

Adjournment: Met at 10:30 a.m. and, pursuant to the provisions of H. Res. 459, adjourned at 11:59 p.m. as a further mark of respect to the memory of the late Representative Bill Emerson of Missouri.

Committee Meetings

LABOR-HHS-EDUCATION APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Ordered reported the Labor, Health and Human Services, Education appropriations for fiscal year 1997.

PRESIDENTIAL AND EXECUTIVE OFFICE ACCOUNTABILITY ACT

Committee on Government Reform and Oversight: Subcommittee on Government Management, Information, and Technology held a hearing on H.R. 3452, Presidential and Executive Office Accountability Act. Testimony was heard from Representatives Mica and Shays; Franklin S. Reeder, Director, Office of Administration, Executive Office of the President; and public witnesses.

PERSIAN GULF WAR SYNDROME

Committee on Government Reform: Subcommittee on Human Resources and Intergovernmental Relations continued hearings on the Status of Efforts to Identify Persian Gulf War Syndrome, Part III. Testimony was heard from Stephen Joseph, Assistant Secretary, Health Affairs, Department of Defense; the following officials of the Department of Veterans Affairs: Gary Hickman, Director, Compensation and Pension; and Frances Murphy, Director, Environmental Service; and public witnesses.

INTERNATIONAL EXCHANGES

Committee on International Relations: Subcommittee on International Operations and Human Rights held a hearing on International Exchanges. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the USIA: Joseph D. Duffey, Director; and John P. Loiello, Associate Director, Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs.

EXTREMIST ACTIVITY IN THE MILITARY

Committee on National Security: Held a hearing on extremist activity in the military. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Defense: Togo D. West, Jr., Secretary of the Army; John H. Dalton, Secretary of the Navy; Sheila E. Widnall, Secretary of the Air Force; and Edwin Dorn, Under Secretary, Personnel and Readiness; and public witnesses.

OVERSIGHT

Committee on Resources: Held an oversight hearing on lifting the moratorium on listings of species under the Endangered Species Act. Testimony was heard from John Rogers, Acting Director, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Department of the Interior; Roland Schmitt, Assistant Administrator, Fisheries, NOAA, Department of Commerce; Teel Bivins, Senator, State of Texas; and public witnesses.

CHINA—MOST FAVORED NATION

Committee on Rules: Granted, by voice vote, a rule providing for consideration in the House of H.J. Res. 182, disapproving the extension of nondiscriminatory treatment (most-favored-nation treatment) to the Products of the People's Republic of China, and waives all points of order against the joint resolution and its consideration. The rule provides for two hours of debate, equally divided between the Chairman of the Committee on Ways and Means and a proponent of the joint resolution. The rule further provides that, pursuant to the Trade Act of 1974, the previous question is ordered to final passage without intervening motion.

The rule provides that after the disposition of H.J. Res. 182, it shall be in order to consider in the House a resolution, expressing the sense of the Congress regarding U.S. concerns with human rights abuses, nuclear and chemical weapons proliferation, illegal weapons trading, military intimidation of Taiwan, and trade violations by the People's Republic of China and the People's Liberation Army, and directing the committees of jurisdiction to commence hearings and report appropriate legislation. The rule provides one hour of debate equally divided between Representative Cox, or his designee, and a Member opposed. Finally, the rule orders the previous question to adoption without intervening motion. Testimony was heard from Representatives Archer, Rohrabacher, Cox, Hunter, Funderburk, Gibbons, Pelosi, and Kaptur.

TRANSPORTATION APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Rules: Granted, by voice vote, an open rule providing 1 hour of debate on H.R. 3675, making appropriations for the Department of Transportation and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1997.

The rule waives section 401(a) of the Budget Act (prohibiting consideration of legislation containing contract authority not yet previously subject to appropriations) against consideration of the bill.

The rule waives clause 6 (prohibiting reappropriation) of rule XXI against provisions in the bill and clause 2 (prohibiting unauthorized and legislative

provisions) of rule XXI against provisions in the bill except as otherwise specified in the rule.

The rule provides that the amendment printed in section 2 of the resolution shall be considered as adopted.

