

Committee Meetings

IMMIGRATION IN THE NATIONAL INTEREST ACT

Committee on Agriculture: Ordered reported amended H.R. 2202, Immigration in the National Interest Act of 1995.

AGRICULTURE APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies continued appropriation hearings. Testimony was heard from congressional and public witnesses.

ENERGY AND WATER APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Energy and Water Development continued appropriation hearings. Testimony was heard from congressional and public witnesses.

LABOR-HHS-EDUCATION APPROPRIATIONS

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

LEGISLATIVE APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Legislative Branch held a hearing on the Joint Committee on Printing, the GPO and the Library of Congress. Testimony was heard from Representative Thomas; the following officials of the GPO: Michael F. DiMario, Public Printer; and Wayne P. Kelley, Superintendent of Documents; and James H. Billington, Librarian of Congress.

FEDERALISM

Committee on the Budget: Held a hearing on Federalism. Testimony was heard from Becky Norton Dunlop, Secretary, Natural Resources, State of Virginia; and public witnesses.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Commerce: Subcommittee on Energy and Power approved for full Committee action the following bills: H.R. 2596, to extend energy conservation programs under the Energy Policy and Conservation Act through fiscal year 1999; H.R. 2967, amended, to extend the authorization of the Uranium Mill Tailings Radiation Control Act of 1978; H.R. 2501, amended, to extend the deadline under the Federal Power Act applicable to the construction of a hydroelectric project in Kentucky; H.R. 2630, amended, to extend the deadline for commencement of construction of a hydroelectric project in the State

of Illinois; H.R. 2695, amended, to extend the deadline under the Federal Power Act applicable to the construction of certain hydroelectric projects in the State of Pennsylvania; H.R. 2773, amended, to extend the deadline under the Federal Power Act applicable to the construction of 2 hydroelectric projects in North Carolina; H.R. 2816, to reinstate the license for, and extend the deadline under the Federal Power Act applicable to the construction of, a hydroelectric project in Ohio; H.R. 2869, amended, to extend the deadline for commencement of construction of a hydroelectric project in the State of Kentucky; and H.R. 1514, Propane Education and Research Act of 1995.

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Committee on Government Reform and Oversight: Subcommittee on Civil Service approved for full Committee action amended H.R. 2202, Immigration in the National Interest Act of 1995.

VIOLATIONS OF UNITED STATES EMBARGO ON CUBA

Committee on International Relations: Subcommittee on the Western Hemisphere held a hearing on Violations of the United States Embargo on Cuba. Testimony was heard from Michael Ranneberger, Coordinator, Office of Cuban Affairs, Department of State; Richard Newcomb, Director, Office of Foreign Assets Control, Department of the Treasury; and Mark M. Richard, Deputy Assistant Attorney General, Criminal Division, Department of Justice.

DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION

Committee on National Security: Subcommittee on Military Research and Development began hearings on the fiscal year 1997 national defense authorization request, with emphasis on Federally Funded Research and Development Centers and University Affiliated Centers. Testimony was heard from Paul G. Kaminski, Under Secretary, Acquisition and Technology, Department of Defense; and public witnesses.

AUTHORIZATION—PANAMA CANAL COMMISSION AND U.S. MARITIME ADMINISTRATION

Committee on National Security: Special Oversight Panel on the Merchant Marine began hearings on the fiscal year 1997 Panama Canal Commission and U.S. Maritime Administration authorization requests. Testimony was heard from Albert H. Herberger, Administrator, Maritime Administration, Department of Transportation; and the following officials of the

Panama Canal Commission: Joe R. Reeder, Chairman, Board of Directors; and Gilberto Guardia, Administrator.

HOUSING IMPROVEMENT ACT FOR LAND MANAGEMENT AGENCIES

Committee on Resources: Subcommittee on National Parks, Forests and Lands held a hearing on H.R. 2941, Housing Improvement Act for Land Management Agencies. Testimony was heard from Roger Kennedy, Director, National Park Service, Department of the Interior; Mark Reimers, Deputy Chief, Forest Service, USDA; and public witnesses.

