

## Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

### APPROPRIATIONS—DEFENSE

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Energy and Water Development concluded hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2001 for the Department of Energy, focusing on defense programs, after receiving testimony from Rose E. Gottemoeller, Acting Deputy Administrator for Defense Nuclear Nonproliferation, Department of Energy; Gen. Eugene E. Habiger, USAF, Retired Director, Office of Security and Emergency Operations; Brig. Gen. Thomas F. Gioconda, USAF, Acting Deputy Administrator for Defense Programs and Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary for Military Application, National Nuclear Security Administration; and Adm. Frank L. Bowman, USN, Director, Naval Nuclear Propulsion Program.

### ALTERNATIVE MEDICINE

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education concluded hearings to examine issues dealing with complementary and alternative medicine therapies, which are designed to complement traditional healthcare approaches, such as surgery and drug therapy, after receiving testimony from Stephen Straus, Director, National Center for Complementary and Alternative Medicine, National Institutes of Health, Department of Health and Human Services; Andrew Weil, University of Arizona College of Medicine Program in Integrative Medicine, Tucson; Mary Jo Kreitzer, University of Minnesota Center for Spirituality and Healing, Minneapolis; Herbert Benson, Harvard University Medical School/Mind/Body Medical Institute, Boston, Massachusetts; Dean Ornish, University of California School of Medicine/Preventive Medicine Research Institute, San Francisco; James M. Cassidy, Andover, Massachusetts; Kristen Magnacca, Wellesley, Massachusetts; and Walter Czaplewicz, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

### APPROPRIATIONS—TRANSPORTATION

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Transportation concluded oversight hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2001 for the Department of Transportation, after receiving testimony from Kenneth M. Mead, Inspector General, and Peter J. Basso, Assistant Secretary for Budget and Programs and Chief Financial Officer, both of the Department of Transportation.

### DRUG TRAFFICKING

*Committee on Armed Services:* Committee met in closed session to receive a briefing on the impact of drug

trafficking on the security of Columbia and neighboring countries of the Andean Ridge from officials of the Central Intelligence Agency and the Defense Intelligence Agency.

Committee recessed subject to call.

### BUSINESS MEETING

*Committee on the Budget:* Committee began markup of an original concurrent resolution setting forth the fiscal year 2001 budget for the Federal Government, but did not complete action thereon, and will meet again tomorrow.

### RURAL BROADBAND ACCESS

*Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation:* Subcommittee on Communications concluded hearings to examine the current state of deployment of high-speed Internet technologies, focusing on broadband communication service access in rural America, after receiving testimony from Representative Tauzin; Montana Public Service Commissioner Bob Rowe, on behalf of the National Association of Regulatory Utilities Commissioners, and John S. Fitzpatrick, Touch America, Inc., both of Helena, Montana; Roy Neel, United States Telecom Association, and Timothy J. Regan, Corning Incorporated, both of Washington, D.C.; Stephen C. Gray, McLeodUSA, Inc., Cedar Rapids, Iowa; and David M. Woodrow, Cox Communications, Inc., Atlanta, Georgia.

### U.S. DEPENDENCY ON FOREIGN OIL

*Committee on Energy and Natural Resources:* Committee concluded joint hearings with the Committee on Foreign Relations to examine United States dependency on foreign oil, focusing on oil import needs, diplomacy, strategic petroleum reserve, and domestic oil production, after receiving testimony from Richard Perle, former Assistant Secretary of Defense for International Security, American Enterprise Institute, Washington, D.C.; Denise A. Bode, Oklahoma Corporation Commission, Oklahoma City; and Virginia Lazenby, Bretagne G.P., Nashville, Tennessee, on behalf of the Independent Petroleum Association of America.

### BUDGET—EPA/ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS

*Committee on Environment and Public Works:* Subcommittee on Clean Air, Wetlands, Private Property, and Nuclear Safety concluded hearings on the President's proposed budget request for fiscal year 2001 for the Environmental Protection Agency's clean air programs and the Army Corps of Engineers wetlands programs, after receiving testimony from Robert Perciasepe, Assistant Administrator, Office of Air and Radiation, Environmental Protection Agency; and Michael L. Davis, Deputy Assistant Secretary

of the Army for Civil Works, United States Army Corps of Engineers, Department of Defense.

