

FEDERAL OIL AND GAS LEASING

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Subcommittee on Energy Production and Regulation concluded hearings on the following bills:

S. 1014, to improve the management of royalties from Federal and Outer Continental Shelf oil and gas leases, after receiving testimony from Cynthia Quarterman, Director, Minerals Management Service, Department of the Interior; Don Hoffman, Montana Department of Revenue, Helena; J. Larry Nichols, Devon Energy Corporation, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma; and J.B. Rollins, Chevron U.S.A. Production Company, Houston, Texas; and

S. 1012, to extend the time for construction of certain FERC licensed hydro projects, after receiving submitted testimony from Elizabeth A. Moler, Chair, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, Department of Energy.

CONVENTIONAL WEAPONS AND FOREIGN POLICY IN SOUTH ASIA

Committee on Foreign Relations: Subcommittee on Near Eastern and South Asian Affairs concluded hearings to examine United States conventional weapons and foreign policy in South Asia, after receiving testimony from Senator Pressler; Robin Raphel, Assistant Secretary of State for South Asian Affairs; Bruce O. Riedel, Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense for Near East and South Asian Affairs; Stephen P. Cohen, University of Illinois, Champaign-Urbana; George K. Tanham, RAND Corporation, Michael

Krepon, Henry L. Stimson Center, James Clad, Georgetown University, and William Clark, Jr., Center for Strategic and International Studies, all of Washington, D.C.; and Bruce Fein, Great Falls, Virginia.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on the Judiciary: Committee ordered favorably reported the following measures:

S. 1111, to amend title 35, United States Code, with respect to patents on biotechnological processes;

S. 977, to correct certain references in the Bankruptcy Code; and

S.J. Res. 20, granting the consent of Congress to the compact to provide for joint natural resources and boating at the Jennings Randolph Lake Project lying in Garrett County, Maryland and Mineral County, West Virginia, entered into between the States of West Virginia and Maryland.

RUBY RIDGE

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Terrorism, Technology, and Government Information resumed hearings to examine certain Federal law enforcement actions with regard to the 1992 incident at Ruby Ridge, Idaho, receiving testimony from Roger Love, Mark Tilton, Christopher Whitcomb, Dale Monroe, Edward C. Wenger, Jr., Warren Bamford, Jerome Barker, and Christopher Curran, all of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, Department of Justice.

Hearings continue tomorrow.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Bills Introduced: 16 public bills, H.R. 2329–2344, 2 private bills, H.R. 2345–2346; and 1 resolution, H. Con. Res. 101, were introduced. **Pages H8993–94**

Reports Filed: Reports were filed as follows:

H.R. 1872, to amend the Public Health Service Act to revise and extend programs established pursuant to the Ryan White Comprehensive AIDS Resources Emergency Act of 1990, amended (H. Rept. 104–245);

H.R. 2274, to amend title 23, United States Code, to designate the National Highway System, amended (H. Rept. 104–246); and

Conference report on H.R. 1817, making appropriations for military construction, family housing, and base realignment and closure for the Department

of Defense for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1996 (H. Rept. 104–247). **Pages H8954–93**

Speaker Pro Tempore: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he designates Representative Radanovich to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. **Page H8911**

Committees To Sit: The following committees and their subcommittees received permission to sit today during proceedings of the House under the 5-minute rule: Committees on Commerce, Government Reform and Oversight, the Judiciary, Science, and Transportation and Infrastructure. **Page H8914**

Defense Appropriations: House disagreed to the Senate amendment to H.R. 2126, making appropriations for the Department of Defense for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1996; and agreed to a conference. Appointed as conferees: Representatives

Young of Florida, McDade, Livingston, Lewis of California, Skeen, Hobson, Bonilla, Nethercutt, Neumann, Murtha, Dicks, Wilson, Hefner, Sabo, and Obey. **Page H8915**

Agreed to the Obey motion to instruct House conferees on insist on section 8075 of the House bill, limiting the allowable cost charged to the Government for individual compensation to not more than \$200,000 per year. **Page H8915**

Earlier, agreed to a unanimous-consent request that the House vacate the proceedings of September 13, 1995, in which the House disagreed to the Senate amendment to H.R. 2126, and agreed to the conference asked by the Senate; except that the order of the House of the same day enabling closed meetings of the conference remain in effect. **Page H8915**

Late Report: Conferees received permission to have until midnight tonight to file a conference report on H.R. 1817, making appropriations for military construction, family housing, and base realignment and closure for the Department of Defense for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1996. **Page H8915**

Federal Acquisition Reform: By a recorded vote of 423 ayes, Roll No. 663, the House passed H.R. 1670, to revise and streamline the acquisition laws of the Federal Government, and to reorganize the mechanisms for resolving Federal procurement disputes. **Pages H8915–37**

Agreed To:

The Spratt amendment that provides for the establishment of a demonstration project to determine the feasibility or desirability of one or more proposals for improving the personnel management policies or procedures that apply with respect to the acquisition workforce of the Department of Defense; **Pages H8915–16**

The Chambliss amendment that revises the provisions relating to protest resolution (title IV) to include new language that clarifies the standard of review in protest cases; ensures that board judges permit the use of discovery only where necessary; increases the use of special simplified procedures for the speedy resolution of protests in certain cases; provides for the selection of judges by the Secretary of Defense for the Defense Board and by the Administrator of General Services for the Civilian Board; simplifies and clarifies the transition process from the current protest resolution system to the new consolidated boards; and provides the Postal Service to maintain its own board for contract disputes; and **Pages H8916–23**

The Zeff amendment that places a moratorium on a provision of current law that permits State and local governments to purchase goods and services di-

rectly from the General Services Administration's Federal supply schedule. **Pages H8923–25**

Rejected the Maloney amendment that sought to strike provisions lifting the current law requirement that a fee or tax must be paid to the United States Government on foreign sales of products developed under Government contract in order to recoup these development costs (rejected by a recorded vote of 164 ayes to 259 noes, Roll No. 662). **Pages H8925–30**

The Clerk was authorized to make technical corrections and conforming changes in the engrossment of the bill. **Page H8937**

Legislative Program: The Acting Majority Leader announced the legislative program for the week of September 18. Agreed to adjourn from Thursday to Monday. **Pages H8937–40**

Calendar Wednesday: Agreed to dispense with Calendar Wednesday business of September 20. **Page H8940**

Senate Messages: Message received from the Senate today appears on page H8911.

Amendments Ordered Printed: Amendments ordered printed pursuant to the rule appear on pages H8994–H9033.

Quorum Calls—Votes: Two recorded votes developed during the proceedings of the House today and appear on pages H8930 and H8936–37. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: Met at 1 p.m. and adjourned at 6:24 p.m.

Committee Meetings

RECONCILIATION ISSUES

Committee on Commerce: Began consideration of Department of Commerce Abolition for transmittal to the Committee on the Budget for inclusion in the Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act for fiscal year 1996.

Will continue September 19.

FDA'S ENFORCEMENT STANDARDS FOR MEDICAL DEVICES

Committee on Government Reform and Oversight: Subcommittee on Human Resources and Intergovernmental Relations and the Subcommittee on National Economic Growth, Natural Resources, and Regulatory Affairs held a joint hearing on FDA's Enforcement Standards for Medical Devices. Testimony was heard from William Schultz, Deputy Commissioner, Policy, FDA, Department of Health and Human Services; and public witnesses.