CONFERENCE REPORT—CUBAN LIBERTY AND DEMOCRATIC SOLIDARITY ACT

Committee on Rules: Granted, by voice vote, a rule waiving all points of order against the conference to accompany H.R. 927, Cuban Liberty and Democratic Solidarity Act of 1995, and against its consideration. The rule provides that the conference report shall be considered as read. Testimony was heard from Chairman Gilman and Representatives Burton of Indiana, Ros-Lehtinen, Campbell, and Hamilton.

WHITE HOUSE TRAVEL INVESTIGATION

Committee on Rules: Ordered reported, by voice vote, H. Res. 369, to provide to the Committee on Government Reform and Oversight special authorities to obtain testimony for purposes of investigation and study of the White House Travel Office matter.

Prior to this action, the committee held a hearing on this resolution. Testimony was heard from Chairman Clinger and Representative Collins of Michigan.

RAIL SAFETY OVERSIGHT

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure: Subcommittee on Railroads held a hearing on Rail Safety Oversight: Human Factor and Grade Crossing Issues. Testimony was heard from Senator Lautenberg; David Winstead, Secretary, Department of Transportation, State of Maryland; and public witnesses.

Hearings continue tomorrow.

COUNTERTERRORISM

Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence: Subcommittee on Human Intelligence, Analysis, and Counterintelligence met in executive session to hold a hearing on Counterterrorism. Testimony was heard from departmental witnesses.

Joint Meetings

VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS

Joint Hearing: Senate Committee on Veterans' Affairs concluded joint hearings with the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs to examine the legislative rec-

ommendations of the Veterans of Foreign Wars, after receiving testimony from Paul Spera, Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States, Washington, D.C., who was accompanied by several of his associates.

FOREIGN RELATIONS AUTHORIZATION ACT

Conferees continued 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 recessed subject to call.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR WEDNESDAY, MARCH 6, 1996 Senate

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Committee on Appropriations, 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.

Full Committee, business meeting, to mark up proposed legislation making omnibus appropriations for fiscal year 1996, 2 p.m., SD-192.

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

Subcommittee on Strategic Forces, to hold hearings on the Department of Energy's Environmental Management Program, and Defense Nuclear Facilities Safety Board activities, 2 p.m., SR-232A.

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

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources, to hold oversight hearings on issues relating to competitive change in the electric power industry, 9:30 a.m., SR-325.

Committee on Foreign Relations, 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.

Subcommittee on Near Eastern and South Asian Affairs, to hold hearings to examine the treatment of minorities in South Asia, 2 p.m., SD-419.

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.

Committee on the Judiciary, to hold hearings to examine the interstate transportation of human pathogens, 10 a.m., SD-226.

Committee on Labor and Human Resources, to hold hearings on proposed legislation authorizing funds for the National Institutes of Health, 9:30 a.m., SD-430.

Committee on Small Business, business meeting, to mark up S. 942, to promote increased understanding of Federal regulations and increased voluntary compliance with such regulations by small entities, to provide for the designation of regional ombudsmen and oversight boards to monitor the enforcement practices of certain Federal agencies with respect to small business concerns, and to provide relief from excessive and arbitrary regulatory enforcement actions against small entities, 10 a.m., SR-428A.

Select Committee on Intelligence, to hold hearings to examine the role and mission of U.S. intelligence, 9 a.m., SH-216.

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

House

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

Subcommittee on Energy and Water Development, to continue on congressional and public witnesses, 9:30 a.m., and 2 p.m., 2362B Rayburn.

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

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

Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, to continue on public witnesses, 10 a.m. and 2 p.m., 2358 Rayburn.

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

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

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

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

Subcommittee on Veterans' Affairs, HUD and Independent Agencies, on NSF, 10 a.m., H-143 Capitol.

Committee on Commerce, to mark up the following bills: H.R. 2972, Securities and Exchange Commission Authorization Act of 1996; and H.R. 2969, Federal Tea Tasters Repeal Act of 1996, 10:30 a.m., and to continue hearings on the Unanimous Bipartisan National Governors Association Agreement, 1 p.m., 2123 Rayburn.

