change in the electric power industry, 9:30 a.m., SD-366.

March 7, Subcommittee on Parks, Historic Preservation and Recreation, to hold hearings on S. 745, to require the National Park Service to eradicate brucellosis afflicting the bison in Yellowstone National Park, S. 796 and H.R. 238, bills to provide for the protection of wild horses within the Ozark National Scenic Riverways, Missouri, and prohibit the removal of such horses, and S.

1451, to authorize an agreement between the Secretary of the Interior and a State providing for the continued operation by State employees of national parks in the State during any period in which the National Park Service is unable to maintain the normal level of park operations, 9:30 a.m., SD-366.

March 7, Subcommittee on Forests and Public Land Management, to hold hearings on S. 393 and H.R. 924, bills to prohibit the Secretary of Agriculture from transferring any national forest system lands in the Angeles National Forest in California out of Federal ownership for use as a solid waste landfill, 1 p.m., SD-366.

Committee on Foreign Relations: March 6, to hold hearings on the nomination of Rita Derrick Hayes, of Maryland, for the rank of Ambassador during her tenure of service as Chief Textile Negotiator, 10 a.m., SD-419.

March 6, Subcommittee on Near Eastern and South Asian Affairs, to hold hearings to examine religious freedom in Pakistan, 2 p.m., SD-419.

March 7, Full Committee, to hold hearings on the Convention on Chemical Weapons, 10 a.m., SD-419.

Committee on Governmental Affairs: March 5, to hold hearings on S. 1376, to terminate unnecessary and inequitable Federal corporate subsidies, 9:30 a.m., SD-342.

March 6, Full Committee, to hold joint hearings with the House Government Reform Committee to examine the implementation of the Government Performance and Results Act, 9:30 a.m., 2154 Rayburn Building.

March 7, Full Committee, to resume hearings on S. 356, to declare English as the official language of the Government of the United States, 9:30 a.m., SD-342.

March 8, Subcommittee on Oversight of Government Management and The District of Columbia, to hold hearings to examine the oversight of government-wide travel management, 9:30 a.m., SD-342.

Committee on the Judiciary: March 5, to hold oversight hearings on the implementation of the Drug Price Competition and Patent Term Restoration Act, 10 a.m., SD-226.

March 6, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine the interstate transportation of human pathogens, 10 a.m., SD-226.

March 7, Full Committee, business meeting, to consider pending calendar business, 10 a.m., SD-226.

Committee on Labor and Human Resources: March 4, business meeting, to resume mark up of S. 1423, to amend the Occupational Safety and Health Act of 1970 to make modifications to certain provisions, and to consider pending nominations, 9:30 a.m., SD-430.

March 6 and 7, Full Committee, to hold hearings on proposed legislation authorizing funds for the National Institutes of Health, 9:30 a.m., SD-430.

March 8, Full Committee, to hold hearings on S. 553, to amend the Age Discrimination in Employment Act of 1967 to reinstate an exemption for certain bona fide hiring and retirement plans applicable to State and local firefighters and law enforcement officers, 9:30 a.m., SD-430.

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: March 5, to hold joint hearings with the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs

to review the legislative recommendations of the Veterans of Foreign Wars, 9:30 a.m., 345 Cannon Building.

Select Committee on Intelligence: March 6, to hold hearings to examine the role and mission of U.S. intelligence, 9 a.m., SD-106.

March 7, Full Committee, to hold a closed briefing on intelligence matters, 2 p.m., SH-219.

Special Committee on Aging: March 6, to hold hearings to examine telemarketing scams that target the elderly, 9:30 a.m., SD-562.

House Committees

Committee on Agriculture, March 5, to consider H.R. 2202, Immigration in the National Interest Act of 1995, 10 a.m., 1300 Longworth.

Committee on Appropriations, March 5, 6, and 7, Subcommittee on Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies, on congressional and public witnesses, 1 p.m., 2362A Rayburn.

March 5 and 6, Subcommittee on Energy and Water Development, on congressional and public witnesses, 10 a.m. and 2 p.m., on March 5 and 9:30 a.m., and 2 p.m., on March 6, 2362B Rayburn.

March 5, 6, and 7, Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, on public witnesses, 10 a.m. and 2 p.m., 2358 Rayburn.

March 5, Subcommittee on Legislative, on Joint Committee on Printing and GPO, 9:30 a.m., and on Library of Congress, 1:30 p.m., H-144 Capitol.

March 6, Subcommittee on the District of Columbia, on Financial Status of D.C., 10 a.m., 2360 Rayburn.

March 6, Subcommittee on Foreign Operations, Export Financing and Related Program, on Jordan Arms Transfers, 1:30 p.m., H-140 Capitol.

