

Chief Actuary, Social Security Administration; Department of Health and Human Services; Bruce Bartlett, National Center for Policy Analysis, Dallas, Texas; Martha McSteen, National Committee to Preserve Social Security and Medicare, Washington, D.C.; and Derooy Murdock, Third Millennium, New York, New York.

Hearings were recessed subject to call.

START II TREATY

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee continued hearings on the Treaty Between the United States and the Russian Federation on Further Reduction and Limitation of Strategic Offensive Arms (START II Treaty) signed at Moscow on January 3, 1993, including the following documents, which are integral parts thereof: the Elimination and Conversion Protocol; the Exhibitions and Inspections Protocol; and the Memorandum of Attribution (Treaty Doc. 103-1), receiving testimony from William J. Perry, Secretary of Defense; and Gen. John M. Shalikashvili, Chairman, Joint Chiefs of Staff.

Hearings were recessed subject to call.

WELFARE REFORM

Committee on Labor and Human Resources: Committee held hearings on the impact of welfare reform and work requirements on the child care system, receiving testimony from Jane L. Ross, Director, Income Security Issues, Health, Education, and Human Services Division, General Accounting Office; Sandra L. Hofferth, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor; Deborah A. Phillips, Director, Board on Children and Families, National Research Council; Patricia Siegel, California Child Care Resource and Referral Network, San Francisco; Robert I. Lerman, American University, Washington, D.C.; Claudia Langguth, Tonn and Associates, Austin, Texas; Judith Rosen, Fairfax County Office for Children, Fairfax, Virginia; and Tamara Elser, Fair Haven, Vermont.

Hearings were recessed subject to call.

INTELLIGENCE

Select Committee on Intelligence: Committee held closed hearings on intelligence matters, receiving testimony from officials of the intelligence community.

Committee will meet again on Wednesday, March 8.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Bills Introduced: Twenty public bills, H.R. 1088-1107; one private bill, H.R. 1108; and three resolutions, H.J. Res. 71-72 and H. Res. 102, were introduced.

Pages H2486-87

Reports Filed: Reports were filed as follows:

H.R. 988, to reform the Federal civil justice system, amended (H. Rept. 104-62); and

H.R. 917, to establish procedures for product liability actions, amended (H. Rept. 104-63, Pt. I).

Page H2486

Mexico-United States Interparliamentary Group: The Speaker appointed the following Member as a member on the part of the House of the United States delegation of the Mexico-United States Interparliamentary Group for the first session of the 104th Congress: Representative Kolbe, Chairman.

Page H2395

Presidential Messages: Read the following messages from the President:

Energy: Message wherein he transmits the 13th annual report of the Department of Energy, which

covers the years 1992 and 1993—referred to the Committee on Commerce;

Page H2402

National security strategy: Message wherein he transmits a report on the National Security Strategy of the United States—referred to the Committee on National Security; and

Page H2402

Transportation: Message wherein he transmits the annual report of the Department of Transportation, which covers fiscal year 1993—referred to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

Page H2402

Federal Agency Rulemaking: By a yeas-and-nays vote of 415 yeas to 15 nays, Roll No. 187, the House passed H.R. 926, to promote regulatory flexibility and enhance public participation in Federal agency rulemaking.

Pages H2402-43

Agreed to the committee amendment in the nature of a substitute.

Page H2443

Agreed To:

The Ewing amendment that extends the filing deadline for judicial review from 180 days to one year (agreed to by a recorded vote of 420 yeas to 5 nays, Roll No. 184);

Pages H2413-23

The Gekas en bloc technical amendment, as amended by the Traficant amendment, that makes certain technical changes and exempts agency actions implementing or administering the internal revenue laws of the United States or regulations proposed or issued in connection with ensuring the collection of taxes from a subsidiary of a foreign company doing business in the United States; **Page H2428**

The Traficant amendment that exempts any regulation proposed or issued in connection with imposing trade sanctions against any country that engages in illegal trade activities against the United States that are injurious to American technology, jobs, pensions, or general economic well-being; **Page H2429**

The Franks of New Jersey amendment that requires final regulatory impact analyses to contain a statement of whether the rule will require anyone to obtain licenses, permits, or other certifications, and to specify any associated fines; and **Pages H2429–30**

The Conyers amendment to the regulatory impact analysis provisions that requires that all contacts to an agency regarding rulemakings be described, recorded, and made available to the public (agreed to by a recorded vote of 406 ayes to 23 noes, Roll No. 186). **Pages H2439–41**

Rejected:

The Watt of North Carolina amendment that sought to provide that the U.S. District Court for the District of Columbia have exclusive jurisdiction over any judicial review actions; **Pages H2423–25**

The Watt of North Carolina amendment that sought to exempt Federal banking agencies; **Pages H2425–26**

The Reed amendment to the regulatory impact analysis provisions that sought to define “major rule” as a rule that was likely to result in an economic impact of at least \$100 million annually (rejected by a recorded vote of 159 ayes to 266 noes, Roll No. 185). **Pages H2433–39**

The following amendments were offered but subsequently withdrawn:

The Volkmer amendment to the Ewing amendment that sought to reduce the filing deadline for judicial review from 180 days to 90 days; **Pages H2420–22**

The Reed amendment that sought to modify the regulatory impact analysis requirements provisions by requiring the proposed rule to provide for “the most cost-effective approach” rather than “the least costly approach”; **Pages H2430–31**

The Chapman amendment that sought to require agencies to review the regulatory impact analyses of all existing rules on the basis of the bill’s provisions and to provide for a renewal review of each major rule with a sunset if not done on a 7-year basis; **Pages H2431–33**

