

**Omnibus Appropriations Act of 1996:** By a yeand-nay vote of 399 yeas to 25 nays, Roll No. 135, the House agreed to the conference report on H.R. 3019, making appropriations for fiscal year 1996 to make a further downpayment toward a balanced budget.

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Rejected the Yates motion to recommit the conference report to the committee of conference.

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H. Res. 415, the rule which waived all points of order against consideration of the conference report, was agreed to earlier by a voice vote.

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**Legislative Program:** The Chief Deputy Majority Whip announced the legislative program for the week of April 29. Agreed to adjourn from Thursday to Monday.

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**Meeting Hour:** Agreed that when the House adjourns on Monday, it adjourns to meet at 12:30 p.m. on Tuesday, April 30, for morning hour debates.

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**Calendar Wednesday:** Agreed to dispense with Calendar Wednesday business of May 1.

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**Housing Act:** It was made in order that H. Rept. 104–461, filed on February 1, 1996, be amended to include Congressional Budget Office cost estimates for H.R. 2406, to repeal the United States Housing Act of 1937, deregulate the public housing program and the program for rental housing assistance for low-income families, and increase community control over such programs.

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**Recess:** The House recessed at 5:15 p.m. and reconvened at 8:45 p.m.

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**Quorum Calls—Votes:** Three yeand-nay votes and one recorded vote developed during the proceedings of the House today and appear on pages H3821–22, H3837, H3837–38, and H4101. There were no quorum calls.

**Senate Messages:** Messages received from the Senate today appear on pages H3822 and H4104.

**Adjournment:** Met at 10:00 a.m. and adjourned at 8:48 p.m.

## Committee Meetings

### COMMERCE, JUSTICE, STATE, AND THE JUDICIARY APPROPRIATIONS

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, State and the Judiciary held a hearing on the Federal Maritime Commission and Maritime Administration; the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission; the Commerce Department Inspector General and Commerce Department Under Secretary for Technology; the National Institute of Standards

and Technology; and the Patent and Trademark Office. Testimony was heard from Harold J. Creel, Jr., Chairman, Federal Maritime Commission; Albert J. Herberger, Administrator, Maritime Administration, Department of Transportation; Gilbert F. Casellas, Chairman, EEOC; and the following officials of the Department of Commerce: Frank DeGeorge, Inspector General; Mary Good, Under Secretary, Technology; Arati Prabhaker, Director, National Institute of Standards and Technology; and Bruce Lehman, Assistant Secretary and Commissioner of Patents.

### FOREIGN OPERATIONS, EXPORT FINANCING AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Foreign Operations, Export Financing and Related Agencies continued appropriation hearings. Testimony was heard from Members of Congress and public witnesses.

### INTERIOR APPROPRIATIONS

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Interior held a hearing on the Secretary of Energy and on the Forest Service. Testimony was heard from Hazel R. O'Leary, Secretary of Energy; and the following officials of the USDA: James Lyons, Under Secretary; and Jack Thomas, Chief, Forest Service.

### LABOR-HHS-EDUCATION APPROPRIATIONS

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education held a hearing on the National Institute of Child Health and Human Development, the National Institution of General Medical Sciences, Buildings and Facilities, and on the Office of the Director. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Health and Human Services: Duane Alexander, M.D., Director, National Institute of Child Health and Human Development; Marvin Cassman, M.D., Acting Director, National Institute of General Medicine Sciences; Stephen A. Ficca, Associate Director, Research Services, NIH; and Ruth Kirschstein, Deputy Director, NIH.

### TREASURY, POSTAL SERVICE, AND GENERAL GOVERNMENT APPROPRIATIONS

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Treasury, Postal Service and General Government held a hearing on the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms Operations. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of the Treasury: James E. Johnson, Assistant Secretary, Treasury Law Enforcement; and John Magaw, Director, Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms; and Norman J.

Rabkin, Director, Administration of Justice Issues GAO.

#### VETERANS' AFFAIRS-HUD-INDEPENDENT AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Veterans' Affairs, Housing and Urban Development, and Independent Agencies held a hearing on NASA. Testimony was heard from Daniel S. Goldin, Administrator, NASA.

