

WEAPONS PROLIFERATION

Committee on Governmental Affairs: Permanent Subcommittee on Investigations held hearings to examine the status of United States efforts to improve nuclear material controls in the Newly Independent States, receiving testimony from John F. Sopko, Deputy Chief Counsel to the Minority, and Alan Edelman, Counsel to the Minority, both of the Permanent Subcommittee on Investigations; Harold J. Johnson, Associate Director, International Relations and Trade Issues, National Security and International Affairs Division, General Accounting Office; Glenn E. Schweitzer, Director, Office for Central Europe and Eurasia, National Research Council; Graham Allison, Harvard University, Cambridge, Massachusetts; William C. Potter, Monterey Institute of International Studies, Monterey, California; Sarah A. Mullen, Center for Strategic and International Studies, and Joshua Handler, Greenpeace, both of Washington, D.C.; Gary Bertsch, University of Georgia, Athens; and Andrei Y. Glukhov, Battelle Pacific Northwest National Laboratory, Richland, Washington.

Hearings continue on Wednesday, March 20.

IMMIGRATION REFORM

Committee on the Judiciary: Committee ordered favorably reported the nominations of Joseph A. Greenaway, to be United States District Judge for the District of New Jersey, Ann D. Montgomery, to be United States District Judge for the District of Minnesota, James P. Jones, to be United States District Judge for the Western District of Virginia, and Gary A. Fenner, to be United States District Judge for the Western District of Missouri.

Also, committee resumed markup of S. 269, to increase control over immigration to the United States by increasing border patrol and investigator person-

nel, improving the verification system for employer sanctions, increasing penalties for alien smuggling and for document fraud, reforming asylum, exclusion, and deportation law and procedures, instituting a land border user fee, and reducing the use of welfare by aliens, and S. 1394, to reform the legal immigration of immigrants and nonimmigrants to the United States, but did not complete action thereon, and will meet again tomorrow.

CAMPAIGN FINANCE REFORM

Committee on Rules and Administration: Committee resumed hearings on proposals to amend the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971 to provide for a voluntary system of spending limits and partial public financing of Senate primary and general election campaigns, to limit contributions by multicandidate political committees, and to reform the financing of Federal elections and Senate campaigns, receiving testimony from Representatives Shays, Meehan, and Linda Smith; David N. O'Steen, National Right to Life Committee, and Becky Cain, League of Women Voters of the United States, both of Washington, D.C.; John Dye, Lebanon, Virginia, on behalf of the Virginia Rural Letter Carriers' Association; James Bopp, Jr., Terre Haute, Indiana, on behalf of the Free Speech Coalition; Charles R. Serio, Linthicum Heights, Maryland; Col. Billie M. Bobbitt, USAF (Ret.), Sidney, Ohio; and Linda DeVries, Louisville, Kentucky.

Hearings continue on Wednesday, April 17.

INTELLIGENCE

Select Committee on Intelligence: Committee held closed hearings on intelligence matters, receiving testimony from officials of the intelligence community.

Committee recessed subject to call.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Bills Introduced: 8 public bills, H.R. 3074–3081; 1 private bill, H.R. 3082; and 2 resolutions, H.J. Res. 163, and H. Res. 381 were introduced.

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Speaker Pro Tempore: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he designates Representative Everett to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. Page H2125

Committees to Sit: The following committees and their subcommittees received permission to sit today

during the proceedings of the House under the five-minute rule: Committees on Banking and Financial Services, Commerce, Government Reform and Oversight, International Relations, National Security, Resources, and Transportation and Infrastructure.

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Anti-Terrorism Act: House completed all general debate and began consideration of amendments to H.R. 2703, to combat terrorism. Consideration of amendments will resume on Thursday, March 14.

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Agreed To:

The Hyde amendment that changes the knowledge requirement to make it illegal for an individual to provide material support to a foreign organization that the individual has reasonable cause to believe, rather than should have known, is terrorist in nature; deletes provisions which allow law enforcement to use "pen register" and "trap-and-trace devices" in foreign counterintelligence operations; permits the FBI to access certain personal transaction records, such as consumer credit reports, airline or bus passengers records, or vehicle rental information; modifies provisions allowing U.S. citizens to file a lawsuit against terrorist states by requiring pre-trial arbitration between parties to the lawsuit if the terrorist act occurred in the boundaries of the country being sued and provides a ten-year statute of limitations in which a U.S. citizen may file a lawsuit against another country; requires courts to provide victims access to trial coverage via closed-circuit television if the trial is moved outside of, or a significant distances from, the State where the victim lives or where the trial was to have taken place; adds a new provision allowing the FBI to provide training to foreign law enforcement officers in order to assist developing nations to acquire skills and resources necessary to conduct effective law enforcement; and deletes the provisions allowing the U.S. Attorney General to provide rewards to persons giving information to the government leading to a felony conviction;

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The Barr amendment that extends to one year a study of law enforcement safety issues including a study of law enforcement officer deaths due to accidents, non-felony causes, felony firearm use, and the use of "armor piercing" ammunition; strikes provisions to allow Federal law enforcement access to consumer credit, public accommodation, and common carrier information; strikes the "good faith" exceptions to the statutory exclusionary rule for admitting in court certain evidence gathered by wiretaps; strikes provisions allowing aliens to be excluded or denied asylum in the United States based on their membership in a suspected or known terrorist organization; and strikes language requiring telephone companies to allow Federal authorities access to billing records, and to maintain their records for 90 days to assist in Federal criminal investigations (agreed to by a recorded vote of 246 ayes to 171 noes, Roll No. 61);

