

RESEARCH AND EXPERIMENTATION TAX CREDIT

Committee on Finance: Subcommittee on Taxation and IRS Oversight held hearings to examine whether the research and experimentation tax credit (enacted in 1981) should be made a permanent part of the Tax Code, restructured, or allowed to expire after the current June 30, 1995, expiration date, receiving testimony from Natwar M. Gandhi, Associate Director, Tax Policy and Administration Issues, General Government Division, General Accounting Office; Linden C. Smith, KPMG Peat Marwick LLP, Martin A. Sullivan, American Enterprise Institute, and Donald

C. Alexander, Akin, Gump, Strauss, Hauer and Feld, on behalf of the Pharmaceutical Research Manufacturers Association, all of Washington, D.C.; Paul Cherecwich, Jr., Thiokol Corporation, Ogden, Utah, on behalf of the Aerospace Industries Association; Marty Glick, Genentech, Inc., San Francisco, California, on behalf of the R&D/Section 861 Coalition; Robert S. Gregg, Sequent Computer Systems, Inc., Beaverton, Oregon, on behalf of the American Electronics Association; and Cliff Simpson, Novell, Inc., Salt Lake City, Utah, on behalf of the Working Group on Research and Development.

Hearings were recessed subject to call.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Bills Introduced: Seven public bills, H.R. 1375–1381; one private bill, H.R. 1382; and two resolutions, H. Con. Res. 54 and H. Res. 127, were introduced.

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Reports Filed: Reports were filed as follows:

H. Res. 125, providing for the consideration of H.R. 1271, to provide protection for family privacy (H. Rept. 104–97);

H. Res. 126, providing for the consideration of H.R. 660, to amend the Fair Housing Act to modify the exemption from certain familial status discrimination prohibitions granted to housing for older persons (H. Rept. 104–98); and

Conference report on S. 244, to further the goals of the Paperwork Reduction Act to have Federal agencies become more responsible and publicly accountable for reducing the burden of Federal paperwork on the public (H. Rept. 104–99).

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

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Recess: House recessed at 1:11 p.m. and reconvened at 2:00 p.m.

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Presidential Message—Alaska Minerals Resources: Read a message from the President wherein he transmits the 1994 Annual Report on Alaska's Mineral Resources—referred to the Committee on Resources.

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Suspensions: House voted to suspend the rules and pass the following measures:

Fisherman's protection: H.R. 716, to amend the Fishermen's Protective Act (passed by a ye-a-and-nay vote of 384 yeas, Roll No. 280);

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U.S. citizens imprisoned in Iraq: H. Res. 120, amended, expressing the sense of the House of Representatives regarding American citizens held in Iraq (agreed to by a ye-a-and-nay vote of 399 yeas, Roll No. 281); and

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District of Columbia financial responsibility: H.R. 1345, amended, to eliminate budget deficits and management inefficiencies in the government of the District of Columbia Financial Responsibility and Management Assistance Authority.

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Late Report: Conferees received permission to have until midnight tonight to file a conference report on S. 244, the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995.

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Recess: House recessed at 3:59 p.m. and reconvened at 5:00 p.m.

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Referrals: Two Senate-passed measures were referred to the appropriate House committees.

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Senate Messages: Messages received from the Senate today appear on pages H4041 and H4072.

Quorum Calls—Votes: Two ye-a-and-nay votes developed during the proceedings of the House today and appear on pages H4072–73 and H4073. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: Met at 12:30 p.m. and adjourned at 8:39 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.

INTERIOR APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Interior (and Related Agencies) held a hearing on Office of the Secretary, Office of the Solicitor, and on the Inspector General. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of the Interior: Bonnie R. Cohen, Assistant Secretary, Policy, Management and Budget; and John D. Lesly, Inspector General.

MEDICARE SELECT POLICIES OFFERED IN STATES

Committee on Commerce: Ordered reported amended H.R. 483, to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to permit Medicare Select policies to be offered in all States.

CHINESE PRISON SYSTEM

Committee on International Relations: Subcommittee on International Operations and Human Rights held a hearing on the Chinese Prison System. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

OVERSIGHT

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on the Constitution held an oversight hearing on group preferences and the law. Testimony was heard from Mary Frances Berry, Chair, Commission on Civil Rights; and public witnesses.

FAMILY PRIVACY PROTECTION

Committee on Rules: Granted an open rule providing for one hour of general debate on H.R. 1271, Family Privacy Protection Act of 1995. Testimony was heard from Chairman Clinger and Representatives Horn, Souder, Collins of Illinois, and Maloney.

HOUSING FOR OLDER PERSONS

Committee on Rules: Granted an open rule providing for one hour of general debate on H.R. 660, Housing for Older Persons Act of 1995. Testimony was heard from Representative Canady of Florida.

MEDICARE END-STAGE RENAL DISEASE PROGRAM

Committee on Ways and Means: Subcommittee on Health held a hearing on the Medicare End-Stage

Renal Disease (Kidney Failure) Program. Testimony was heard from Helen L. Smits, M.D., Deputy Administrator, Health Care Financing Administration, Department of Health and Human Services; and public witnesses.

Joint Meetings

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Commission on Security and Cooperation on Europe: Commission met in closed session to receive a briefing on recent developments in Croatia, and Bosnia and Herzegovina.

Commission will meet again tomorrow.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR TUESDAY, APRIL 4, 1995

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry, to resume hearings on proposed legislation to strengthen and improve United States agriculture programs, focusing on market effects on Federal farm policy, 9:30 a.m., SR-332.

Committee on Appropriations, Subcommittee on Defense, to hold hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 1996 for the Department of Defense, focusing on Air Force programs, 9:30 a.m., SD-106.

Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, to hold hearings to examine education technology, 9:30 a.m., SD-192.

Committee on Armed Services, Subcommittee on SeaPower, to hold hearings on proposed legislation authorizing funds for fiscal year 1996 for the Department of Defense and the future years defense program, focusing on surface shipbuilding programs and the Department of the Navy's plans for modernization and recapitalization, 9:30 a.m. SR-222.

Full Committee, to hold hearings on proposed legislation authorizing funds for fiscal year 1996 for the Department of Defense and the future years defense program, focusing on Department of Energy national security issues, 2:30 p.m., SR-222.

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation, Subcommittee on Consumer Affairs, Foreign Commerce, and Tourism, to continue hearings on S. 565, to regulate interstate commerce by providing for a uniform product liability law, 9:30 a.m., SR-253.

Committee on Environment and Public Works, business meeting, to consider the nomination of Shirley Ann Jackson, of New Jersey, to be a Member of the Nuclear Regulatory Commission, 10 a.m., SD-406.

Committee on Finance, to hold hearings to review the 1995 Trade Policy Agenda and 1994 Annual Report of the President of the United States on the Trade Agreements Program, 9:30 a.m. SD-215.

Committee on Foreign Relations, Subcommittee on Western Hemisphere and Peace Corps Affairs, to hold hearings