

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 Frank Costanza, Pilot, Hostage Response Team, and Eugene F. Glenn, former Special Agent in Charge (Salt Lake City, Utah), both of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, and Duke Smith, Deputy U.S. Marshal, United States Marshal Service, all of the Department of Justice.

Hearings continue tomorrow.

TAX ISSUES IMPACTING SMALL BUSINESS

Committee on Small Business: Committee held hearings to examine certain tax issues affecting small business, focusing on capital gains tax reform, estate tax relief, pension simplification, classification of independent contractors, increasing the expensing provision, and the deductibility of health insurance, and related

provisions of S. 1086, American Family-Owned Business Act, and S. 959, Capital Formation Act, receiving testimony from Senators Hatch and Lieberman; Tom Wiggans, Connective Therapeutics, Palo Alto, California, on behalf of the Biotechnology Industry Organization; James L. Mann, SunGard Data Systems Incorporated, Wayne, Pennsylvania, on behalf of the American Business Conference; Ann Parker Maust, Parker-Maust Corporation, Arcadia, Florida, on behalf of the National Federation of Independent Business; Michael O. Roush, National Federation of Independent Business, Washington, D.C.; Phyllis Gardner, Max, Nebraska, on behalf of the National Cattlemen's Association; and Charles E. Kruse, Missouri Farm Bureau, Jefferson City.

Hearings continue tomorrow.

INTELLIGENCE

Committee on Intelligence: Committee met in closed session to consider certain intelligence matters.

Committee recessed subject to call.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Bills Introduced: 16 public bills, H.R. 2351–2366, were introduced.

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Reports Filed: Reports were filed as follows:

H.R. 2288, to amend part D of title IV of the Social Security Act to extend for 2 years the deadline by which States are required to have in effect an automated data processing and information retrieval system for use in the administration of State plans for child and spousal support (H. Rept. 104–250);

H. Res. 223, waiving points of order against the conference report on H.R. 1817, making appropriations for military construction for the Department of Defense for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1996 (H. Rept. 104–251);

H. Res. 224, providing for the consideration of H.R. 2274, to designate the National Highway System (H. Rept. 104–252); and

H. Res. 225, providing for the consideration of H.R. 927, Cuban Liberty and Democratic Solidarity (LIBERTAD) Act of 1995 (H. Res. 253).

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Speaker Pro Tempore: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he designates Representative Deal of Georgia to act as Speaker pro tempore for today.

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Recess: House recessed at 9:43 a.m. and reconvened at 10 a.m.

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Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act: By a yeas-and-nays vote of 392 yeas to 10 nays, Roll No. 665, the House voted to suspend the rules and agree to the Senate amendment to H.R. 402, to amend the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act—clearing the measure for the President.

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Suspensions: House voted to suspend the rules and pass the following measures debated on Monday, September 18:

Shenandoah Valley National Battlefields: H.R. 1091, amended, to improve the National Park System in the Commonwealth of Virginia (passed by a yeas-and-nays vote of 377 yeas to 31 nays, Roll No. 666); and

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Administration of certain Presidio properties: H.R. 1296, amended, to provide for the administration of certain Presidio properties at minimal cost to the Federal taxpayers (passed by a yeas-and-nays vote of 317 yeas to 101 nays, Roll No. 668).

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Suspensions Failed: House failed to suspend the rules and pass the following measures debated on Monday, September 18:

National Park System reform: H.R. 260, amended, to provide for the development of a plan and a management review of the National Park System and to reform the process by which areas are considered for

addition to the National Park System (failed by a ye-and-nay vote of 180 yeas to 231 nays, Roll No. 667); and

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Texas low-level radioactive waste disposal: H.R. 558, to grant the consent of the Congress to the Texas Low-Level Radioactive Waste Disposal Compact (failed to pass by a ye-and-nay vote of 176 yeas to 243 nays, Roll No. 669).

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Workforce Development and Literacy Reform: By a recorded vote of 345 yeas to 79 noes, Roll No. 671, the House passed H.R. 1617, to consolidate and reform workplace development and literacy programs.

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Agreed To:

The Goodling amendments en bloc that change the Connie Lee privatization provisions; extend Sallie Mae phase-out by 2 years; add State entities to the list of people that are part of the collaborative process to ensure that State Boards of Education can participate in the collaborative process; add language to the youth block grant title to ensure that Federal funds are used to supplement, not supplant, State and local funds; and permit States to change the financial distribution of funds within the State for vocational rehabilitation services;

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The Goodling technical amendment;

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The Mink amendment as amended by the Goodling amendment that requires States to include in their workforce development and literacy plan a description of how the State will serve single parents, displaced homemakers, and single pregnant women and programs that promote the elimination of sex bias, and provides that nothing should be construed to mandate an amount to be set aside for those purposes;

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The Sawyer amendment that provides that whoever under State law is authorized to control the funds for a particular program is authorized to develop procedures to resolve disputes over the content of the local plan;

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The Traficant amendment that expresses the sense of Congress that equipment and products purchased with authorized bonds should be American-made;

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The Gene Green of Texas amendment that strikes the vocational rehabilitation provisions (title V) (agreed to by a recorded vote of 231 yeas to 192 noes); and

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The committee amendment in the nature of a substitute made in order by the rule (agreed to by a division vote of 66 yeas to 43 noes).

