

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

AGRICULTURAL TRADE

Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry: Committee concluded hearings to examine United States agricultural trade policy issues, focusing on the importance of trade to the American economy, and the Administration's preparations for renewed multilateral trade negotiations in agriculture, after receiving testimony from Daniel R. Glickman, Secretary of Agriculture; and Charlene Barshefsky, United States Trade Representative.

APPROPRIATIONS—NSF/OFFICE OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY/NATIONAL SCIENCE BOARD

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on VA, HUD, and Independent Agencies concluded hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 1999, after receiving testimony in behalf of funds for their respective agencies from Neal F. Lane, Director, National Science Foundation; Kerri-Ann Jones, Acting Director, Office of Science and Technology Policy; and Richard N. Zare, Chairman, National Science Board.

APPROPRIATIONS—EXECUTIVE OFFICE

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Treasury, Postal Service, and General Government held hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 1999 for the Executive Office of the President, receiving testimony from Ada Louise Posey, Director, Office of Administration, Executive Office of the President; and C. Boyden Gray, Wilmer Cutler and Pickering, Washington, D.C., former White House Counsel to President Bush. Subcommittee will meet again on Thursday, May 14.

AUTHORIZATION—DEFENSE

Committee on Armed Services: Committee ordered favorably reported the following bills:

An original bill to authorize funds for fiscal year 1999 for military activities of the Department of Defense, for military construction, and for defense activities of the Department of Energy, to prescribe military personnel strengths for such fiscal year for the Armed Forces, and to authorize funds for fiscal year 1999 for intelligence related activities of the United States Government;

An original bill entitled "Department of Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 1999";

An original bill entitled "Military Construction Act for Fiscal Year 1999"; and

An original bill entitled "Department of Energy National Security Act for Fiscal Year 1999".

HUD MANAGEMENT REFORM

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Development: Subcommittee on Housing Opportunity and Community Development concluded hearings on issues relating to the implementation of the Department of Housing and Urban Development's "HUD 2020" Management Reform Plan, after receiving testimony from Andrew M. Cuomo, Secretary, and Susan Gaffney, Inspector General, both of the Department of Housing and Urban Development; and Judy A. England-Joseph, Director, Housing and Community Development Issues, Resources, Community, and Economic Development Division, General Accounting Office.

AIRCRAFT REPAIR STATIONS

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Subcommittee on Aviation concluded hearings to examine the Federal Aviation Administration's oversight of repair stations that maintain and repair aircraft and aircraft components, and S. 1089, to restrict the use of foreign repair stations by United States airline companies, after receiving testimony from Senator Specter; Guy S. Gardner, Associate Administrator for Regulation and Certification, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation; Gerald L. Dillingham, Associate Director, Transportation Issues, Resources, Community, and Economic Development Division, General Accounting Office; Gilbert D. Mook, Federal Express Corporation, Don Fuqua, Aerospace Industries Association, and Edward Wytkind, Transportation Trades Department, AFL-CIO, all of Washington, D.C.; and William L. Scheri, International Association of Machinists and Aerospace Workers, Upper Marlboro, Maryland.

NATIONAL PARK SYSTEM

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Subcommittee on National Parks, Historic Preservation, and Recreation held hearings on S. 1693, to improve the ability of the National Park System to provide state-of-the-art protection and interpretation to NPS resources, focusing on Title VI, National Parks Resources Inventory and Management, Title VII, Designation of Tax Refunds and Contributions for the Benefit of the National Park System, Title VIII, National Park Foundation, and Title XI, relating to a study of the United States Park Police and Cooperative Management Agreements, receiving testimony from Denis P. Galvin, Deputy Director, National Park Service, Department of the Interior; William J. Chandler, National Parks and Conservation Association, Charles M. Clusen, Natural Resources Defense Council, on behalf of the Greater Yellowstone Coalition, and Jim Maddy, National Park Foundation, all of Washington, D.C.; Robert Koons, Grand Canyon

Association/Grand Canyon National Park Foundation, Grand Canyon, Arizona; Stephanie M. Clement, Friends of Acadia, Bar Harbor, Maine; and Curt Buchholtz, Rocky Mountain National Park Associates, Inc., Estes Park, Colorado.

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NOMINATIONS

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee concluded hearings on the nominations of William Joseph Burns, of Pennsylvania, to be Ambassador to the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan, and Ryan Clark Crocker, of Washington, to be Ambassador to the Syrian Arab Republic, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

OVERSEAS PRIVATE INVESTMENT CORPORATION

Committee on Foreign Relations: Subcommittee on International Economic Policy, Export and Trade Promotion concluded oversight hearings to examine the operations of the Overseas Private Investment Corporation in its implementation of foreign policy investment and development priorities of the United States Government, after receiving testimony from Senator Allard; George Munoz, President and CEO, Overseas Private Investment Corporation; Richard F. Seney, MCTR, Alexandria, Virginia; and Edmund Rice, Coalition for Employment Through Exports, Washington, D.C.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on the Judiciary: Committee ordered favorably reported the following business items:

The nominations of Chester J. Straub, of New York, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Second Circuit, William P. Dimitrouleas, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of

Florida, and Stephan P. Mickle, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of Florida;

S. 1525, to provide financial assistance for higher education to the dependents of Federal, State, and local public safety officers who are killed or permanently and totally disabled as the result of a traumatic injury sustained in the line of duty; and

S. Con. Res. 75, honoring the sesquicentennial of Wisconsin statehood.

TEACHER PERFORMANCE

Committee on Labor and Human Resources: Committee concluded hearings to examine proposals to provide more qualified teachers in the American classroom, focusing on certain provisions of the proposed Higher Education Amendments of 1998 (S. 1882 and H.R. 6) affecting institutional eligibility for student aid under title IV of the Higher Education Act, after receiving testimony from Margot A. Schenet, Specialist in Social Legislation, Education and Public Welfare Division, Congressional Research Service, Library of Congress; Kati Haycock, The Education Trust, Terry W. Hartle, American Council on Education, and Arthur E. Wise, National Council for Accreditation of Teacher Education, all of Washington, D.C.; Donald Warren, Indiana University, Bloomington, Indiana; Thomas W. Payzant, Boston Public Schools, Boston, Massachusetts; and Nancy S. Grasmick, Maryland State Department of Education, Baltimore.

INTELLIGENCE—AUTHORIZATION

Select Committee on Intelligence: Committee ordered favorably reported an original bill (S. 2052) authorizing funds for fiscal year 1999 for intelligence and intelligence related activities of the United States Government, the Community Management Account, and the Central Intelligence Agency Retirement and Disability System.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Bills Introduced: 18 public bills, H.R. 3805–3822; 1 private bill, H.R. 3823; and 6 resolutions, H. Con. Res. 273–274 and H. Res. 422–425, were introduced.

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Reports Filed: Reports were filed as follows:

H.R. 3534, to improve congressional deliberation on proposed Federal private sector mandates, amended (H. Rept. 105–515); and

H.R. 2416, to provide for the transfer of certain rights and property to the United States Forest Service in exchange for a payment to the occupant of such property, amended (H. Rept. 105–516);

H.R. 2730, designate the Federal building located at 309 North Church Street in Dyersburg, Tennessee, as the “Jere Cooper Federal Building”. (H. Rept. 105–517);

H.R. 2225, to designate the Federal building and United States courthouse to be constructed on Las Vegas Boulevard between Bridger Avenue and Clark