March 6, Subcommittee on the Interior, on National Endowments for the Humanities, 10 a.m., B-308 Rayburn.

March 6, Subcommittee on Legislative, on Members of Congress, Office of Compliance, and public witnesses, 9:30 a.m., H-144 Capitol.

March 6, Subcommittee on Military Construction, on Army, 9:30 a.m., B-300 Rayburn.

March 6, Subcommittee on Transportation, on Inspector General Reports, 10 a.m., 2358 Rayburn.

March 6, Subcommittee on Treasury, Postal Service and General Government, on issues in Treasury Law Enforcement, 10 a.m., 345 Cannon.

March 6, Subcommittee on VA, HUD and Independent Agencies, on NSF, 10 a.m., H-143 Capitol.

March 7, Subcommittee on the Interior, public witnesses on Department of Energy and other programs, 10 a.m. and 1:30 p.m., B-308 Rayburn.

March 7, Subcommittee on Military Construction, on Air Force, 9:30 a.m., B-300 Rayburn.

March 7, Subcommittee on National Security, on fiscal year 1997 Defense Budget, 9:30 a.m., 2360 Rayburn.

March 7, Subcommittee on Transportation, on GAO, 10 a.m., and on National Transportation Safety Board, 2 p.m., 2358 Rayburn.

Committee on Banking and Financial Services, March 7, Subcommittee on Domestic and International Monetary

Policy, to continue hearings on the Future of Money, Part III, 10 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.

Committee on the Budget, March 5, hearing on Federalism, 10 a.m., 210 Cannon.

March 7, hearing on Corporate Welfare, 11 a.m., 210 Cannon.

Committee on Commerce, March 6, to continue hearings on the Unanimous Bipartisan National Governors Association Agreement, 1 p.m., 2123 Rayburn.

March 7, Subcommittee on Health and Environment, hearing on Health Care Reform: Reforming the Small Business Marketplace and the Individual Health Insurance Market, 10 a.m., 2322 Rayburn.

March 8, Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations, to continue hearings on the Department of Energy: Travel Expenditures and Related Issues, 9:30 a.m., 2322 Rayburn.

Committee on Economic and Educational Opportunities, March 6, to mark up the following: H.R. 995, ERISA Targeted Health Insurance Reform Act of 1995; and Congressional Accountability Act Regulations, 9:30 a.m., 2175 Rayburn.

March 7, Subcommittee on Early Childhood, Youth, and Families, hearing on Individuals with Disabilities Education Act, 10 a.m., 2175 Rayburn.

Committee on Government Reform and Oversight, March 5, Subcommittee on Civil Service, to mark up sections 356 and 523 of H.R. 2202, Immigration in the National Interest Act, 2 p.m., 2247 Rayburn.

March 6, Subcommittee on Government Management, Information, and Technology, oversight hearing on IRS Financial Management, 1:30 p.m., 311 Cannon.

March 7, Subcommittee on the District of Columbia, hearing on the Financial and Management Status of the District of Columbia, 1:30 p.m., 2154 Rayburn.

Committee on International Relations, March 5, Subcommittee on the Western Hemisphere, hearing on Violations of the United States Embargo on Cuba, 2 p.m., 2175 Rayburn.

March 7, Subcommittee on the Western Hemisphere, hearing to review the Administration's certification program for Narcotics producing and transit countries in Latin America, 2 p.m., 2172 Rayburn.

Committee on the Judiciary, March 6, Subcommittee on the Constitution, hearing on H.J. Res. 159, proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States to require two-thirds majorities for bills increasing taxes, 10 a.m., 2226 Rayburn.

March 6, Subcommittee on Crime, hearing on the increased use of marijuana in America, 9:30 a.m., 2237 Rayburn.

March 7, Subcommittee on Crime, hearing on minor and miscellaneous bills, 10 a.m., 2141 Rayburn.

March 8, Subcommittee on Courts and Intellectual Property, hearing on the following bills: H.R. 1659, Patent and Trademark Office Corporation Act of 1995; and H.R. 2553, United States Intellectual Property Organization Act of 1995, 10 a.m., 2226 Rayburn.

Committee on National Security, March 5, Subcommittee on Military Research and Development, to begin hearings

on the fiscal year 1997 national defense authorization request, 2 p.m., 2118 Rayburn.

March 5, Special Oversight Panel on the Merchant Marine, to begin hearings on the fiscal year 1997 Panama Canal Commission and U.S. Maritime Administration authorization requests, 10 a.m., 2212 Rayburn.

March 6, full Committee, to begin hearings on the fiscal year 1997 national defense authorization request, 9:30 a.m., 2118 Rayburn.