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The Hyde en bloc amendment, as modified, that adds a number of specific acts to the list of punishable offenses which qualify as providing "material support to a terrorist organization"; requires Federal authorities to purchase only American-made equipment with funds authorized; creates a task force to

study possible impact of internationally-produced counterfeit U.S. currency on domestic crime and terrorist activity; and adds offenses involving the use of biological weapons to those crimes punishable under Federal law;

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The DeLauro amendment requiring the U.S. Sentencing Commission to issue increased penalties for individuals convicted of crimes involving the use of firearms equipped with laser sighting devices;

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The Schumer amendment that authorizes such sums as may be necessary for fiscal years 1996 through 2000 for the FBI to hire personnel and purchase equipment to support expanded investigations of domestic and international terrorism; to establish a Domestic Counterterrorism Center within the FBI to coordinate and centralize Federal, State, and local law enforcement efforts in response to major incidents of terrorism; and to cover costs of providing law enforcement coverage of public events that may be targeted by domestic or international terrorists;

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The Bartlett amendment that creates a five-member commission to study whether Federal law enforcement agencies are complying with existing law and constitutional protections and to report its findings to Congress within two years;

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The Bryant of Tennessee amendment that prohibits the payment of unusually high fees to court-appointed legal counsel in death penalty appeals cases; codifies a \$75 to \$125 range in the judiciary's policies and procedures guide with respect to death penalty cases; and requires public disclosure of amounts awarded in fees and expenses;

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The Martini amendment that makes it a Federal crime, punishable by death, to intentionally kill or attempt to kill more than one person in a single criminal act;

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The Doolittle amendment that authorizes State and local law enforcement agencies to arrest and detain illegal aliens who have been convicted of a felony in the United States and who subsequently left the country or were deported after such conviction; provides that, before arrest, State and local law enforcement agencies confirm the INS status of individuals; and provides that the Justice Department cooperate with States to ensure relevant information is furnished to States; and

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The McCollum amendment that establishes a criminal penalty for anyone who engages in a financial transaction with a terrorist organization or a country which supports terrorist activities.

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Earlier, rejected the Volkmer motion that the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the

Union rise and report the bill back to the House, striking out all after the enacting clause.

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H. Res. 380, the rule under which the bill was considered, was agreed to earlier by a yea-and-nay vote of 251 yeas to 157 nays, Roll No. 60.

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Subsequently, it was made in order that H. Res. 376, the rule which had provided for general debate only, be laid on the table.

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Product Liability Litigation: By unanimous consent, the Chair appointed Representative Markey as a conferee on H.R. 956, to establish legal standards and procedures for product liability litigation, to replace Representative Wyden.

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Further Continuing Appropriations: It was made in order that the Committee on Appropriations be discharged from further consideration of H.J. Res. 163, making further continuing appropriations for the fiscal year 1996, when called up; that it be in order at any time to consider the joint resolution in the House; that the joint resolution be debatable for not to exceed one hour, to be equally divided and controlled by Chairman Livingston and Representative Obey; that all points of order against the joint resolution and against its consideration be waived; and that the previous question be considered as ordered on the joint resolution to final passage without intervening motion, except one motion to recommit, with or without instructions.

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Use of the Capitol Rotunda: House agreed to S. Con. Res. 45, authorizing the use of the Capitol Rotunda on May 2, 1996, for the presentation of the Congressional Medal of Honor to Reverend and Mrs. Billy Graham.

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Senate Message: Message received from the Senate today appears on page H2127.

Quorum Calls—Votes: One yea-and-nay vote and one recorded vote developed during the proceedings of the House today and appear on pages H2136–37 and H2175–76.

Adjournment: Met at 11 a.m. and adjourned at 9:45 p.m.

Committee Meetings

AGRICULTURE, RURAL DEVELOPMENT, FDA, AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Agriculture, Rural Development, FDA, and Related Agencies held a hearing on Inspector General Overview. Testimony was heard from Roger C. Viadero, Inspector General, USDA.

INTERIOR APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Interior held a hearing on the National Endowment for the Arts. Testimony was heard from Jane Alexander, Chairman, National Endowment for the Arts, National Foundation on the Arts and the Sciences.

LABOR-HHS-EDUCATION APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education held a hearing on the following: the National Mediation Board; the Railroad Retirement Board; the Armed Forces Retirement Home; the Physician Payment Review Commission; and the Prospective Payment Assessment Commission. Testimony was heard from Magdalena G. Jacobsen, Chairwoman, National Mediation Board; Glen L. Bower, Chairman, Railroad Retirement Board; Dennis W. Jahnigan, M.D., Chairman, Armed Forces Retirement Home; Gail R. Wilensky, Chair, Physician Payment Review Commission; and Stuart Altman, Chairman, Prospective Payment Assessment Commission.

MILITARY CONSTRUCTION APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Military Construction held a hearing on the Navy. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of the Navy: Robert B. Pirie, Jr., Assistant Secretary (Installations and Environment); RAdm. David J. Nash, USN, Civil Engineer Corps, Commander, Naval Facilities Engineering Command; Brig. Gen. Thomas A. Braaten, USMC, Assistant Deputy Chief of Staff, Installations and Logistics (Facilities); and Capt. John F. Brunelli, USN, Executive Assistant, Director, Naval Reserve.

NATIONAL SECURITY APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on National Security met in an executive session to hold a hearing on Commander in Chief, U.S. Pacific Command and the Commander in Chief, U.S. Forces Korea. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Defense: Adm. Joseph W. Prueher, USN, Commander in Chief, U.S. Pacific Command; and Gen. Gary E. Luck, USA, Commander, United Nations Command/Combined Forces Command/U.S. Forces Korea.

TRANSPORTATION APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Transportation held a hearing on Federal Railroad Administration and AMTRAK. Testimony was heard from Jolene M. Molitoris, Administrator, Federal Railroad Administration, Department of Transportation; and Thomas M. Downs, President and Chairman, Board