Committee on Economic and Educational Opportunities, to mark up the following: H.R. 995, ERISA Targeted Health Insurance Reform Act of 1995; and Congressional Accountability Act Regulations, 10 a.m., 2175 Rayburn.

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

Committee on the Judiciary, 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.

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

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

Committee on Rules, to consider the following: Omnibus Appropriations/Continuing Resolution for fiscal year 1996; and Temporary Increase in the Public Debt Limit, 2 p.m., H-313 Capitol.

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

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

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

Subcommittee on Railroads, to continue hearings on Rail Safety Oversight: Human Factors and Grade Crossing Issues, 11:30 a.m., 2253 Rayburn.

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

Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence, Brown/Rudman briefing, 10:30 a.m., 2212 Rayburn.

Joint Meetings

Joint Hearing: 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, to hold hearings on the Chechen conflict and Russian democratic development, 10 a.m., 2200 Rayburn Building.

Résumé of Congressional Activity

SECOND SESSION OF THE ONE HUNDRED FOURTH CONGRESS

The first table gives a comprehensive résumé of all legislative business transacted by the Senate and House. The second table accounts for all nominations submitted to the Senate by the President for Senate confirmation.

DATA ON LEGISLATIVE ACTIVITY

January 3 through February 29, 1996

	<i>Senate</i>	<i>House</i>	<i>Total</i>
Days in session	25	20	..
Time in session	101' hrs., 36''	117' hrs., 18''	..
Congressional Record:			
Pages of proceedings	1475	1641	..
Extensions of Remarks .....	..	264	..
Public bills enacted into law	3	20	..
Private bills enacted into law .....	..	..	..
Bills in conference	2	6	..
Measures passed, total	39	34	..
Senate bills	8	4	..
House bills	10	7	..
Senate joint resolutions .....	..	..	..
House joint resolutions	1	1	..
Senate concurrent resolutions	3	1	..
House concurrent resolutions	3	2	..
Simple resolutions	14	19	..
Measures reported, total	*32	*20	..
Senate bills	29	..	..
House bills	2	8	..
Senate joint resolutions .....	..	..	..
House joint resolutions .....	..	..	..
Senate concurrent resolutions .....	..	..	..
House concurrent resolutions .....	..	..	..
Simple resolutions	1	12	..
Special reports	2	..	..
Conference reports	1	3	..
Measures pending on calendar	195	48	..
Measures introduced, total	103	246	..
Bills	70	161	..
Joint resolutions	4	24	..
Concurrent resolutions	5	16	..
Simple resolutions	24	45	..
Quorum calls .....	..	1	..
Yea-and-nay votes	21	25	..
Recorded votes .....	..	17	..
Bills vetoed .....	..	1	..
Vetoes overridden .....	..	..	..

DISPOSITION OF EXECUTIVE NOMINATIONS

January 3, 1996 through February 29, 1996

Civilian nominations, totalling 165, (including 119 nominations carried over from the first session) disposed of as follows:	
Confirmed	7
Unconfirmed	153
Withdrawn	5
Civilian nominations (FS, PHS, CG, NOAA), totaling 347, (including 320 nominations carried over from the first session), disposed of as follows:	
Unconfirmed	347
Air Force nominations, totalling 6,220, (including 4,952 nominations carried over from the first session) disposed of as follows:	
Confirmed	6,105
Unconfirmed	115
Army nominations, totaling 4,101, (including 2,304 nominations carried over from the first session) disposed of as follows:	
Confirmed	2,419
Unconfirmed	1,682
Navy nominations, totaling 120, (including 21 nominations carried over from the first session) disposed of as follows:	
Confirmed	75
Unconfirmed	45
Marine Corps nominations, totaling 15, (including 8 nominations carried over from the first session) disposed of as follows:	
Confirmed	1
Unconfirmed	15
<i>Summary</i>	
Total nominations carried over from the first session	7,724
Total nominations received this session	3,244
Total confirmed	8,607
Total unconfirmed	2,356
Total withdrawn	5

* These figures include all measures reported, even if there was no accompanying report. A total of 30 reports has been filed in the Senate, a total of 23 reports has been filed in the House.