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Rejected:

The Kildee amendment that sought to strike language permitting Governors to transfer funds between the youth and adult block grants;

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The Kildee amendment that sought to prohibit CAREERS grants to any State that does not maintain State vocational education at the previous year's level; and

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The Woolsey amendment that sought to increase authorizations for youth job training grants to \$3 billion, adult job training grants to \$3.225 billion; and adult education and family literacy grants to \$597 million.

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The following amendments were offered but subsequently withdrawn:

The Williams amendment that sought to provide that in the development of the State plan, the State agency responsible under the State constitution for education policy would assume the lead role in developing that portion of the plan;

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The Owens amendment that sought to impose financial penalties for misexpenditures of funds; and

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The Klink amendment that sought to express the sense of Congress that the Federal Government should transfer all of the functions of the workforce preparation and development programs to the States and local communities and that Federal tax rates should be reduced by the amount saved by relinquishing such Federal responsibilities.

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

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H. Res. 222, the rule under which the bill was considered, was agreed to earlier by a ye-and-nay vote of 388 yeas to 2 nays, Roll No. 664.

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Bill Re-referred: The bill H.R. 2202, the Immigration in the National Interest Act of 1995, was re-referred to the Committee on the Judiciary, and in addition to the Committees on Agriculture, Banking and Financial Services, Economic and Educational Opportunities, Government Reform and Oversight, National Security, and Ways and Means.

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Late Report: Committee on the Judiciary received permission to have until midnight tonight to file a report on H.R. 2277, to abolish the Legal Services Corporation and provide the States with money to fund qualified legal services.

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Amendments Ordered Printed: Amendments ordered printed pursuant to the rule appear on pages H9246–47.

Quorum Calls—Votes: Six ye-and-nay votes and two recorded votes developed during the proceedings of the House today and appear on pages H9149–50, H9150–51, H9151, H9152, H9152–53, H9153, H9213–14, and H9219–20. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: Met at 9 a.m. and adjourned at 9:19 p.m.

Committee Meetings

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on the District of Columbia began markup of appropriations for fiscal year 1996.

BUDGET RECONCILIATION

Committee on Banking and Financial Services: Approved Budget Reconciliation recommendations.

RECONCILIATION ISSUES

Committee on Commerce: Ordered transmitted to the Committee on the Budget for inclusion in Omnibus Budget Reconciliation as amended the Department of Commerce Abolition.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

DISMANTLING ACT; DEBT COLLECTION IMPROVEMENT ACT

Committee on Government Reform and Oversight: Subcommittee on Government Management, Information, and Technology approved for full Committee action amended the following bills: Title I of H.R. 1756, Department of Commerce Dismantling Act; and H.R. 2234, Debt Collection Improvement Act of 1995.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on International Relations: Ordered reported the following bills: H.R. 2070, to provide for the distribution within the United States of the U.S. Information Agency film entitled "Fragile Ring of Life"; and H.R. 2348, to authorize the transfer of naval vessels to certain foreign countries.

IMMIGRATION IN THE NATIONAL INTEREST ACT

Committee on the Judiciary: Began markup of H.R. 2202, Immigration in the National Interest Act of 1995.

Will continue tomorrow.

BUDGET RECONCILIATION

Committee on Resources: Began markup of Budget Reconciliation recommendations.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Resources: Subcommittee on National Parks, Forests and Lands held a hearing on the following bills: H.R. 1129, to amend the National Trails Systems Act to designate the route from Selma to Montgomery as a National Historic Trail; and H.R. 924, to prohibit the Secretary of Agri-

culture from transferring any National Forest System lands in the Angeles National Forest in California out of Federal ownership for use as a solid waste landfill. Testimony was heard from Senator Boxer; Representatives McKeon, Moorhead, Beilenson, Lewis of Georgia, and Hilliard; Gray Reynolds, Deputy Chief, Forest Service, USDA; Katherine H. Stevenson, Associate Director, Cultural Resources, Stewardship and Partnerships, National Park Service, Department of the Interior; and public witnesses.

NATIONAL HIGHWAY SYSTEM DESIGNATION ACT

Committee on Rules: Granted, by voice vote, an open rule providing 1 hour of debate on H.R. 2274, National Highway System Designation Act of 1995. The rule waives section 302(f) (prohibiting consideration of legislation providing new budget authority in excess of a committee's allocation) of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974 against consideration of the bill. The rule makes in order an amendment in the nature of a substitute as an original bill for purpose of amendment consisting of the text of H.R. 2349. The substitute shall be considered by title rather than by section, and the first two sections and each title shall be considered as read. The rule waives section 302(f) of the Congressional Budget Act, clause 5(a) of rule XXI (prohibiting appropriations in a legislative bill), and clause 1(q)(10) of rule X (prohibiting inclusion in a general roads bill of provisions addressing specific roads) against the amendment in the nature of a substitute.

The rule provides for the consideration of the manager's amendment printed in the Rules Committee report, which is considered as read, not subject to amendment or to a division of the question, and is debatable for 10 minutes equally divided between the proponent and an opponent. All points of order against the amendment are waived. If adopted, the amendment is considered as part of the base text for further amendment purposes.

The rule authorizes the Chair to accord priority in recognition to Members who have pre-printed their amendments in the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD. Finally, the rule provides one motion to recommit, with or without instructions. Testimony was heard from Chairman Shuster and Representatives Petri and Rahall.

CONFERENCE REPORT—MILITARY CONSTRUCTION APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Rules: Granted, by a voice vote, a rule waiving all points of order against the conference report to accompany 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,