

Criminal Investigative Division, all of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, Department of Justice; and Ernest E. Allen, National Center for Missing and Exploited Children, Arlington, Virginia.

APPROPRIATIONS—EPA

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on VA, HUD and Independent Agencies held hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 1998 for the Environmental Protection Agency, receiving testimony from Carol M. Browner, Administrator, EPA.

Subcommittee will meet again on Tuesday, April 22.

AUTHORIZATION—DEFENSE

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Personnel concluded hearings on S. 450, authorizing funds for fiscal years 1998 and 1999 for military activities of the Department of Defense, and to prescribe military personnel strengths for fiscal years 1998 and 1999, focusing on active and reserve military and civilian personnel programs and the Defense Health Program, after receiving testimony from Edwin Dorn, Under Secretary of Defense for Personnel and Readiness; Sara E. Lister, Assistant Secretary of the Army for Manpower and Reserve Affairs; Bernard Rostker, Assistant Secretary of the Navy for Manpower and Reserve Affairs; and Rodney A. Coleman, Assistant Secretary of the Air Force for Manpower and Reserve Affairs, Installations and Environment.

AUTHORIZATION—DEFENSE

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on SeaPower held hearings on S. 450, authorizing funds for fiscal years 1998 and 1999 for military activities of the Department of Defense, and to prescribe military personnel strengths for fiscal years 1998 and 1999, focusing on submarine development and procurement programs and global submarine threat, receiving testimony from Senator Chafee; John W. Douglass, Assistant Secretary of the Navy for Research, Development and Acquisition; Vice Adm. Donald L. Pilling, USN, Deputy Chief of Naval Op-

erations, Resources, Warfare Requirements and Assessments; Rear Adm. Robert E. Frick, USN, Program Executive Officer for Submarines; and Rear Adm. Michael W. Cramer, USN, Director of Naval Intelligence.

Subcommittee recessed subject to call.

CHEMICAL WEAPONS CONVENTION

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee held hearings on the Convention on the Prohibition of Development, Production, Stockpiling and Use of Chemical Weapons and on Their Destruction, opened for signature and signed by the United States at Paris on January 13, 1993 (Treaty Doc. 103-21), receiving testimony from Madeleine K. Albright, Secretary of State; and Donald Rumsfeld, James Schlesinger, and Caspar Weinberger, each a former Secretary of Defense.

Hearings continue tomorrow.

RUSSIA-NATO

Committee on Foreign Relations: Subcommittee on European Affairs concluded closed hearings to examine the Russia-Nato relationship after the Helsinki Summit, after receiving testimony from Strobe Talbott, Deputy Secretary of State; and Jan M. Lodal, Principal Deputy Under Secretary of Defense for Policy.

AUTHORIZATION—INDIAN JUVENILE JUSTICE

Committee on Indian Affairs: Committee concluded hearings on proposed legislation authorizing funds for fiscal years 1998 through 2001 to provide assistance to Indian tribes for juvenile justice and delinquency prevention programs under the Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Act of 1974, after receiving testimony from Thomas L. LeClaire, Director, Office of Tribal Justice, Department of Justice; Thomas S. Begich, Washington, D.C., and Larry Blackhair, Fort Duchesne, Utah, both on behalf of the Coalition for Juvenile Justice; and Mary V. Thomas, Gila River Indian Community, Sacaton, Arizona.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Bills Introduced: 27 public bills, H.R. 1225-1251; and 3 resolutions, H.J. Res. 68, and H. Con. Res. 57-58, were introduced. Pages H1338-39

Reports Filed: Reports were filed as follows:

H.R. 1000, to require States to establish a system to prevent prisoners from being considered part of any household for purposes of determining eligibility of the household for food stamp benefits and the

amount of food stamp benefits to be provided to the household under the Food Stamp Act of 1977 (H. Rept. 105-43);

Oversight Plans for all House Committees (H. Rept. 105-44);

H. Res. 107, providing for consideration of motions to suspend the rules (H. Rept. 105-45); and

H.R. 1003, to clarify Federal law with respect to restricting the use of Federal funds in support of assisted suicide, amended (H. Rept. 105-46 Part I).

