

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,

1995, and against its consideration. Testimony was heard from Chairman Livingston and Representatives Vucanovich, Obey, and Hefner.

CUBAN LIBERTY AND DEMOCRATIC SOLIDARITY ACT

Committee on Rules: Granted, by voice vote, a modified closed rule providing 2 hours and 30 minutes of debate on H.R. 927, Cuban Liberty and Democratic Solidarity Act of 1995. The rule waives clause 2(l)(2)(B) of Rule XI (requiring the publication of roll call votes in committee reports) against consideration of the bill.

The rule makes in order as an original bill for the purpose of amendment under the five minute rule as an amendment in the nature of a substitute the text of H.R. 2347. The rule waives clause 7 of rule XVI (prohibiting consideration of nongermane amendments) against consideration of that amendment in the nature of a substitute.

The rule provides that prior to the consideration of any other amendment, it shall be in order to consider a further amendment in the nature of a substitute if offered by Representative Hamilton of Indiana or his designee; debatable for 1 hour, equally divided between a proponent and an opponent; and provides that the amendment be considered as read and shall not be subject to amendment.

The rule makes in order only those amendments printed in part 1 of the Rules Committee report, in the order specified; by Members designated in the report; debatable for the time specified in the report, equally divided between a proponent and an opponent; and provides that the amendment be considered as read.

The rule permits the Chairman of the Committee of the Whole to postpone and cluster votes on amendments. Finally, the rule provides one motion to recommit, with or without instructions. Testimony was heard from Chairman Gilman and Representatives Burton of Indiana, Ros-Lehtinen, Hamilton, Torricelli, Menendez, Skaggs, and Deutsch.

BUDGET RECONCILIATION RECOMMENDATIONS: REVENUE ITEMS

Committee on Ways and Means: Continued markup of Budget Reconciliation recommendations: revenue items.

Will continue tomorrow.

Joint Meetings

GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS DURING A FUNDING HIATUS

Joint Hearing: Senate Committee on the Budget concluded joint hearings with the House Committee on the Budget to examine Government operations in

the event of a lack of appropriations and how the Federal Government may increase the statutory limit on the public debt, after receiving testimony from Alice M. Rivlin, Director, Office of Management and Budget; and Walter Dellinger, Assistant Attorney General, Office of Legal Counsel, Department of Justice.

VETERANS PROGRAMS

Joint Hearing: Senate Committee on Veterans' Affairs concluded joint hearings with the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs on the legislative recommendations of the American Legion, after receiving testimony from Daniel Ludwig, American Legion, Washington, D.C., who was accompanied by several of his associates.

APPROPRIATIONS—INTERIOR

Conferees met to resolve the differences between the Senate- and House-passed versions of H.R. 1977, making appropriations for the Department of the Interior and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1996.

APPROPRIATIONS—DEFENSE

Conferees met in closed session to resolve the differences between the Senate- and House-passed versions of H.R. 2126, making appropriations for the Department of Defense for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1996, but did not complete action thereon, and recessed subject to call.

UNITED STATES-TURKISH RELATIONS

Commission on Security and Cooperation in Europe: Commission concluded hearings to examine issues affecting United States-Turkish relations, including human rights and the Kurdish situation, after receiving testimony from John H.F. Shattuck, Assistant Secretary for Human Rights and Humanitarian Affairs, and Marshall Adair, Deputy Assistant Secretary of State for European and Canadian Affairs, both of the Department of State; and Alan Makovsky, Washington Institute for Near East Policy, and Christopher Panico, Human Rights Watch/Helsinki, both of Washington, D.C.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 20, 1995

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs, business meeting, to consider recommendations which it will make to the Committee on the Budget with respect to spending reductions and revenue increases to meet reconciliation expenditures as imposed by H. Con. Res. 67,