

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

1995 FARM BILL

Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry: Committee resumed hearings on proposed legislation to strengthen and improve United States agricultural programs, focusing on the market effects of Federal farm policy, receiving testimony from Senators Feingold and Kohl; Bob Bergland, Roseau, Minnesota, former Secretary of Agriculture; Mark Feight, Smith Barney, Inc., Southfield, Michigan; David C. Lyons, Louis Dreyfus Corporation, Washington, D.C.; Martin E. Abel, Abel, Daft, Earley & Ward International, Alexandria, Virginia; Robert D. Wellington, Agri-Mark, Inc., Lawrence, Massachusetts; Robert Amstrup, Northwood, North Dakota; and Blake Hurst, Westboro, Missouri.

Hearings were recessed subject to call.

APPROPRIATIONS—DEFENSE

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Defense held hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 1996 for the Department of Defense, focusing on Air Force programs, receiving testimony from Sheila E. Widnall, Secretary of the Air Force; and Gen. Ronald R. Fogleman, Chief of Air Force Staff.

Subcommittee will meet again on Thursday, April 6.

EDUCATION TECHNOLOGY

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education (and Related Agencies) held hearings to examine the role of technology in the American school system, receiving testimony from Madeleine Kunin, Deputy Secretary, Sharon P. Robinson, Assistant Secretary for Educational Research and Improvement, and Linda Roberts, Special Advisor for Education Technology, all of the Department of Education; Linda Morra, Director, Education and Employment Issues, General Accounting Office; Kathleen Fulton, Project Director, Office of Technology Assessment; Mississippi State Superintendent of Education Tom Burnham, Jackson; Jeanne Hayes, Quality Education Data, Denver, Colorado; Ann Miller, Eastman Kodak, Rochester, New York; Margaret G. Kelly, International Society for Technology in Education, San Marcos, California; Joan Miller, West Sylvan Middle School, Portland, Oregon; Beryl Jackson, PBS Mathline, Alexandria, Virginia; Gary Vance, Satellite Education Resources Consortium, Columbia, South Carolina; Walt Hindenlang and Ben Casados, both of the Hughes Electronics Galaxy Institute for Education, El Segundo, California; Carolyn Reid-Wallace, Corpora-

tion for Public Broadcasting, Washington, D.C.; and Joy Rouse, Parkway School District, St. Louis County, Missouri.

Subcommittee will meet again on Friday, April 28.

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 Department of Energy national security issues, receiving testimony from Hazel R. O'Leary, Secretary of Energy.

Committee recessed subject to call.

AUTHORIZATION—DEFENSE

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Seapower held 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, receiving testimony from Nora Slatkin, Assistant Secretary of the Navy for Research, Development and Acquisition; and Vice Adm. T.J. Lopez, USN, Deputy Chief of Naval Operations for Resources, Warfare Requirements and Assessments.

Subcommittee recessed subject to call.

PRODUCT LIABILITY

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Subcommittee on Consumer Affairs, Foreign Commerce, and Tourism concluded hearings on S. 565, to regulate interstate commerce by providing for a uniform product liability law, after receiving testimony from Representatives Mink and Bilbray; Alabama State Representative Steve Flowers, Troy; Phyllis Greenberger, Society for the Advancement of Women Health Research, Helen Kirsch, Reed, Smith, Shaw & McClay, representing the Coalition for Uniform Product Liability Law, Theodore B. Olsen, Gibson, Dunn & Crutcher, David Weiner, American Bar Association, and Jonathan Massey, all of Washington, D.C.; Lucinda Finley, University of Buffalo School of Law, Buffalo, New York; Gail Armstrong, National Breast Implant Coalition, Dallas, Texas; M. Stuart Madden, Pace University School of Law, White Plains, New York; Art Kroetch, Scotchman Industries, Inc., Phillip, South Dakota, representing the Association for Manufacturing Technology; Pete Van DePutte, Jr., Dixie Flag Company, San Antonio, Texas; Stephen Daniels, American Bar Foundation, Chicago, Illinois; and Peggy Phillips, Falls Church, Virginia.