### IRAN AND IRAQ PROLIFERATION

*Committee on Foreign Relations:* Committee resumed hearings to examine issues dealing with Iran and Iraq, focusing on the future of nonproliferation policy, receiving testimony from Anthony H. Cordesman, Center for Strategic and International Studies, Washington, D.C.; and Rolf Ekeus, Ambassador of Sweden, Washington, D.C., and Richard Butler, Diplomat in Residence, Council on Foreign Relations, both of the United Nations Special Commission on Iraq (UNSCOM).

Hearings continue on Thursday, March 30.

### HCFA SETTLEMENT POLICIES

*Committee on Governmental Affairs:* Permanent Subcommittee on Investigations concluded oversight hearings to examine Health Care Financing Administration's (HCFA) settlement policies, focusing on whether certain Medicare providers settlements conform to HCFA regulations, after receiving testimony from Robert H. Hast, Acting Assistant Comptroller General for Special Investigations, Office of Special Investigations, General Accounting Office; and Charles R. Booth, Director, Financial Services Group, Office of Financial Management, Jean Ohl, Technical Health Insurance Specialist, Tony Seubert, Payment Specialist, and Bruce C. Vladeck, former Administrator, all of the Health Care Financing Administration, Department of Health and Human Services.

### CYBER CRIMES

*Committee on the Judiciary:* Subcommittee on Technology, Terrorism, and Government Information concluded hearings to examine the incidence of cyber attacks on the nation's information systems, focusing on removing roadblocks to investigation and information sharing, after receiving testimony from Louis J. Freeh, Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation, Department of Justice; Harris N. Miller, Information

Technology Association of America, Arlington, Virginia; and Richard D. Pethia, CERT Centers Carnegie Mellon University, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

### INTERNET PREDATOR PROTECTION

*Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions:* Subcommittee on Children and Families concluded hearings on child safety on the Internet, focusing on online protection from predators, after receiving testimony from Kenneth Neu, Assistant Section Chief, Violent Crimes Major Offenders Section, and William Hagmaier, Unit Chief, Child Abduction Serial Murder Investigative Resources Center, both of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, Department of Justice; Donna Rice Hughes, Phoenix Financial and Advisory Services, Vienna, Virginia, on behalf of the Child Online Protection Commission; Mary Anne Layden, University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia; Ernest E. Allen, National Center for Missing and Exploited Children, Washington, D.C.; John Ryan, America Online, Inc., Ashburn, Virginia; Tim Remsburg, Nashua, New Hampshire; and Teresa Strickland, Opelika, Alabama.

### OFFICE SUPPLY FRAUD

*Committee on Small Business:* Committee held hearings to examine the effects of certain office supply scams, including toner-phoner schemes on small business, receiving testimony from Jodie Bernstein, Director, Bureau of Consumer Protection, Federal Trade Commission; Joan Bailey, Brownstone Real Estate Company, Hershey, Pennsylvania; Linda Easton-Saunders, Prospect Associates, Silver Spring, Maryland; George Everding, Feed My People, St. Louis, Missouri; Peter Grosfeld, American Flyers, Miami, Florida; William R. Duffy, Imaging Supplies Coalition for International Intellectual Property Protection, Inc., Lexington, Kentucky; and Tricia Burke, Office Equipment Company, Inc., Louisville, Kentucky, on behalf of the Independent Office Products and Furniture Dealers Association.

Hearings recessed subject to call.

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## House of Representatives

### *Chamber Action*

**Bills Introduced:** 15 public bills, H.R. H4094–4108, and 1 resolution, H. Con. Res. 294, were introduced.

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**Reports Filed:** Reports were filed today as follows:

H.R. 3519, to provide for negotiations for the creation of a trust fund to be administered by the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development of the International Development Association to combat the AIDS epidemic, amended (H. Rept. 106–548); and