#### INTERNATIONAL FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS AUTHORIZATION

*Committee on Banking and Financial Institutions:* Subcommittee on Domestic and International Monetary Policy held a hearing on the Administration's authorization requests for International Financial Institutions. Testimony was heard from Jeffrey R. Schafer, Assistant Secretary, International Affairs, Department of the Treasury; and Joan E. Spero, Under Secretary, Economic and Agriculture Affairs, Department of State.

#### ATM SURCHARGES

*Committee on Banking and Financial Institutions:* Subcommittee on Financial Institutions and Consumer Credit continued hearings on ATM Surcharges. Testimony was heard from Lawrence B. Lindsey, member, Board of Governors, Federal Reserve System; John Traier, Acting Commissioner, Department of Banking, State of New Jersey; and public witnesses.

#### DEPARTMENT OF LABOR—ABUSE OF POWER

*Committee on Economic and Educational Opportunities:* Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations held a hearing on the Abuse of Power at the Department of Labor. Testimony was heard from Charles Masten, Inspector General, Department of Labor; and a public witness.

#### FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT AND ACCOUNTING REFORM

*Committee on Government Reform and Oversight:* Subcommittee on Government Management, Information, and Technology held a hearing on Financial Management and Accounting Reform. Testimony was heard from Representative Campbell; Ronald C. Moe, Specialist, Congressional Research Service, Library of Congress; and public witnesses.

#### FOREIGN ASSISTANCE BUDGET REQUEST

*Committee on International Relations:* Held a hearing on the Administration's Foreign Assistance Budget Request for Fiscal Year 1997. Testimony was heard from J. Brian Atwood, Administrator, AID, U.S. International Development Cooperation Agency.

#### FAN FREEDOM AND COMMUNITY PROTECTION ACT

*Committee on the Judiciary:* Ordered reported as amended H.R. 2740, Fan Freedom and Community Protection Act of 1995.

#### CAPTIVE EXOTIC ANIMAL PROTECTION ACT OF 1995

*Committee on the Judiciary:* Subcommittee on Crime held a hearing on H.R. 1202, Captive Exotic Animal Protection Act of 1995. Testimony was heard from Representatives Brown of California, Fields of Texas, Geren of Texas, Goss, Brewster and Smith of Texas; Thomas J. Streigler, Acting Chief, Division of Law Enforcement, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Department of the Interior; and public witnesses.

#### DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION

*Committee on National Security:* Subcommittee on Military Personnel approved for full Committee action as amended H.R. 3230, National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 1997.

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*Committee on National Security:* Subcommittee on Military Readiness approved for full Committee action as amended H.R. 3230, National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 1997.

#### MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

*Committee on Resources:* Ordered reported the following bills: H.R. 3286, amended, Adoption Promotion and Stability Act of 1996; H.R. 2982, Carbon Hill National Fish Hatchery Conveyance Act; H.R. 2464, to amend Public Law 103-93 to provide additional lands within the State of Utah for the Goshute Indian Reservation; H.R. 2560, amended, to provide for conveyances of certain lands in Alaska to Chickaloon-Moose Creek Native Association, Inc., Ninilchik Native Association, Inc., Seldovia Native Association, Inc., Tyonek Native Corp., and Knikatu, Inc. under the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act and S. 1459, Public Rangelands Management Act of 1996.

The Committee also approved a motion to authorize the issuance of a subpoena to compel the appearance of a witness.

#### CONFERENCE REPORT—BALANCED BUDGET DOWNPAYMENT ACT, II

*Committee on Rules:* Granted, by voice vote, a rule waiving all points of order against the conference report to accompany H.R. 3019, making further appropriations for fiscal year 1996 to make a further downpayment toward a balanced budget, and against its consideration. The rule provides that the conference report shall be considered as read. Testimony

was heard from Chairman Livingston and Representative Obey.

### INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY ISSUES

*Committee on Small Business:* Held a hearing on intellectual property issues of importance to small business, with emphasis on examining different approaches to pressing patent term and patent disclosure issues that are contained in pending legislation (H.R. 359 and H.R. 1733). Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

### COMMITTEE BUSINESS

*Committee on Standards of Official Conduct:* Met in executive session to consider pending business.

