

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

AGRICULTURE REFORM

Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry: Committee held hearings on proposed regulatory reforms to strengthen agriculture and agribusiness, receiving testimony from Senator Grams; Representative McIntosh; Lynn Goldman, Assistant Administrator, Office of Prevention, Pesticides, and Toxic Substances, Environmental Protection Agency; Bruce L. Gardner, University of Maryland, College Park; Keith W. Eckel, Pennsylvania Farm Bureau, Scranton, representing the American Farm Bureau Federation; Ross Hansen, National Association of Wheat Growers, Genoa, Colorado; Richard W. Kirchhoff, National Association of State Departments of Agriculture, and Juanita Duggan, National Food Processors Association, both of Washington, D.C.; Philip F. French, Countrymark Cooperative, Inc., Indianapolis, Indiana, representing the National Council of Farmer Cooperatives; Alec Poitevint, Southeastern Minerals Inc., Bainbridge, Georgia, representing the American Feed Industry Association; Kevin Dettler, Doland, South Dakota, representing the U.S. Custom Harvesters, Inc.; Terry L. Anderson, Political Economy Research Center, Bozeman, Montana; G. Waddy Garrett, Alliance Agronomics, Inc., Mechanicsville, Virginia, representing the Agricultural Retailers Association; Dale E. Aupperle, Decatur, Illinois, representing the American Society of Farm Managers and Rural Appraisers, Inc.; and Robert Carlson, North Dakota Farmers Union, Jamestown, representing the National Farmers Union.

Hearings were recessed subject to call.

AUTHORIZATION—DEFENSE

Committee on Armed Services: Committee resumed hearings on proposed legislation authorizing funds for fiscal year 1996 for the Department of Defense and the future years defense program, focusing on the military strategies and operational requirements of the unified commands, receiving testimony from Gen. George A. Joulwan, USA, Commander in Chief, United States European Command; Gen. J.H. Binford Peay III, USA, Commander in Chief, United States Central Command; and Gen. John J. Sheehan, USMC, Commander in Chief, United States Atlantic Command.

Hearings continue on Thursday, February 16.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on the Budget: Committee ordered reported, without recommendation, the following bills:

S. 14, to provide for the expedited consideration of certain proposed cancellations of budget items, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute; and

S. 4, to grant the power to the President to reduce budget authority, with amendments.

Also, committee failed to order reported proposed legislation to create a legislative item veto by requiring separate enrollment of items in appropriations bills and targeted tax benefits in revenue bills.

AUTHORIZATION—WATER RESOURCES

Committee on Environment and Public Works: Subcommittee on Transportation and Infrastructure concluded hearings on proposed legislation authorizing funds for programs of the Water Resources Development Act and to examine the President's budget request for fiscal year 1996 for the United States Army Corps of Engineers, after receiving testimony from John H. Zirschky, Acting Assistant Secretary of the Army (Civil Works); Maj. Gen. Stanley Genega, Director of Civil Works, United States Army; Brig. Gen. Gerald E. Galloway, Jr., USA, United States Military Academy, West Point, New York; Larry King, Acting Director, District of Columbia Department of Public Works; Mayor Jeffrey Tarbert, and Robert R. Perry, Falls Church City Council, both of Falls Church, Virginia; Mary Margaret Whipple, Arlington County Board of Supervisors, Arlington, Virginia; Doug Plasencia, Association of State Floodplain Managers Inc., Richmond, Virginia; and Christopher J. Brescia, Midwest Area River Coalition 2000, St. Louis, Missouri.

STATE DEPARTMENT BUDGET/FOREIGN POLICY

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee concluded hearings on the President's proposed budget request for fiscal year 1996 for the Department of State, and to review foreign policy issues, after receiving testimony from Warren M. Christopher, Secretary of State.