The rule authorizes the Chair to accord priority in recognition to Members who have preprinted their amendments in the Congressional Record. The rule allows the Chairman of the Committee of the Whole to postpone votes during consideration of the bill, and to reduce votes to five minutes on a postponed question if the vote follows a fifteen minute vote. The rule provides that a motion to rise and report the bill to the House with such amendments as may have been adopted shall have precedence over a motion to amend, if offered by the Majority Leader or a designee after the reading of the final lines of the bill. Finally, the rule provides one motion to recommit with or without instructions. Testimony was heard from Representative Wolf.

OVERSIGHT—RESEARCH LABORATORY PROGRAMS

Committee on Science: Subcommittee on Technology held an oversight hearing on research Laboratory programs at NIST. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the National Institute of Standards and Technology, Department of Commerce: Robert Hebner, Acting Deputy Director; and Shukri Wakid, Acting Director, Information Technology Laboratory; and public witnesses.

AVIATION SAFETY

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure: Subcommittee on Aviation held a hearing on Aviation Safety: Issues Raised by the Crash of ValuJet Flight 592. Testimony was heard from Senator Cohen; James E. Hall, Chairman, National Transportation Safety Board; the following officials of the Department of Transportation: Mary Schiavo, Inspector General; David R. Hinson, Administrator; and Anthony Broderick, Associate Administrator, Regulations and Certification, both with the FAA; and public witnesses.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR WEDNESDAY, JUNE 26, 1996

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs, business meeting, to mark up S. 1317, to repeal the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935, establish a limited regulatory framework covering public utility holding companies, and eliminate duplicative regulation, 10 a.m., SD-538.

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation, Subcommittee on Science, Technology, and Space, to resume hearings on S. 1726, to promote electronic commerce by facilitating the use of strong encryption, 9:30 a.m., SR-253.

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources, to hold hearings on S. 1804, to make technical and other changes to the laws dealing with the territories and freely associated States of the United States, on a proposed amendment relating to Bikini and Enewetak medical care, and to hold oversight hearings on the law enforcement initiative in the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, and S. 1889, to authorize the exchange of certain lands conveyed to the Kenai Native Association pursuant to the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act, and to make adjustments to the National Wilderness System, 9:30 a.m., SD-366.

Committee on Finance, business meeting, to mark up S. 1795, Personal Responsibility and Work Opportunity Act, and to consider recommendations which it will make to the Committee on the Budget with respect to spending reductions and revenue increases to meet reconciliation expenditures as imposed by H. Con. Res. 178, establishing the congressional budget for the United States Government for fiscal year 1997 and setting forth appropriate budgetary levels for fiscal years 1998, 1999, 2000, 2001, and 2002, 10 a.m., SD-215.

Committee on Foreign Relations, business meeting, to consider pending calendar business, 10:30 a.m., SD-419.

Subcommittee on Near Eastern and South Asian Affairs, to continue hearings to examine prospects for peace in Afghanistan, 2 p.m., SD-106.

Committee on Governmental Affairs, business meeting, to mark up S. 1376, to terminate unnecessary and inequitable Federal corporate subsidies, 9:30 a.m., SD-342.

Full Committee, to hold hearings on S. Res. 254, expressing the sense of the Senate regarding the reopening of Pennsylvania Avenue, 10 a.m., SD-342.

Committee on Labor and Human Resources, business meeting, to mark up S. 1221, to authorize funds for fiscal years 1996 through 2000 for the Legal Services Corporation, S. 1400, to require the Secretary of Labor to issue guidance as to the application of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 to insurance company general accounts, and pending nominations, 9:30 a.m., SD-430.

Committee on Rules and Administration, to hold hearings on proposed legislation authorizing funds for the Federal Election Commission, and on campaign finance reform proposals, 9:30 a.m., SR-301.

Committee on Indian Affairs, to hold hearings on proposals to reform the Indian Child Welfare Act, 9:30 a.m., SH-216.

House

Committee on Appropriations, to consider the Legislative appropriations for fiscal year 1997, 9 a.m., 2360 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on the District of Columbia, on 1997 Budget Overview, 10 a.m., 2362A Rayburn.