### COAST GUARD AND MARITIME COMMISSION AUTHORIZATIONS

*Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure:* Subcommittee on Coast Guard and Maritime Transportation held a hearing on the Coast Guard Budget Authorization for Fiscal Year 1997 and the Federal Maritime Commission Budget Authorization for Fiscal Year 1997. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Transportation: Adm. Robert Kramek, USCG, Commandant; and Eric A. Trent, USCG, Master Chief Petty Officer; Gerald L. Dillingham, Associate Director, Transportation and Telecommunications Issues, Resources, Community, and Economic Development Division, GAO; Harold J. Creel, Jr., Chairman, Federal Maritime Commission; and a public witness.

### TRANSIT PROJECTS

*Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure:* Subcommittee on Surface Transportation held a hearing to review unauthorized Transit Projects and Legislative requests for fiscal year 1997. Testimony was heard from Representatives Romero-Barceló, Costello, Mica, McCollum, Dornan, Eddie Bernice Johnson of Texas, Frost, Hayes, Jefferson, Portman, Bunning of Kentucky, Lucas, Furse, Ford, Deutsch, Johnston, Diaz-Balart, Ros-Lehtinen, Coyne, Mascara, Geren of Texas, McKinney, Gibbons, Schafer, Shaw and Meek of Florida; from the following officials of the Department of Transportation: Gordon J. Linton, Administrator, Federal Transit Administration, and Jack Basso, Deputy Assistant Secretary, Budget and Programs, Office of the Secretary;

### TAX DEBT COLLECTION

*Committee on Ways and Means:* Subcommittee on Oversight held a hearing on Tax Debt Collection Issues. Testimony was heard from Representatives Jacobs, Ensign, Horn and Maloney; the following officials of the Department of the Treasury: Cynthia G.

Beerbower, Deputy Assistant Secretary, Tax Policy; and James E. Donelson, Chief Taxpayer Service/Acting Chief Compliance Officer, IRS; Lynda Willis, Director, Tax Policy and Administration Issues, GAO; Gene Gavin, Commissioner, Department of Revenue Services, State of Connecticut; Thomas Hoatlin, Commissioner of Revenue, Bureau of Revenue, State of Michigan; and public witnesses.

### PERISHABLE AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS

*Committee on Ways and Means:* Subcommittee on Trade held a hearing on H.R. 2795, to amend the Trade Act of 1974 and the Tariff Act of 1930 to clarify the definitions of domestic industry and like articles in certain investigations involving perishable agricultural products. Testimony was heard from Senator Graham; Representatives Goss, Pastor, Canady, Miller and Deutsch; Jennifer Hillman, General Counsel, Office of the U.S. Trade Representative; Becky Doyle, Director, Department of Agriculture, State of Illinois; Martha Roberts, Deputy Director, Food Safety, Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services, State of Florida; and public witnesses.

### BOSNIA ARMS BRIEFING; UNWARNED SENSORS BRIEFING

*Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence:* Met in executive session to hold a briefing on Bosnia Arms. The Committee was briefed by a departmental witness.

The Committee also met in an executive session to receive a briefing on Unwarned Sensors. The Committee was briefed by departmental witnesses.

## Joint Meetings

### CROW CREEK TRUST FUND

*Joint Hearing:* Senate Committee on Indian Affairs and the House Committee on Resources' Subcommittee on Native American and Insular Affairs concluded joint hearings on S. 1264 and H.R. 2512, bills authorizing funds to establish within the Department of the Treasury the Crow Creek Sioux Tribe Infrastructure Development Trust Fund, which will receive funds from the programs of the Eastern Division of the Missouri River Basin Pick-Sloan program until a specified Fund aggregate is attained, after receiving testimony from Senator Daschle; Representative Tim Johnson; Catherine Vandemoer, Special Assistant to the Assistant Secretary of the Interior for Indian Affairs; Col. Michael S. Meuleners, Commander, Omaha District, United States Army Corps of Engineers; Duane Big Eagle and Ambrose McBride, both of the Crow Creek Sioux Tribe, Fort Thompson, South Dakota; Morgan R. Rees, Rees Engineering and Environmental Services, Alexandria,

Virginia; Michael L. Lawson, Historical Research Associates, Inc., Arlington, Virginia; and Richard Bad Moccasin, Mni-Sose Intertribal Water Rights Coalition, Inc., Rapid City, South Dakota.

