

Pombo, de la Garza, Rose, Stenholm, Volkmer, Johnson of South Dakota, and Condit. **Pages H2304–05**

Agreed to the Peterson of Minnesota motion to instruct House conferees to insist on the House language regarding program extension of the Conservation Reserve Program through the year 2002 (agreed to by a yea-and-nay vote of 412, Roll No. 67).

**Pages H2304–05**

**Committee Election:** House agreed to H. Res. 382, electing Representative Parker of Mississippi to the Committee on Appropriations to rank following Representative Riggs of California. **Page H2305**

**Committee Resignation:** Read a letter from Representative Serrano wherein he resigns from the Committee on the Judiciary. **Page H2305**

**Committee Election:** House agreed to H. Res. 383, electing Representative Serrano to the Committee on Appropriations. **Page H2305**

**Legislative Program:** Representative Hastert, as a designee of the Majority Leader, announced the legislative program for the week of March 18. Agreed to adjourn from Thursday to Monday. **Pages H2305–06**

**Meeting Hour:** Agreed to meet at 12:30 p.m. on Tuesday, March 19 for morning hour debates.

**Page H2306**

**Recess:** House recessed at 4:29 p.m. and reconvened at 6:41 p.m. **Page H2313**

**Designation of Speaker Pro Tempore:** Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he designates Representative Dreier to sign enrolled bills and joint resolutions through Tuesday, March 19, 1996.

**Page H2314**

**Calendar Wednesday:** Agreed to dispense with Calendar Wednesday business of March 20. **Page H2306**

**Senate Messages:** Message received from the Senate appears on page H2225.

**Quorum Calls—Votes:** Two yea-and-nay votes and four recorded votes developed during the proceedings of the House today and appear on pages H2237–38, H2238, H2249–50, H2266–67, H2267, and H2304–05.

**Adjournment:** Met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 6:43 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 the Farm Credit Admin-

istration and on the Commodity Futures Trading Commission. Testimony was heard from Marsha Martin, Chairman of the Board, Farm Credit Administration; and John Tull, Jr., Acting Chairman, Commodity Futures Trading Commission.

### INTERIOR APPROPRIATIONS

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Interior held a hearing on Natural Resources. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

### LABOR–HHS–EDUCATION APPROPRIATIONS

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education held a hearing on the Corporation for Public Broadcasting, the U.S. Institute of Peace, the National Education Goals Panel and the NLRB. Testimony was heard from Ambassador Richard W. Carlson, President and CEO, Corporation for Public Broadcasting; Max M. Kampelman, Vice Chairman, Board of Directors, U.S. Institute of Peace; Ken Nelson, Executive Director, National Education Goals Panel; and William B. Gould, IV, Chairman, NLRB.

### MILITARY CONSTRUCTION APPROPRIATIONS

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Military Construction continued appropriation hearings. Testimony was heard from congressional and public witnesses.

### NATIONAL SECURITY APPROPRIATIONS

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on National Security met in executive session to hold a hearing on Commander in Chief, Special Operations Command and Commander in Chief, U.S. Central Command. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Defense: Gen. Henry H. Shelton, USA, Commander in Chief, Special Operations Command; and Gen. Binford J.J. Peay, III, USA, Commander in Chief, U.S. European Command.

### TRANSPORTATION APPROPRIATIONS

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Transportation held a hearing on the Office of the Secretary. Testimony was heard from Mortimer L. Downey, Deputy Secretary, Department of Transportation.

### TREASURY, POSTAL SERVICE APPROPRIATIONS

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Treasury, Postal Service, and General Government held a hearing on tax systems modernization and on IRS operations. Testimony was heard from the following

officials of the Department of the Treasury: Larry Summers, Deputy Secretary; and Margaret Milner Richardson, Commissioner, IRS.

#### HEALTH COVERAGE AVAILABILITY AND AFFORDABILITY ACT

*Committee on Commerce:* Subcommittee on Health and Environment approved for full Committee action H.R. 3070, Health Coverage Availability and Affordability Act.

#### MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

*Committee on Economic and Educational Opportunities:* Ordered reported the following bills: H.R. 2570, amended, Older Americans Amendments of 1995; H.R. 3055, to amend section 326 of the Higher Education Act of 1965 to permit continued participation by Historically Black Graduate Professional Schools in the grant program authorized by that section; and H.R. 3049, to amend section 1505 of the Higher Education Act of 1965 to provide for the continuity of the Board of Trustees of the Institute of American Indian and Alaska Native Culture and Arts Development.

#### LOCAL EMPOWERMENT AND FLEXIBILITY ACT

*Committee on Government Reform and Oversight:* Subcommittee on Human Resources and Intergovernmental Relations approved for full Committee action H.R. 2086, Local Empowerment and Flexibility Act of 1995.

#### MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

*Committee on International Relations:* Ordered reported the following resolutions: H. Res. 345, expressing concern about the deterioration of human rights in Cambodia; H. Res. 379, expressing the sense of the House of Representatives concerning the eighth anniversary of the massacre of over 5,000 Kurds as a result of a gas bomb attack by the Iraqi Government; H. Con. Res. 102, concerning the emancipation of the Iranian Baha'i community; H.J. Res. 158, to recognize the Peace Corps on the occasion of its 35th anniversary and the Americans who have served as Peace Corps volunteers; and H. Con. Res. 148, amended, expressing the sense of the Congress that the United States is committed to the military stability of the Taiwan Strait and United States military forces should defend Taiwan in the event of invasion, missile attack or blockade by the People's Republic of China.

#### CRISIS IN THE TAIWAN STRAIT

*Committee on International Relations:* Subcommittee on Asia and the Pacific held a hearing on Crisis in the Taiwan Strait: Implications for U.S. Foreign Policy.

Testimony was heard from Winston Lord, Assistant Secretary, East Asian and Pacific Affairs, Department of State; Kurt Campbell, Deputy Assistant Secretary, East Asian and Pacific Affairs, Department of Defense; and public witnesses.

#### FEDERAL COURTS IMPROVEMENT ACT

*Committee on the Judiciary:* Subcommittee on Courts and Intellectual Property held a hearing on H.R. 1989, Federal Courts Improvement Act of 1995. Testimony was heard from Stephen H. Anderson, Judge, Salt Lake City, Utah; Emmett R. Cox, Judge, U.S. Court of Appeals, 11th Circuit; Barefoot Sanders, Chief Judge, U.S. District Court, Northern District of Texas; Earl W. Britt, Judge, U.S. District Court, Eastern District of North Carolina; and a public witness.

#### DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION

*Committee on National Security:* Continued hearings on fiscal year 1997 national defense authorization request, with emphasis on the ABM Treaty and its relationship to national and theater missile defense programs. Testimony was heard from R. James Woolsey, former Director, CIA; Richard N. Perle, former Assistant Secretary, International Security Policy, Department of Defense; and Michael Krepon, President, Henry L. Stimson Center.

#### MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

*Committee on Resources:* Subcommittee on Fisheries, Wildlife and Oceans approved for full Committee action the following bills: H.R. 1772, amended, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to acquire certain interests in the Waihee Marsh for inclusion in the Oahu National Wildlife Refuge Complex; H.R. 1836, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to acquire property in the town of East Hampton, Suffolk County, New York, for inclusion in the Amagansett National Wildlife Refuge; H.R. 2660, to increase the amount authorized to be appropriated to the Department of the Interior for the Tensas River National Wildlife Refuge; and H.R. 2679, to revise the boundary of the North Platte National Wildlife Refuge.

#### IMMIGRATION IN THE NATIONAL INTEREST ACT

*Committee on Rules:* Granted, by voice vote, a modified closed rule providing 2 hours of debate on H.R. 2202, Immigration in the National Interest Act of 1995. The rule waives all points of order except those arising under section 425(a) of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974 (unfunded mandates) against consideration of the bill. The rule makes in order the Committee on the Judiciary amendment in the nature of a substitute now printed in the bill,

as modified by the amendment printed in part 1 of the report of the Committee on Rules accompanying this resolution. The rule provides that the amendment in the nature of a substitute, as modified, shall be considered as read.

The rule provides for the consideration of the amendments printed in the report of the Committee on Rules, which shall be considered only in the order printed in the report, may be offered only by a Member designated in the report, shall be considered as read, shall be debatable for the time specified in the report equally divided and controlled by the proponent and opponent, shall not be subject to amendment, and shall not be subject to a demand for a division of the question in the House or in the Committee of the Whole. The rule waives all points of order against the amendments referenced in the report of the Committee on Rules except those arising under section 425(a) of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974 (unfunded mandates).

The rule allows the Chairman of the Committee of the Whole to postpone votes during consideration of the bill, and allows the Chairman of the Committee of the Whole to reduce to five minutes a postponed question if the vote follows a fifteen minute vote. The rule provides that a separate vote may be demanded in the House on any amendment adopted to the committee amendment in the nature of a substitute. The rule provides one motion to recommit, with or without instructions.

The rule further provides that it shall be in order at any time for the Chairman of the Committee on the Judiciary or a designee to offer amendments en bloc consisting of amendments not previously disposed of which are printed in the report of the Committee on Rules or germane modifications thereof, which may include a perfecting amendment to text proposed to be stricken by such an amendment. Amendments offered en bloc shall be considered as read (except that modifications shall be reported) and shall be debatable for 20 minutes equally divided between the chairman and ranking minority member of the Committee on the Judiciary or their designees. The original proponent of an amendment included in an en bloc amendment is permitted to insert a statement in the Congressional Record immediately prior to the disposition of the amendment en bloc. Testimony was heard from Representatives Hyde, McCollum, Smith of Texas, Schiff, Gallegly, Canady of Florida, Goodlatte, Bryant of Tennessee, Chabot, Chrysler, Campbell, Tate, Archer, Shaw, Bunning, Camp, Doolittle, Pombo, Chambliss, Smith of New Jersey, Dreier, Rohrabacher, Deal of Georgia, Kim, Kingston, Bilbray, Brownback, Waldholtz, Conyers, Schumer, Berman, Bryant of Texas, Scott, Becerra, Jackson-Lee of Texas, Vento,

Gutierrez, Roybal-Allard, Velázquez, Abercrombie, Cardin, Kleczka, Condit, Farr of California, Obey, Beilenson, Richardson, Traficant, and Filner.

