

H8293, H8329, H8352-53, H8353-54, and H8354. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: Met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 12:08 on Thursday, July 25.

Committee Meetings

HEDGE-TO-ARRIVE CONTRACTS

Committee on Agriculture: Subcommittee on Risk Management and Specialty Crops and the Subcommittee on General Farm Commodities held a joint hearing to review cash market forward contracts between producers and merchants, commonly known as hedge-to-arrive contracts. Testimony was heard from John Tull, Acting Chairman, Commodity Futures Trading Commission; and public witnesses.

OVERSIGHT—FANNIE MAE AND FREDDIE MAC

Committee on Banking and Financial Services: Subcommittee on Capital Markets, Securities and Government Sponsored Enterprises held an oversight hearing on Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac. Testimony was heard from Lawrence H. Summers, Deputy Secretary, Department of Treasury; Nicholas Retsinas, Assistant Secretary, Housing, Department of Housing and Urban Development; and public witnesses.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Commerce: Ordered reported the following bills: H.R. 3553, Federal Trade Commission Reauthorization Act of 1996; H.R. 447, amended, to establish a toll free number in the Department of Commerce to assist consumers in determining if products are American-made; H.R. 2579, amended, United States National Tourism Organization Act of 1996; H.R. 2976, amended, Patient Right to Know Act of 1996; H.R. 3871, to waive temporarily the Medicaid enrollment composition rule for certain health maintenance organizations; H.R. 3056, to permit county-operated health insuring organization to qualify as an organization exempt from certain requirements otherwise applicable to health insuring organizations under the Medicaid program notwithstanding that the organization enrolls Medicaid beneficiaries residing in another county; H.R. 3867, Developmental Disabilities Assistance and Bill of Rights Act Amendments of 1996; H.R. 3868, to extend certain programs under the Energy Policy and Conservation Act through September 30, 1996.

LANGUAGE OF GOVERNMENT ACT

Committee on Economic and Educational Opportunities: Ordered reported amended H.R. 123, Language of Government Act of 1995.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on International Relations: Ordered reported the following bills: H.R. 3846, to amend the Foreign Assistant Act of 1961 to authorize the provision of assistance for microenterprises; and H.R. 3735, amended, to amend the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961 to reauthorize the Development Fund for Africa under chapter 10 of part I of that Act.

The Committee also favorably considered and adopted a motion urging the Chairman to request that the following bill be considered on the Suspension Calendar: H.R. 3870, to authorize the Agency for International Development to offer voluntary separation incentive payments to employees of that agency.

OVERSIGHT—U.S. TRUSTEE PROGRAM

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Commercial and Administrative Law held an oversight hearing on the U.S. Trustee Program. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Executive Office, U.S. Trustees, Department of Justice; Joseph Patchan, Director; M. Scott Michel, and Clarkson Dow, both Regional Trustees; and public witnesses.

OVERSIGHT—COMMISSION ON CIVIL RIGHTS

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on the Constitution held an oversight hearing on the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights: Mary Frances Berry, Chairperson; Robert George, Carl A. Anderson and Russell Redenbaugh, all Commissioners and Mary Mathews, Staff Director; and a public witness.

LABORER'S INTERNATIONAL UNION OF NORTH AMERICA

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Crime held a hearing on the Administration's efforts against the influence of organized crime in the Laborer's International Union of North America. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

Hearings continue tomorrow.

OVERSIGHT

Committee on Resources: Held an oversight hearing on implementation of the Endangered Species Act with regard to Section 10(a) permits (Habit Conservation Plan) and other incentives. Testimony was heard from Representative Smith of Texas; George T. Frampton, Assistant Secretary, Fish and Wildlife and Parks, Department of the Interior; and public witnesses.