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### NEW PUBLIC LAWS

(For last listing of Public Laws, see DAILY DIGEST, p. D304)

H.J. Res. 175, making further continuing appropriations for the fiscal year 1996. Signed April 24, 1996. (P.L. 104-131)

S. 735, to prevent and punish acts of terrorism. Signed April 24, 1996. (P.L. 104-32)

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### COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR FRIDAY, APRIL 26, 1996

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

#### Senate

No meetings are scheduled.

#### House

*Committee on Appropriations*, Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, on National Institute of Arthritis and Musculoskeletal and Skin Diseases; the National Institute on Aging; the National Institute of Dental Research; and the National Institute of Nursing Research, 9 a.m., 2358 Rayburn.

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### CONGRESSIONAL PROGRAM AHEAD Week of April 29 through May 4, 1996

#### Senate Chamber

On *Monday*, Senate will resume consideration of S. 1664, Illegal Immigration Reform, with a vote on a motion to close further debate on a pending perfecting amendment to occur thereon.

On *Tuesday*, Senate may continue consideration of S. 1664, Illegal Immigration Reform, with a second vote on a motion to close further debate on a pending perfecting amendment to occur thereon, if necessary.

During the balance of the week, Senate may consider any item cleared for action, including:

S. 1271, Nuclear Waste Policy Act.

(Senate will recess on *Tuesday, April 30, 1996*, from 12:30 p.m. until 2:15 p.m. for respective party conferences.)

#### Senate Committees

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

*Committee on Appropriations*: April 30 and May 3, Subcommittee on VA, HUD, and Independent Agencies, to hold hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 1997, Tuesday, for the Federal Emergency Management

Agency, 9:30 a.m.; Friday, for the Department of Veterans Affairs, 9:30 a.m., SD-192.

April 30, Subcommittee on Agriculture, Rural Development, and Related Agencies, to hold hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 1997 for the Department of Agriculture, 10 a.m., SD-138.

May 1, Subcommittee on Defense, to hold hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 1997 for the Department of Defense, focusing on Reserve and National Guard programs, 9:30 a.m., SD-192.

May 1, Subcommittee on Foreign Operations, to hold hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 1997 for foreign assistance programs, focusing on the New Independent States, 2 p.m., SD-138.

May 2, Subcommittee on Interior, to hold hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 1997, Thursday, for energy conservation programs, 9 a.m.; for fossil energy, clean coal energy, the Strategic Petroleum Reserve, and the Naval Petroleum Reserve, 10:30 a.m.; Thursday at 9 a.m. and Thursday at 10:30 a.m., SD-116.

May 2, Subcommittee on Transportation, to hold hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 1997 for the Federal Aviation Administration, 10 a.m., SD-192.

*Committee on Armed Services*: April 29, Subcommittee on Personnel, closed business meeting, to mark up those provisions which fall within the subcommittee's jurisdiction of a proposed National Defense Authorization Act for fiscal year 1997, 3 p.m., SR-222.

April 30, Subcommittee on Readiness, business meeting, to mark up those provisions which fall within the subcommittee's jurisdiction of a proposed National Defense Authorization Act for fiscal year 1997, 10 a.m., SR-232A.

April 30, Subcommittee on Acquisition and Technology, closed business meeting, to mark up those provisions which fall within the subcommittee's jurisdiction of a proposed National Defense Authorization Act for fiscal year 1997, 11 a.m., SR-222.

April 30, Subcommittee on Airland Forces, closed business meeting, to mark up those provisions which fall within the subcommittee's jurisdiction of a proposed National Defense Authorization Act for fiscal year 1997, 2:30 p.m., SR-222.

April 30, Subcommittee on SeaPower, closed business meeting, to mark up those provisions which fall within the subcommittee's jurisdiction of a proposed National Defense Authorization Act for fiscal year 1997, 4:30 p.m., SR-232A.

April 30, Subcommittee on Strategic Forces, closed business meeting, to mark up those provisions which fall within the subcommittee's jurisdiction of a proposed National Defense Authorization Act for fiscal year 1997, 6 p.m., SR-222.

May 1, Full Committee, closed business meeting, to mark up a proposed National Defense Authorization Act for fiscal year 1997, and to receive a report from the Senate Select Committee on Intelligence on the Intelligence Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 1997, 9 a.m., SR-222.

May 2, Full Committee, closed business meeting, to continue to mark up a proposed National Defense Authorization Act for fiscal year 1997, 9 a.m., SR-222.