CRIME CONTROL REFORM

Committee on the Judiciary: Committee concluded hearings on S. 3 and S. 38, measures to revise certain provisions of the Violent Crime Control and Law Enforcement Act (P.L. 103-322), focusing on the role of Federal law enforcement in addressing the nation's drug and violent crime problems, after receiving testimony from Louis J. Freeh, Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation, and Thomas A. Constantine, Administrator, Drug Enforcement Administration, both of the Department of Justice; James Q. Wilson, University of California, Los Angeles; John J. DiIulio, Jr., Princeton University, Princeton, New

Jersey; Patrick F. Fagan, Heritage Foundation, Stephen Moore, Cato Institute, and Donald L. Cahill, Fraternal Order of Police, all of Washington, D.C.; and Thomas C. Frazier, Baltimore Police Department, Baltimore, Maryland.

INDIAN PROGRAMS

Committee on Indian Affairs: Committee held hearings to examine the President's proposed budget request

for fiscal year 1996 for Indian programs, receiving testimony from Henry G. Cisneros, Secretary of Housing and Urban Development; Ada Deer, Assistant Secretary of the Interior for Indian Affairs; and Michael H. Trujillo, Director, Indian Health Service, Department of Health and Human Services.

Hearings were recessed subject to call.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Bills Introduced: 20 public bills, H.R. 925-944; and 5 resolutions, H. Con. Res. 27-29, and H. Res. 84-85 were introduced. **Pages H1751-52**

Reports Filed: The following reports were filed as follows:

H.R. 256, to withdraw and reserve certain public lands and minerals within the State of Colorado for military uses (H. Rept. 104-28, Part II); and

H.R. 831, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to permanently extend the deduction for the health insurance costs of self-employed individuals, to repeal the provision permitting nonrecognition of gain on sales and exchanges effectuating policies of the Federal Communications Commission, amended (H. Rept. 104-32). **Page H1751**

Speaker Pro Tempore: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he designates Representative Dickey to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. **Page H1691**

Recess: House recessed at 10:27 a.m. and reconvened at 11:00 a.m. **Page H1698**

Local Government Law Enforcement Block Grants: By a recorded vote of 238 ayes to 192 noes, Roll No. 129, the House passed H.R. 728, to control crime by providing law enforcement block grants. **Pages H1701-43**

Agreed to the committee amendment in the nature of a substitute (agreed by a recorded vote of 237 ayes to 193 noes, Roll No. 127). **Page H1738**

Rejected the Conyers motion to recommit the bill to the Committee on Judiciary with instructions to report it back forthwith containing amendments that set aside \$100 million for Urban Recreation grants, BATF Gang Prevention program and Community Youth Academies (residential educational programs for at-risk youth); and sets aside \$450 million each fiscal year to provide for drug enforcement, crime prevention, and legal assistance grants under the

Byrne Program (rejected by a recorded vote of 184 ayes to 247 noes, Roll No. 128). **Pages H1740-42**

Agreed To:

The McCollum technical amendment; and

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The McCollum en bloc amendment that permits local law enforcement block grant funding to be used by state police units to provide protection in rural areas that do not have their own local police force; establishes cooperative task forces between adjoining units of local government working cooperatively to prevent and combat criminal activity, particularly drug and gang-related involvement; establishes a multijurisdictional task force in rural areas where local and Federal law enforcement officials work to prevent and control crime; provides for a systematic evaluation on the impact of school security and crime prevention measures and report annually to the Bureau of Justice; provides for the investigation into possible inaccuracies of data relating to part 1 violent crimes; and provides that any funds remaining after 5 years be applied to the Federal deficit. **Pages H1736-38**

Rejected:

The Schumer amendment that sought to transfer \$7.5 billion from the block grant program to provide for the "cops on the beat" community policing program; and transfers the remaining \$2.5 billion to local crime prevention programs (rejected by a recorded vote of 196 ayes to 235 noes, Roll No. 124);

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The Schroeder amendment that sought to authorize the use of block grant funding to protect abortion clinics (rejected by a recorded vote of 164 ayes to 266 noes, Roll No. 125); and **Pages H1723-32**

The Hoke amendment that sought to add language regarding the enhancement of security measures to include any facilities or surroundings where a threat to law and order exists (rejected by a recorded vote of 206 ayes to 225 noes, Roll No. 126). Earlier, a point of order was sustained against the