OVERSIGHT—TERRITORIAL TECHNICAL MATTERS; OMNIBUS TERRITORIES ACT

Committee on Resources: Subcommittee on Native American and Insular Affairs held an oversight hearing on territorial technical matters, with discussion of H.R. 3721, Omnibus Territories Act. Testimony was heard from Allen Stayman, Director, Insular Affairs, Department of the Interior; and the following officials from Guam: Madeline Bordallo, Lt. Governor; Elizabeth Barrett-Anderson, and Hope Cristobal, both Senators.

WORKING FAMILIES FLEXIBILITY ACT

Committee on Rules: Granted, by voice vote, a modified open rule providing one hour general debate on H.R. 2391, Working Families Flexibility Act. The rule makes in order the Committee on Economic and Educational Opportunities amendment in the nature of a substitute as an original bill for the purpose of amendment, with each section as read. The rule waives clause 7 of rule XVI (germaneness) against the committee amendment in the nature of a substitute.

The rule provides for the consideration of the manager's amendment printed in the report of the Committee on Rules, which is considered as read, not subject to amendment or to a division of the question. The amendment is debatable for 10 minutes equally divided between the proponent and an opponent. The amendment may amend portions of the bill not yet read. If adopted, the amendment is considered as part of the base text for further amendments.

The rule provides for consideration of only those amendments that are pre-printed in the Congressional Record. The rule provides for a 2 hour limit on the amendment process. The Chairman of the Committee of the Whole may postpone votes during consideration of the bill, and reduce voting time to five minutes on a postponed question if the vote follows a fifteen minute vote. Finally, the rule provides one motion to recommit, with or without instructions. Testimony was heard from Representatives Ballenger and Clay.

BUILDING ON CHANGE: PREPARING FOR THE 105TH CONGRESS

Committee on Rules: Subcommittee on Rules and Organization of the House and the Subcommittee on Legislative and Budget Process held a joint hearing on Building on Change: Preparing for the 105th Congress. Testimony was heard from Representatives Bass, White, Farr, Hamilton and Cardin; and public witnesses.

EFFECTS OF A SIX-YEAR BUDGET ON CIVILIAN R&D

Committee on Science: Concluded hearings on the Effects of a Six-Year Balanced Budget on Civilian Research and Development, Part II. Testimony was heard from Senator Bond; Martha Krebs, Director, Office of Energy Research, Department of Energy; Neal Lane, Director, NSF; and Daniel Goldin, Administrator, NASA.

PAPERWORK REDUCTION ACT—FDA'S COMPLIANCE

Committee on Small Business: Subcommittee on Government Programs held a hearing on the FDA's compliance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995. Testimony was heard from Robert Byrd, Acting Deputy Commissioner, Systems and Management, FDA, Department of Health and Human Services; and public witnesses.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR THURSDAY, JULY 25, 1996

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs, to hold hearings to review the General Accounting Office (GAO) report on the Federal Reserve System, 9:15 a.m., SD-538.

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation, to resume hearings on S. 1726, to promote electronic commerce by facilitating the use of privacy-enhancing technologies, 9:30 a.m., SR-253.

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources, Subcommittee on Parks, Historic Preservation and Recreation, to hold hearings on S. 1699, to establish the National Cave and Karst Research Institute in the State of New Mexico, and S. 1809, entitled the "Aleutian World War II National Historic Areas Act", 9:30 a.m., SD-366.

Committee on Foreign Relations, to hold hearings to examine World Bank projects in Xinjiang, China, 2 p.m., SD-419.

Committee on Governmental Affairs, business meeting, to consider the nomination of Franklin D. Raines, of the District of Columbia, to be Director, Office of Management and Budget, and to mark up S. 1376, to terminate unnecessary and inequitable Federal corporate subsidies, S. 1931, to provide that the United States Post Office building that is to be located at 9 East Broad Street, Cookeville, Tennessee, shall be known and designated as the "L. Clure Morton Post Office and Courthouse", and S. 1629, to protect the rights of the States and the people from abuse by the Federal Government, to strengthen the partnership and the intergovernmental relationship between State and Federal governments, and to enforce the Tenth Amendment to the U.S. Constitution, 10 a.m., SD-342.