

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

APPROPRIATIONS—AGRICULTURE

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Agriculture, Rural Development, and Related Agencies held hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 1997 for the Department of Agriculture, receiving testimony from Daniel R. Glickman, Secretary, Richard E. Rominger, Deputy Secretary, Keith Collins, Chief Economist, and Stephen B. Dewhurst, Director, Office of Budget and Program Analysis, all of the Department of Agriculture.

Subcommittee will meet again on Thursday, March 28.

APPROPRIATIONS—ENERGY AND WATER DEVELOPMENT

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Energy and Water Development held hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 1997 for energy and water development programs, receiving testimony on behalf of funds for their respective activities from Patricia Beneke, Assistant Secretary for Land and Water, and Eluid Martinez, Commissioner, Bureau of Reclamation, both of the Department of the Interior; H. Martin Lancaster, Assistant Secretary of the Army for Civil Works; and Lt. Gen. Arthur Williams, Chief, and Maj. Gen. Stanley G. Genega, Director of Civil Works, both of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers.

Subcommittee recessed subject to call.

ATOMIC ENERGY DEFENSE

Committee on Armed Services: Committee concluded hearings to examine Department of Energy atomic energy defense activities, after receiving testimony from Thomas P. Grumbly, Assistant Secretary of Energy for Environmental Management.

AUTHORIZATION—DEFENSE

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Seapower resumed hearings on proposed legislation authorizing funds for fiscal year 1997 for the Department of Defense and the future years defense program, focusing on the Department of the Navy Marine Corps programs, receiving testimony from John W. Douglass, Assistant Secretary of the Navy for Research, Development and Acquisition; and Gen. Charles C. Krulak, USMC, Commandant of the Marine Corps.

Subcommittee will meet again tomorrow.

NOMINATIONS

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: Committee concluded hearings on the nominations

of Alan Greenspan, of New York, to be Chairman, and Alice M. Rivlin, of Pennsylvania, and Laurence H. Meyer, of Missouri, both to be Members, all of the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf. Testimony was also received from Ralph Nader, Washington, D.C.

NASA BUDGET

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Subcommittee on Science, Technology, and Space concluded hearings on the National Aeronautics and Space Administration budget request for fiscal year 1997 and on recent developments in the space station program, after receiving testimony from Daniel S. Goldin, Administrator, Malcolm Peterson, Comptroller, Franze Cordova, Chief Scientist, and Charles Kennell, Associate Administration, all of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration; Marcia Smith, Specialist in Aerospace and Telecommunications Policy, Congressional Research Service, Library of Congress; Lori Garver, National Space Society, Washington, D.C.; Nicholas L. Johnson, Kaman Sciences Corporation, Colorado Springs, Colorado; and Louis Friedman, Planetary Society, Pasadena, California.

CHEMICAL WEAPONS TREATY VERIFIABILITY

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee met in closed session to receive a briefing on the verifiability of the Convention on Chemical Weapons (Treaty Doc. 103-21) from John Lauder, Chief, Arms Control Intelligence Staff for the Director of Central Intelligence; and Maj. Gen. John Landry, National Intelligence Officer for General Purpose Forces, National Intelligence Council.

Committee recessed subject to call.

NOMINATIONS

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee concluded hearings on the nominations of Henry McKoy, of North Carolina, and Ernest G. Green, of the District of Columbia, each to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the African Development Foundation, Lawrence Neal Benedict, of California, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Cape Verde, Harold Walter Geisel, of Illinois, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Mauritius and to serve concurrently and without additional compensation as Ambassador to the Federal and Islamic Republic of The Comoros, Aubrey Hooks, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to the Republic of the Congo, Robert Krueger, of Texas, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Botswana, and David

H. Shinn, of Washington, to be Ambassador to Ethiopia, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf. Mr. McKoy was introduced by Senator Helms.

IRS MODERNIZATION

Committee on Governmental Affairs: Committee held hearings to examine the status of the modernization of the Internal Revenue Service tax information system, receiving testimony from Gene L. Dodaro, Assistant Comptroller General, Accounting and Information Management Division, General Accounting Office; Margaret Milner Richardson, Commissioner of Internal Revenue, Department of the Treasury; Robert P. Clagett, Chairman, and Al Irvine, Member, both of the Committee on Continued Review of the Tax Systems Modernization of the Internal Revenue Service, National Research Council; and Stephen

S. Street, Alaska Business Development Center, and Susan D. Anderson, Lower Yukon Economic Development Council, both of Anchorage, Alaska.

Hearings were recessed subject to call.

FUNDING OF SOCIAL PROGRAMS

Committee on Labor and Human Resources: Subcommittee on Children and Families concluded hearings to examine the capacity of American charitable organizations to fill the gap in the funding of certain social programs, after receiving testimony from Rev. Fred Kammer, Catholic Charities USA, Alexandria, Virginia; John C. Goodman, National Center for Policy Analysis, Dallas, Texas; Rev. Lee Earl, National Center for Neighborhood Enterprise, and Sara E. Melendez, Independent Sector, both of Washington, D.C.; and David Tuerck, Beacon Hill Institute/Suffolk University, Boston, Massachusetts.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Bills Introduced: 7 public bills, H.R. 3159–3165; and 2 resolutions, H.J. Res. 168 and H. Con. Res. 154 were introduced. **Pages H2866–67**

Speaker Pro Tempore: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he designates Representative Upton to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. **Page H2843**

Recess: House recessed at 12:53 p.m. and reconvened at 2 p.m. **Page H2845**

Suspensions: House voted to suspend the rules and pass the following measures:

Special Olympics Torch Relay: H. Con. Res. 146, authorizing the 1996 Special Olympics Torch Relay to be run through the Capitol Grounds; **Pages H2847–48**

Peace officers' memorial: H. Con. Res. 147, authorizing the use of the Capitol Grounds for the 15th Annual National Peace Officers' Memorial Service; **Pages H2848–49**

35th anniversary of Peace Corps: 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 **Pages H2849–51**

Human rights in Cambodia: H. Res. 345, amended, expressing concern about the deterioration of human rights in Cambodia. **Pages H2851–53**

Enrollment Requirement Waivers: House passed H.J. Res. 168, waiving certain enrollment requirements with respect to two bills of the One Hundred Fourth Congress. **Page H2857**

Senate Messages: Message received from the Senate today appears on page H2843.

Amendments: Amendments ordered printed pursuant to the rule appear on pages H2867–74.

Quorum Calls—Votes: No quorum calls or votes developed during the proceedings of the House today.

Adjournment: Met at 12:30 p.m. and adjourned at 4:43 p.m.

Committee Meetings

AGRICULTURE, RURAL DEVELOPMENT, FDA, AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies held a hearing on Food, Nutrition and Consumer Services. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the USDA: Ellen Haas, Under Secretary, Food, Nutrition Policy and Consumer Services; Eileen Kennedy, Director, Center for Nutrition Policy and Promotion; and William Ludwig, Administrator, Food and Consumer Service.

ENERGY AND WATER DEVELOPMENT APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Energy and Water held a hearing on Department of Energy and Environmental Management and Nuclear Waste