

HEALTH CARE REFORM

Committee on Labor and Human Resources: Committee resumed hearings to examine health care reform issues in a changing marketplace, receiving testimony from Minnesota State Representative Lee Greenfield, Minneapolis, on behalf of The Reforming States Group; Paul M. Ellwood, The Jackson Hole Group, Teton Village, Wyoming; Diane Rowland, Henry J. Kaiser Family Foundation, Frank Cummings, Lebouf, Lamb, Greene and McCrae, Richard E. Curtis, Institute for Health Policy Solutions, and Richard I. Smith, Association of Private Pension and Welfare Plans, all of Washington, D.C.; and Josephine Musser, National Association of Insurance Commissions, Madison, Wisconsin.

Hearings were recessed subject to call.

NAVAJO-HOPI RELOCATION PROGRAM

Committee on Indian Affairs: Committee concluded hearings on S. 349, to authorize funds through fiscal year 1997 for the Navajo-Hopi Relocation Housing Program, after receiving testimony from Albert A. Hale, Navajo Nation, Window Rock, Arizona; Ferrell Secakuku, Hop Tribal Council, Kykotsmovi, Arizona; and Christopher J. Bavasi, Office of Navajo-Hopi Indian Relocation, Flagstaff, Arizona.

INTELLIGENCE

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

Committee recessed subject to call.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Bills Introduced: Seventeen public bills, H.R. 1240–1256; and one resolution, H. Con. Res. 40, were introduced.

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Reports Filed: Reports were filed as follows:

H.R. 483, to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to permit Medicare select policies to be offered in all States, amended (H. Rept. 104–79, Part 1);

H.R. 1134, to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to extend certain savings provisions under the Medicare Program, as incorporated in the budget submitted by the President for fiscal year 1996 (H. Rept. 104–80, Part 1);

H.R. 1157, to restore families, promote work, protect endangered children, increase personal responsibility, attack welfare dependency, reduce welfare fraud, and improve child support collections (H. Rept. 104–81, Part 1); and

H. Res. 116, providing for consideration of H.J. Res. 73, proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States with respect to the number of terms of office of Members of the Senate and the House of Representatives (H. Rept. 104–82).

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Motion To Adjourn: By a yea-and-nay vote of 49 yeas to 367 nays, with 1 voting “present,” Roll No. 235, the House rejected the Volkmer motion to adjourn.

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Committee Funding: By a yea-and-nay vote of 421 yeas to 6 nays, Roll No. 236, the House agreed to

H. Res. 107, providing amounts for the expenses of certain committees of the House of Representatives in the One Hundred Fourth Congress.

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

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Emergency Supplemental Appropriations: House completed all general debate and began consideration of amendments to H.R. 1158, making emergency supplemental appropriations for additional disaster assistance and making rescissions for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1995; but came to no resolution thereon. Consideration of amendments will result on Thursday, March 16.

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Agreed To:

The Livingston amendment that restores the \$37 million rescinded for the Congregate Housing Services Program; and offsets this by increasing to \$75 million the amount rescinded from NASA science, aeronautics, and technology activities;

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The Young of Florida amendment that restores the \$206 million rescinded from VA medical care and construction funding; and offsets this by increasing to \$416 million the amount rescinded from the National and Community Service Program (agreed to by a recorded vote of 382 yeas to 23 nays, with 27 voting “present,” Roll No. 239);

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The Porter technical amendment, as modified, and amended by the Castle amendment that transfers \$10 million from the Eisenhower Professional State Grants Program to the Drug Abuse Resistance Education (DARE) Program;

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The Murtha amendment that requires the net budget authority savings to be used for deficit reduction (agreed to by a recorded vote of 421 ayes to 1 no, Roll No. 241);

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The DeLay amendment that increases the amount rescinded from the Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) salaries and expenses by \$3.5 million (agreed to by a recorded vote of 254 ayes to 168 noes, Roll No. 242);

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The Obey amendment that requires all the net savings to be used for deficit reduction by creating a deficit reduction “lockbox” into which such savings would be deposited (agreed to by a recorded vote of 418 ayes to 5 noes, Roll No. 243);

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The Rogers amendment, as modified, that transfers \$3 million from the acquisition and maintenance of buildings abroad account of the Department of State to the scientific and technical research and services account of the Department of Commerce (agreed to by a recorded vote of 419 ayes to 8 noes, Roll No. 244); and

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Rejected:

The Yates amendment that sought to strike the provision mandating specified levels of timber salvage sales on Federal lands in fiscal years 1995 and 1996 (rejected by a recorded vote of 150 ayes to 275 noes, with 1 voting “present,” Roll No. 240);

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The Crane amendment that sought to rescind an additional \$65 million from the Corporation for Public Broadcasting in fiscal year 1996 and an additional \$121 million in fiscal year 1997; and to restore \$50 million of the rescinded from the “Tech Prep” Vocational Education Program (rejected by a recorded vote of 72 ayes to 350 noes, Roll No. 245); and

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The Rohrabacher amendment that sought to rescind an additional \$5 million from the Department of Energy fossil energy research and development activities (rejected by a recorded vote of 142 ayes to 274 noes, Roll No. 246).

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A point of order was sustained against the Obey amendment that sought to strike the provision rescinding \$50 million in Veterans Administration (VA) medical care funding, and \$156 million in VA hospital construction funding, and offset these amounts by increasing the amount rescinded from the NASA science, aeronautics and technology account from \$38 million to \$244 million.

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H. Res. 115, the rule under which the bill is being considered, was agreed to earlier by a recorded vote of 242 ayes to 190 noes, Roll No. 238. Agreed

to the Dreier technical amendment by a yeas-and-nays vote of 226 yeas to 204 nays, Roll No. 237.

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Committees To Sit: The following committees and their subcommittees received permission to sit on Thursday, March 16, during proceedings of the House under 5-minute rule: Committees on Agriculture, Banking and Financial Services, Commerce, Economic and Educational Opportunities, International relations, National Security, Resources, Science, Small Business, Transportation and Infrastructure, and Veterans Affairs.

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Unfunded Mandates: It was made in order that when the House considers the conference report on S. 1, the Unfunded Mandate Reform Act of 1995, that all points of order against the conference report be waived.

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Presidential Message—National Emergency With Respect To Iran: Read a message from the President wherein he reports that he has exercised his statutory authority to declare a national emergency to respond to the actions and policies of the Government of Iran—referred to the Committee on International Relations and ordered printed (H. Doc. No. 104–46).

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Amendments Ordered Printed: Amendments ordered printed pursuant to the rule appear on pages H3276–77.

Senate Messages: Messages received from the Senate today appear on page H3189.

Quorum Calls—Votes: Three yeas-and-nays votes and nine recorded votes developed during the proceedings of the House today and appear on pages H3163, H3171–72, H3192, H3193, H3229–30, H3241–42, H3249–50, H3254–55, H3258, H3262–63, H3268, and H3271–72. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: Met at 10:00 a.m., and adjourned at 11:53 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 continued appropriation hearings. Testimony was heard from Members of Congress and public witnesses.