

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.