NOMINATION

Committee on Environment and Public Works: Committee ordered favorably reported the nomination of Shirley Ann Jackson, of New Jersey, to be a Member of the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

TRADE POLICY AGENDA

Committee on Finance: Committee held hearings to review the Administration's 1995 trade agenda and the 1994 Annual Report of the President of the United States on the Trade Agreements Program, receiving testimony from Michael Kantor, United States Trade Representative.

Hearings were recessed subject to call.

WESTERN HEMISPHERE DRUG CONTROL STRATEGY

Committee on Foreign Relations: Subcommittee on Western Hemisphere and Peace Corps Affairs held hearings to examine Western Hemisphere drug control strategy issues, receiving testimony from Robert S. Gelbard, Assistant Secretary of State for International Narcotics and Law Enforcement Affairs; Stephen H. Greene, Deputy Administrator, Drug Enforcement Administration, Department of Justice; Brian E. Sheridan, Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense for Drug Enforcement Policy and Support; and John P. Walters, New Citizenship Project, and William J. Olson, National Strategy Information Center, both of Washington, D.C.

Subcommittee recessed subject to call.

EARNED INCOME TAX CREDIT

Committee on Governmental Affairs: Committee held hearings to examine tax refund fraud, focusing on the earned income tax credit and the Internal Revenue Service's efforts to detect and prevent erroneous claims, receiving testimony from Margaret Milner Richardson, Commissioner, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury; Lynda D. Willis, Associate Director, Tax Policy and Administration Issues, General Government Division, General Accounting Office; Finn M.W. Caspersen, Beneficial Corporation, Peapack, New Jersey; Daniel B. Grunberg, Jackson Hewitt Tax Service, Virginia Beach, Virginia; Daniel A. Stein, Federation for American Im-

migration Reform, Washington, D.C.; and Richard M. Hersch, West Palm Beach, Florida.

Hearings continue tomorrow.

CIVIL JUSTICE REFORM

Committee on the Judiciary: Committee concluded hearings on S. 671, to provide a fair and balanced resolution to the problem of multiple imposition of punitive damages, after receiving testimony from George L. Priest, Yale University Law School, New Haven, Connecticut; Theodore B. Olson, Gibson, Dunn & Crutcher, on behalf of the American Civil Justice Reform Group, and Victor E. Schwartz, Crowell & Moring, on behalf of the American Tort Reform Association, both of Washington, D.C.; and Stephen Daniels, American Bar Foundation, and Robert Creamer, Citizen Action, both of Chicago, Illinois.

SBA'S 8(A) PROGRAM

Committee on Small Business: Committee held hearings to examine Federal policies governing small, disadvantaged businesses and the success and problems associated with the Small Business Administration's 8(a) Minority Business Development Program, receiving testimony from Philip Lader, Administrator, Small Business Administration; Judy England-Joseph, Director, Housing and Community Development Issues, Resources, Community, and Economic Development Division, General Accounting Office; R. Noel Longuemare, Principal Deputy Under Secretary of Defense for Acquisitions and Technology; Steven Sims, National Minority Suppliers Development Council, and Arnold J. O'Donnell, O'Donnell Construction Company, on behalf of the Association of General Contractors; James B. Graham, FaxLand Corporation, Falls Church, Virginia; Santos F. Garza, Counter Technology, Inc., Bethesda, Maryland; Peter Homer, Jr., Systems Integration and Research, Inc., Arlington, Virginia, on behalf of the National Indian Business Association; Nancy E. Archuleta, Mevatec Corporation, Huntsville, Alabama, on behalf of the Latin American Management Association and the Council on Minority and Women-Owned Businesses; and Joshua I. Smith, MAXIMA Corporation, Lanham, Maryland.

Hearings were recessed subject to call.