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Committee on Governmental Affairs: Committee held oversight hearings on the roles, mission, and operation of the General Accounting Office and its future direction, receiving testimony from Charles A. Bowsher, Comptroller General of the United States, and James F. Hinchman, Special Assistant to the Comptroller General, both of the General Accounting Office; and R. Scott Fosler, Alan K. Campbell, and Annmarie Walsh, all of the National Academy of Public Administration, Washington, D.C.

Hearings were recessed subject to call.

STUDENT LOAN PROGRAM

Committee on Labor and Human Resources: Subcommittee on Education, Arts and Humanities concluded oversight hearings on the implementation and administration of the Federal Direct Student Loan Program, focusing on the loan disbursement process, including collection and servicing issues, after receiving testimony from Madeleine Kunin, Deputy Secretary, Steven A. McNamara, Assistant Inspector

General for Audit, and Leo Kornfeld, Senior Advisor to the Secretary, all of the Department of Education; Cornelia M. Blanchette, Associate Director, Education and Employment Issues, Health, Education, and Human Services Division, General Accounting Office; Lynn M. Fawthrop, Roger Williams University, Bristol, Rhode Island, on behalf of the Advisory Committee on Student Financial Assistance; Rudolph G. Penner, KPMG Peat Marwick, Washington, D.C.; Larry M. Tait, Florida A&M University, Tallahassee; James A. Belvin, Jr., Duke University, Durham, North Carolina; Joseph A. Russo, University of Notre Dame, Notre Dame, Indiana; Donald M. Honeman, University of Vermont, Burlington; and Earl E. Dowling, Iowa State University, Ames.

SENATE FLOOR PRESS BRIEFINGS

Committee on Rules and Administration: Committee ordered favorably reported, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute, S. Res. 24, providing for the broadcasting of press briefings on the floor prior to the Senate's daily convening.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Bills Introduced: Fourteen public bills, H.R. 1360–1373; one private bill, H.R. 1374; and four resolutions, H.J. Res. 83–85 and H. Res. 124, were introduced.

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Reports Filed: Reports were filed as follows:

H.R. 655, to authorize the Hydrogen Research, Development, and Demonstration Programs of the Department of Energy, amended (H. Rept. 104–95); and

H.R. 1345, to eliminate budget deficits and management inefficiencies in the government of the District of Columbia through the establishment of the District of Columbia Financial Responsibility and Management Assistance Authority (H. Rept. 104–96).

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

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Health Insurance Costs: House agreed to the conference report on 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, and to repeal the provision permitting nonrecognition of gain on sales and ex-

changes effectuating policies of the Federal Communications Commission—clearing the measure for Senate action.

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H. Res. 121, the rule which waived points of order against the conference report, was agreed to earlier by a recorded vote of 244 ayes to 178 noes, Roll No. 279. By a yea-and-nay vote of 224 yeas to 201 nays, Roll No. 278, agreed to order the previous question on the rule.

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Robert H. Michel Rooms: House agreed to H. Res. 65, naming certain rooms in the House of Representatives wing of the Capitol in honor of former Representative Robert H. Michel.

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Agreed to:

The Thomas amendment in the nature of a substitute.

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Amend the preamble and the title.

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Legislative Program: The Majority Leader announced the legislative program for the week of Monday, April 3. Agreed to adjourn from Thursday to Monday.

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Late Report: Conferees received permission to have until midnight on Friday, March 31, to file the conference report on H.R. 889, making emergency supplemental appropriations and rescissions to preserve

and enhance the military readiness of the Department of Defense for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1995.

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Late Report: The Committee on Science received permission to have until 5:00 p.m. today, to file a report on H.R. 655, Hydrogen Future Act of 1995.

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Calendar Wednesday: Agreed to dispense with Calendar Wednesday business of Wednesday, April 5.

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Late Report: The Committee on Government Reform and Oversight received permission to have until midnight tonight to file a report on H.R. 1345, to eliminate budget deficits and management inefficiencies in the government of the District of Columbia through the establishment of the District of Columbia Financial Responsibility and Management Assistance Authority.

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Senate Messages: Message received from the Senate today appears on page H3979.

Quorum Calls—Votes: One yea-and-nay vote and one recorded vote developed during the proceedings of the House today and appear on pages H3994–95 and H3995. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: Met at 10:00 a.m. and adjourned at 5:29 p.m.

Committee Meetings

OVERSIGHT

Committee on Agriculture: Subcommittee on Resource Conservation, Research and Forestry and the Subcommittee on Fisheries, Wildlife and Oceans of the Committee on Resources held a joint oversight hearing to review law enforcement activities on federal lands. Testimony was heard from Senator Kempthorne; Mollie Beattie, Director, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Department of the Interior; Greg Matlock, Program Management Officer, National Marine Fisheries Service, NOAA, Department of Commerce; Alan G. Lance, Attorney General, State of Idaho; 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 Federal Judiciary, and on Economic and Business Development. Testimony was heard from Richard S. Arnold, Chief Judge, Eighth Circuit, U.S. Court of Appeals; the following officials of the Department of Justice: Carol DiBattiste, Director, Executive Office of the U.S. Attorneys; and Eduardo Gonzalez, Director,

U.S. Marshals Service; Philip Lader, Administrator, SBA; Rafael Borrás, Acting Director, Minority Business Development Agency; and William Ginsberg, Assistant Secretary, Economic Development, Department of Commerce.

FOREIGN OPERATIONS APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Foreign Operations, Export Financing, and Related Agencies continued appropriation hearings. Testimony was heard from Members of Congress and public witnesses.

INTERIOR APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Interior and Related Agencies held a hearing on the National Park Service. Testimony was heard from Roger G. Kennedy, Director, National Park Service, Department of Interior.

LABOR–HHS–EDUCATION APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, Education and Related Agencies held a hearing on the National Cancer Institute and National Center for Research Resources, National Institute of Child Health and Human Development and on the National Institute of Diabetes, Digestive and Kidney Diseases. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Health and Human Services: Edward J. Sondik, M.D., Acting Director, National Cancer Institute; Judith L. Vaitukaitis, M.D., Director, National Center for Research Resources; Duane Alexander, M.D., Director, National Institute of Child Health and Human Development; and Phillip E. Gorden, M.D., Director, National Institute of Diabetes, Digestive and Kidney Diseases.

MILITARY CONSTRUCTION APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Military Construction continued appropriation hearings. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

TRANSPORTATION APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Transportation and Related Agencies held a hearing on FAA Training. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Transportation: Todd Zinser, Principal Investigator, Office of Inspector General; and David Hinson, Administrator, FAA.

TREASURY, POSTAL SERVICE, AND GENERAL GOVERNMENT APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Treasury, Postal Service, and General Government held a