## ENERGY—OUTLOOK AND IMPLICATIONS

*Committee on Science:* Subcommittee on Energy and Environment held a hearing on U.S. Energy Outlook and Implications for Energy R&D. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Energy: Jay E. Hakes, Administrator, Energy Information Administration; and Joseph J. Romm, Acting Deputy Assistant Secretary, Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy; and public witnesses.

## AIRPORT IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM

*Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure:* Subcommittee on Aviation continued hearings on the Airport Improvement Program, with emphasis on airport needs. Testimony was heard from Gerald L. Dillingham, Associate Director, Transportation Issues/Resources, Community, and Economic Development Division, GAO; Frederick H. Vogt, Director, Aeronautics Division, Department of Transportation, State of Tennessee; William L. Blake, Director, Division of Aeronautics, Department of Transportation, State of Illinois; Willard G. Plentl, Jr., Director of Aviation, Division of Aviation, Department of Transportation, State of North Carolina; and public witnesses.

Hearings continue March 20.

## BUDGET VIEWS AND ESTIMATES

*Committee on Veterans' Affairs:* Approved Budget Views and Estimates for submission to the Committee on the Budget.

## UNITED STATES-ISRAEL FREE TRADE AREA IMPLEMENTATION ACT AMENDMENTS; BUDGET VIEWS AND ESTIMATES

*Committee on Ways and Means:* Ordered reported H.R. 3074, to amend the United States-Israel Free Trade Area Implementation Act of 1985 to provide the President with additional proclamation authority with respect to articles of the West Bank or Gaza Strip or a qualifying industrial zone.

The Committee also approved Budget Views and Estimates for submission to the Committee on the Budget.

## Joint Meetings

### VETERANS PROGRAMS

*Joint Hearing:* Senate Committee on Veterans' Affairs concluded joint hearings with the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs on legislative recommendations of certain veterans organizations, after receiving testimony from Richard Grant, Paralyzed Veterans of

America, Richard G. Fazakerley, Blinded Veterans of America, Virginia M. Torsch, Retired Officers Association, Charles R. Jackson, Non-Commissioned Officers Association of the United States, and Neil Goldman, Jewish War Veterans of the United States, all of Washington, D.C.

### PRODUCT LIABILITY

*Conferees* on Wednesday, March 13, agreed to file a conference report on the differences between the Senate- and House-passed versions of H.R. 956, to establish legal standards and procedures for product liability litigation.

### ALBANIA

*Commission on Security and Cooperation in Europe (Helsinki Commission)*: Commission held hearings to examine the challenges to democracy in Albania, receiving testimony from Elez Biberaj, Director of the Albanian Service, Voice of America; and Fred Abrahams, Human Rights Watch/Helsinki, and Kathleen Imholz, both of New York, New York.

Commission recessed subject to call.

---

### COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR FRIDAY, MARCH 15, 1996

*(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)*

#### Senate

*Committee on Armed Services*, Subcommittee on Airland Forces, to hold hearings on proposed legislation authorizing funds for fiscal year 1997 for the Department of Defense, focusing on tactical aviation programs, 9:30 a.m., SR-222.

Subcommittee on Acquisition and Technology, to hold hearings on proposed legislation authorizing funds for fiscal year 1997 for the Department of Defense and the future years defense plan, focusing on emerging battlefield concepts for the 21st century and the implications of these concepts for technology investment decisions, 10 a.m., SR-232A.

*Committee on Labor and Human Resources*, to hold hearings on S. 581, to repeal those provisions of Federal law that require employees to pay union dues or fees as a condition of employment, 9:30 a.m., SD-430.

#### House

No committee meetings are scheduled.

#### House Chamber

*Monday*, No legislative business is scheduled.

*Tuesday and the balance of the week*, Consideration of the following 5 Suspensions:

H.R. 2937, Reimbursement of former White House Travel Office Employees;

H. Con. Res. 48, Sense of Congress that the United States is committed to the military stability of the Taiwan Straits;

H.R. 2739, House of Representatives Administrative Reform Technical Correction Act;

Two House Oversight Committee resolutions adopting congressional accountability regulations;

Consideration of H.R. 2202, the Immigration in the National Interest Act of 1995 (modified closed rule, 2 hours of general debate); and

Consideration of an omnibus appropriations bill for fiscal year 1996.

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