March 7, Subcommittee on Military Installations and Facilities, hearing on alternative authorities for construction and improvement of military housing, 2 p.m., 2216 Rayburn.

March 7, Subcommittee on Military Personnel, to begin hearings on the fiscal year 1996 national defense authorization request, 2 p.m., 2212 Rayburn.

March 7 and 8, Subcommittee on Military Procurement and the Subcommittee on Military Research and Development, joint hearings on the fiscal year 1997 national defense authorization request, 10 a.m., on March 7 and 9:30 a.m., on March 8, 2118 Rayburn.

March 8, Subcommittee on Military Installations and Facilities, to begin hearings on the fiscal year 1997 national defense authorization request, 10 a.m., 2212 Rayburn.

Committee on Resources, March 5, Subcommittee on National Parks, Forests and Lands, hearing on H.R. 2941, Housing Improvement Act for Land Management Agencies, 10 a.m., 1324 Longworth.

March 6, full Committee, hearing on the following: a measure to resolve certain conveyances under the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act related to Cape Fox Corporation; H.R. 2505, to amend the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act to make certain clarifications to the land bank protection provisions; and H.R. 1786, to regulate fishing in certain waters of Alaska, 11 a.m., 1324 Longworth.

March 7, Subcommittee on Energy and Minerals Resources, hearing on H.R. 1813, Mineral Management Service Organic Act, 2 p.m., 1324 Longworth.

March 7, Subcommittee on Water and Power Resources, oversight hearing on dam safety and deferred maintenance issues at Bureau of Reclamation facilities, 10 a.m., 1334 Longworth.

Committee on Science, March 6, hearing on Global Change Research Programs: Data Collection and Scientific Priorities, 10 a.m., 2318 Rayburn.

March 7, Subcommittee on Energy and Environment, hearing on Department of Energy's Restructured Fusion Energy Sciences Program, 9:30 a.m., 2318 Rayburn.

Committee on Small Business, March 6, hearing on assessing the Small Business Technology Transfer Pilot Program and Small Business Innovation Research Program, 10 a.m., 2359 Rayburn.

March 7, hearing on EPA's Progress in Reducing Unnecessary Regulations and Paperwork Burdens Upon Small Business, 2 p.m., 2359 Rayburn.

March 7, Subcommittee on Regulation and Paperwork, hearing on rulemaking at the NLRB, 10 a.m., 2359 Rayburn.

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, March 5, Subcommittee on Railroads, hearing on Rail Safety Oversight: Human Factors and Grade Crossing Issues, 1 p.m., 2167 Rayburn.

March 6, Subcommittee on Aviation and the Subcommittee on Railroads, joint hearing on reauthorizing the National Transportation Safety Board, 1 p.m., 2167 Rayburn.

March 6, Subcommittee on Water Resources and Environment, to mark up H.R. 2747, Water Supply Infrastructure Assistance Act of 1995, 10 a.m., 2167 Rayburn.

March 7, Subcommittee on Aviation, to continue hearings on the Airport Improvement Program, with emphasis on revenue diversion, 10 a.m., 2167 Rayburn.

Committee on Veterans' Affairs, March 7, Subcommittee on Education, Training, Employment and Housing, oversight hearing on the Montgomery GI Bill, 9 a.m., 334 Cannon.

Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence, March 5, Subcommittee on Human Intelligence, Analysis, and Counterintelligence, executive, hearing on Counterterrorism, 2 p.m., H-405 Capitol.

March 6, full committee, Brown/Rudman briefing, 10:30 a.m., 2212 Rayburn.

March 7, executive, hearing on China, 10 a.m., H-405 Capitol.

Joint Meetings

Joint Economic Committee: March 8, to hold hearings to examine the employment-unemployment situation for February, 9:30 a.m., SD-106.

Conferees: March 5, on H.R. 1561, to consolidate the foreign affairs agencies of the United States; to authorize appropriations for the Department of State and related agencies for fiscal years 1996 and 1997; and to responsibly reduce the authorizations of appropriations for the United States foreign assistance programs for fiscal years 1996 and 1997, 10 a.m., S-116, Capitol.

Joint hearing: March 5, Senate Committee on Veterans' Affairs, to hold joint hearings with the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs to review the legislative recommendations of the Veterans of Foreign Wars, 9:30 a.m., 345 Cannon Building.

Joint hearing: March 6, Senate Committee on Governmental Affairs, to hold joint hearings with the House Government Reform Committee to examine the implementation of the Government Performance and Results Act, 9:30 a.m., 2154 Rayburn Building.

Commission on Security and Cooperation in Europe: March 6, to hold hearings on the Chechen conflict and Russian democratic development, 10 a.m., 2200 Rayburn Building.