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Recess: The House recessed at 12:57 p.m., and reconvened at 2 p.m.

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Suspensions—Objection to Consideration: Objection was heard to the unanimous consent request to authorize the Speaker on Wednesday, April 9 to entertain motions to suspend the rules and agree to H.R. 240, Veterans Employment Opportunities Act of 1997 and H.R. 757, the American Samoa Development Act of 1997.

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Nurse Aide Training Correction: On the call of the Corrections Calendar, the House passed H.R. 968, amended, to amend title XVIII and XIX of the Social Security Act to permit a waiver of the prohibition of offering nurse aide training and competency evaluation programs in certain nursing facilities. Agreed to the Ways and Means Committee technical amendment.

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

Rural Multifamily Rental Housing: H.R. 28, to amend the Housing Act of 1949 to extend the loan guarantee program for multifamily rental housing in rural areas (passed by a ye-and-nay vote of 397 yeas to 14 nays, Roll No. 72);

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Household Food Stamp Eligibility and Benefits re Prisoners: H.R. 1000, to require States to establish a system to prevent prisoners from being considered part of any household for purposes of determining eligibility of the household for food stamp benefits and the amount of food stamp benefits to be provided to the household under the Food Stamp Act of 1977 (passed by a ye-and-nay vote of 409 yeas, Roll No. 73);

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Iosco County, Michigan: H.R. 394, to provide for the release of the reversionary interest held by the United States in certain property located in the County of Iosco, Michigan; and

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J. Phil Campbell, Sr., Conservation Center: H.R. 785, to designate the J. Phil Campbell, Senior, Natural Resource Conservation Center.

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Presidential Messages: Read the following messages from the President:

Department of Transportation: Message wherein he transmits his fiscal year 1995 Annual Report for the Department of Transportation—referred to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure;

Radiation Control: Message wherein he transmits his 1995 Annual Report on the Administration of the Radiation Control for the Health and Safety Act of 1968—referred to the Committee on Commerce; and

National Endowment for Democracy: Message wherein he transmits his fiscal year 1996 Annual

Report for the National Endowment for Democracy—referred to the Committee on International Relations.

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Recess: The House recessed at 3:24 p.m. and reconvened at 5:15 p.m.

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Quorum Calls—Votes: Two ye-and-nay votes developed during the proceedings of the House today and appear on pages H1306 and H1306-07. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: Met at 12:30 p.m. and adjourned at 9:20 p.m.

Committee Meetings

COMMERCE, JUSTICE, STATE AND JUDICIARY APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, State and Judiciary held a hearing on the NOAA. Testimony was heard from D. James Baker, Under Secretary, Oceans and Atmosphere, Department of Commerce.

LABOR, HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES, EDUCATION APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education held a hearing on the Institute of Museum and Library Services. Testimony was heard from Diane B. Frankel, Director, Institute of Museum and Library Services.

TREASURY, POSTAL SERVICE AND GENERAL GOVERNMENT APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Treasury, Postal Service, and General Government continued appropriation hearings. Testimony was heard from Members of Congress and public witnesses.

PRODUCT LIABILITY REFORM ACCESS LIFE-SAVING PRODUCTS

Committee on Commerce: Subcommittee on Telecommunications, Trade, and Consumer Protection held a hearing on Product Liability Reform and Consumer Access to Life-Savings Products. Testimony was heard from Representative Gekas; and public witnesses.

LOW INCOME HOME ENERGY ASSISTANCE ACT

Committee on Education and the Workforce: Subcommittee on Early Childhood, Youth and Families held a hearing on the Low Income Home Energy Assistance Act Program. Testimony was heard from Representatives Miller of Florida, Moakley and Sanders; Joel Eisenberg, Senior Policy Analyst, Oak Ridge National Laboratory; and public witnesses.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Government Reform and Oversight: Subcommittee on the Postal Service approved for full Committee action the following bills: H.R. 1057,