The Volkmer amendment that sought to modify the definition of “major rule” as one that is likely to result in a “5-percent increase” rather than a “major increase” in costs for consumers, industries, or government agencies; and **Pages H2441–42**

The Reed amendment that sought to place certain limits on judicial review of the regulatory impact analysis provisions. **Page H2442**

Mexico Loan Guarantee Inquiry: By a recorded vote of 407 ayes to 21 noes, Roll No. 188, the House agreed to H. Res. 80, requesting the President to submit information to the House of Representatives concerning actions taken through the exchange stabilization fund to strengthen the Mexican peso and stabilize the economy of Mexico. **Pages H2444–58**

Committees To Sit: The following committees received permission to sit during proceedings of the House under the 5-minute rule on Thursday, March 2: Committee on Banking and Financial Services, Committee on Economic and Educational Opportunities, Government Reform and Oversight, International Relations, National Security, Resources, Science, Small Business, and Transportation and Infrastructure. **Page H2458**

Private Property Protection: House completed all general debate on H.R. 925, to compensate owners of private property for the effect of certain regulatory restrictions; but came to no resolution thereon. Consideration of amendments will begin on Thursday, March 2. **Pages H2469–73**

Earlier, it was made in order that the House could proceed to general debate on the bill as though under H. Res. 101 during any postponement of proceedings on the rule. House completed all debate on H. Res. 101, the rule under which the bill is being considered. The vote on the rule will be taken on Thursday, March 2. **Pages H2459–69**

Amendments Ordered Printed: Amendments ordered printed pursuant to the rule appear on pages H2487–88.

Quorum Calls—Votes: One yea-and-nay vote and four recorded votes developed during the proceedings of the House today and appear on pages H2422–23, H2438–39, H2440–41, H2443, and H2458. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: Met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 11:15 p.m.

Committee Meetings

AGRICULTURE, RURAL DEVELOPMENT, FDA AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies held a hearing on Agricultural Marketing Service, Grain Inspection, and on Packers and Stockyards Administration. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the USDA: Patricia A. Jensen, Acting Assistant Secretary, Marketing and Regulatory Programs; James R. Baker, Administrator, Grain Inspection, Packers, and Stockyards Administration; and Lon S. Hatamiya, Administrator, Agricultural Marketing Service.

The Subcommittee also continued appropriation hearings. Testimony was heard from Members of Congress and public witnesses.

COMMERCE, JUSTICE, STATE AND JUDICIARY APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, and State and the Judiciary, and Related Agencies held a hearing on Inspectors General—Review of Department and Agency IG Recommendations. Testimony was heard from the following Inspector Generals: Frank DeGeorge, Department of Commerce; Michael Bromwich, Department of Justice; Harold W. Geisel, Acting, Department of State, and the Arms Control and Disarmament Agency; Marian C. Bennett, U.S. Information Agency; A. Mary Schiavo, Department of Transportation; James F. Hoobler, SBA; Edouard Quatrevaux, Legal Services Corporation; Aletha L. Brown, Acting, EEOC; Jane E. Altenhofen, U.S. International Trade Commission; Tony P. Kominoth, Federal Maritime Commission; Frederick J. Zirkel, FTC; Walter Stachnik, SEC; and H. Walker Feaster, III, Acting, FCC.

ENERGY AND WATER DEVELOPMENT APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Energy and Water Development held a hearing on the Secretary of the Interior and on Bureau of Reclamation. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of the Interior: Bruce Babbitt, Secretary; and Daniel P. Beard, Commissioner, Bureau of Reclamation.

INTERIOR APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Interior and Related Agencies held a hearing on U.S. Geological Survey. Testimony was heard from Gordon P.

Eaton, Director, U.S. Geological Survey, Department of the Interior.

LABOR-HHS-EDUCATION APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, Education and Related Agencies held a hearing on the Secretary of Education, Elementary and Secondary Education; and on Educational Reform. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Education: Richard W. Riley, Secretary; Thomas W. Payzant, Assistant Secretary, Elementary and Secondary Education; and Eugene Garcia, Director, Office of Bilingual Education and Minority Languages Affairs.

NATIONAL SECURITY APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on National Security met in executive session to hold a hearing on Joint Operational Requirements and Counter-Proliferation. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Defense: VAdm. William Owens, USN, Vice Chairman, Joint Chiefs of Staff; and Harold Smith, Assistant Secretary, Atomic Energy; and Gordon Oehler, Director, Counter-Proliferation Center.

TRANSPORTATION APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Transportation, and Related Agencies held a hearing on the Inspector General's Budget and on the Saint Lawrence Seaway Development Corporation. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Transportation: A. Mary Schiavo, Inspector General; and Stanford E. Parris, Administrator, Saint Lawrence Seaway Development Corporation.

TREASURY, POSTAL SERVICE, AND GENERAL GOVERNMENT APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Treasury, Postal Service, and General Government held a hearing on Administrative Conference of the U.S., Advisory Commission on Intergovernmental Relations, Committee on Purchase from People Who are Blind or Severely Disabled, and Office of Special Counsel, and on Federal Election Commission. Testimony was heard from Lee Ann Elliott, Vice-Chairman, FEC; Thomasina V. Rogers, Chair, Administrative Conference of the U.S.; William F. Winter, Chairman, Advisory Commission on Intergovernmental Relations; Ira L. Kemp, Chairperson, Committee on Purchase from People Who are Blind or Severely Disabled; and Kathleen Day Koch, Special Counsel, Office of Special Counsel.