

Committee Meetings

COMMODITY FUTURES TRADING COMMISSION AUTHORIZATION

Committee on Agriculture: Ordered reported H.R. 618, to extend the authorization for appropriations for the Commodity Futures Trading Commission through fiscal year 2000.

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.

COMMERCE, JUSTICE, STATE, AND JUDICIARY APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, State, and Judiciary (and Related Agencies) held a hearing on NOAA, SEC, and on the Commission on Civil Rights. Testimony was heard from D. James Baker, Under Secretary, Oceans and Atmosphere, Department of Commerce; Arthur Levitt, Jr., Chairman, SEC; and Mary Frances Berry, Chair, Commission on Civil Rights.

FOREIGN OPERATIONS APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Foreign Operations, Export Financing and Related Programs held a hearing on Security Assistance/State and DOD. Testimony was heard from Walt Slocomb, Under Secretary, Policy, Department of Defense; Lynn Davis, Under Secretary, Arms Control and International Security Affairs, Department of State.

INTERIOR APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Interior (and Related Agencies) held a hearing on Natural Resources. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

LABOR, HHS, AND EDUCATION APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education (and Related Agencies) held a hearing on Corporation for National and Community Service and Federal Mediation and Conciliation Service, Federal Mine Safety and Health Review Commission, National Commission on Libraries, and on the National Council on Disability. Testimony was heard from Eli J. Segal, Chairman and Executive Officer, Corporation for National and Community Service; John Calhoun Weils, Director, Federal Mediation and Conciliation Service;

Mary Lu Jordan, Chairman, Federal Mine Safety and Health Review Commission; Jeanne Hurley Simon, Chairperson, National Commission on Libraries; and Marcia Bristo, Chairperson, National Council on Disability.

MILITARY CONSTRUCTION APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Military Construction met in executive session to hold a hearing on Arabian Gulf Construction Program. Testimony was heard from Gen. J.H. Binford Peay III, USA, Commander in Chief, Central Command, Department of Defense.

NATIONAL SECURITY APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on National Security held a hearing on Fiscal Year 1996/97 Navy/Marine Corps Budget Overview. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Defense: John H. Dalton, Secretary of the Navy; Adm. Jeremy M. Boorda, USN, Chief, Naval Operations; and Gen. Carl E. Mundy, Jr., USMC, Commandant of the Marine Corps.

VA, HUD, AND INDEPENDENT AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Veterans' Affairs and Housing and Urban Development, and Independent Agencies continue appropriation hearings. Testimony was heard from Members of Congress and public witnesses.

FINANCIAL SERVICES COMPETITIVENESS ACT

Committee on Banking and Financial Services: Continued hearings on the following: H.R. 1062, Financial Services Competitiveness Act of 1995; Glass-Steagall Reform; and related issues. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

Hearings continue tomorrow.

MEDICAID; PROGRAM IN NEED OF REFORM

Committee on the Budget: Held a hearing on Medicaid: A Program in Need of Reform. Testimony was heard from June O'Neill, Director, CBO; Charles Bowsher, Comptroller General, GAO; Michael Mangano, Principal Deputy Inspector General, Department of Health and Human Services; and the following officials of the Department of Justice: Daniel Anderson, Assistant Attorney General, Director, Medicaid Fraud Control Unit; and Tom Kubic, Section Chief, White Collar Crime, FBI.

IDENTIFYING CONFLICTS AND INCONSISTENCIES IN WORKPLACE REGULATIONS

Committee on Economic and Educational Opportunities: Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations held a hearing on Identifying Conflicts and Inconsistencies in Workplace Regulations. Testimony was heard from Sally Katzen, Administrator, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, OMB; and public witnesses.

OVERSIGHT

Committee on Government Reform and Oversight: Subcommittee on Human Resources and Intergovernmental Relations held an oversight hearing on the Department of Labor: Opportunities for Cost Savings. Testimony was heard from Charles Masten, Inspector General, Department of Labor; Clarence Crawford, Associate Director, Education and Employment Issues, GAO; and public witnesses.

FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION AUTHORIZATION

Committee on House Oversight: Ordered reported H.R. 1372, to authorize appropriations for the Federal Election Commission for fiscal year 1996.

Prior to this action, the Committee held a hearing on this measure. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the FEC: Danny Lee McDonald, Chairman; Lee Ann Elliott, Vice Chairman and Finance Committee Chairman; and John Warren McGarry, Commissioner; and public witnesses.

STATE DEPARTMENT REORGANIZATION

Committee on International Relations: Held a hearing on State Department Reorganization. Testimony was heard from Richard Moose, Under Secretary, Management, Department of State; J. Brian Atwood, Administrator, AID, U.S. International Development Cooperation Agency; John Holum, Director, U.S. Arms Control and Disarmament Agency; and Joseph Duffey, Director, U.S. Information Agency.

ADMINISTRATION'S INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS BUDGET REQUEST

Committee on International Relations: Held a hearing on the Administration's International Affairs Budget Request for Fiscal Year 1996. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

Hearings continue tomorrow.

DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION

Committee on National Security: Subcommittee on Military Installations and Facilities continued hearings on the fiscal year 1996 national defense authorization request, with emphasis on the quality of military family housing, barracks and dormitories on military

installations. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Defense: Joshua Gotbaum, Assistant Secretary, Economic Security; Brig. Gen. Robert L. Herndon, USA, Director, Facilities and Housing Directorate, Office of the Assistant Chief of Staff, Installation Management, Department of the Army; RAdm. Jack E. Buffington, USN, Commander, Naval Facilities Engineering Command, Department of the Navy; Brig. Gen. Thomas A. Braaten, USMC, Director Facilities Services Division, Installations and Logistics Department, U.S. Marine Corps; Maj. Gen. James McCarthy, USAF, Air Force Civil Engineer, Department of the Air Force; Sgt. Maj. Richard Kidd, USA; Master Chief Petty Officer John Hagan, USN; Sgt. Maj. Harold G. Overstreet, USMC; and CMSgt. David J. Campanale, USAF.

DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION

Committee on National Security: Subcommittee on Military Personnel continued hearings on the fiscal year 1996 national defense authorization request, with emphasis on manning the force. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of the Army: Maj. Gen. Wallace C. Arnold, USA, Assistant Deputy Chief of Staff, Personnel; and Maj. Gen. Gerald Putman, USA, Assistant Deputy Chief of Staff, Operations and Plans, and public witnesses.

DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION

Committee on National Security: Subcommittee on Military Research and Development continued hearings on the fiscal year 1996 national defense authorization request, with emphasis on ballistic missile defense. Testimony was heard from Lt. Gen. Malcolm O'Neill, USA, Director, Ballistic Missile Defense Organization, Department of Defense.

THE CONTRACT WITH AMERICA TAX RELIEF ACT OF 1995

Committee on Rules: Granted, by a recorded vote of 9 to 4, a modified closed rule. The rule waives all points of order against the bill (see next paragraph for an explanation of known waivers needed). The rule provides four hours of general debate, with two-hours allocated to the Ways and Means Committee, and one-hour each to the Budget and Commerce committees. The rule makes in order the text of H.R. 1327, as modified by the amendment printed in the Committee report, as the base bill for amendment purposes. All points of order against the amendment are waived. The rule makes in order one amendment in the nature of a substitute by Representative Gephardt of Missouri which is non-amendable but subject to one hour of debate. All points of order are waived against the Gephardt

amendment. Finally, the rule provides one motion to recommit, with or without instructions.

Two Budget Act points of order lie against the bill: section 303(a) for revenue changes preempting the coming budget resolution for fiscal year 1996; and section 311(a) for breaching the five-year revenue floor. Those points of order would also lie against the amendment in the nature of a substitute made in order as base text as well as the Gephardt substitute. In addition, both substitutes require a waiver of clause 7 of rule XVI, germaneness, since they contain matters from unrelated bills to offset the revenue losses; and the base text substitute requires a waiver of clause 5(a) of rule XXI, prohibiting appropriations in a legislative bill, because of its disposition of the Uranium Enrichment Corporation appropriations. Because all three vehicles may have other vulnerabilities, the Committee waived all points of order out of caution.

SBA—OFFICE OF ADVOCACY

Committee on Small Business: Held a hearing on the Office of Advocacy of the SBA. Testimony was heard from Jere W. Glover, Chief Counsel for Advocacy, SBA; the following former Chief Counsels for Advocacy, SBA: Milton D. Stewart; Frank S. Swain; and Thomas P. Kerester; and public witnesses.

CLEAN WATER AMENDMENTS

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure: Began markup of H.R. 961, Clean Water Amendments of 1995.

Will continue tomorrow.

COVERT ACTION

Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence: Met in executive session to hold a hearing on Covert Action. Testimony was heard from departmental witnesses.

Joint Meetings

EMERGENCY SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATIONS

Conferees continued to resolve the differences between the Senate and House-passed versions of 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, but did not complete action thereon, and recessed subject to call.

GENOCIDE IN BOSNIA

Commission on Security and Cooperation in Europe (Helsinki Commission): Commission held hearings to examine the extent to which ethnic cleansing, destruction of cultural sites, and associated war crimes in Bosnia and Herzegovina and other parts of the

former Yugoslavia constitute genocide, receiving testimony from M. Cherif Bassiouni, DePaul University, Chicago, Illinois; Andras J. Riedlmayer, Harvard University, Cambridge, Massachusetts; Roy Gutman, Newsday, Alexandria, Virginia; and David Rieff, New York, New York.

Commission will meet again on Thursday, April 6.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR WEDNESDAY, APRIL 5, 1995

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Appropriations, Subcommittee on VA, HUD, and Independent Agencies, to hold hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 1996 for the National Aeronautics and Space Administration, 9:30 a.m., SD-192.

Subcommittee on Agriculture, Rural Development, and Related Agencies, to hold hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 1996 for the Agricultural Research Service, Cooperative State Research, Education, and Extension Service, Economic Research Service, and the National Agricultural Statistics Service, all of the Department of Agriculture, 10 a.m., SD-138.

Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, State, and Judiciary, to hold hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 1996 for the Immigration and Naturalization Service, and the Bureau of Prisons, both of the Department of Justice, 10 a.m., S-146, Capitol.

Subcommittee on Transportation, to hold hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 1996 for the Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, 1:30 p.m., SD-138.

Committee on Armed Services, Subcommittee on Personnel, to resume hearings on proposed legislation authorizing funds for fiscal year 1996 for the Department of Defense and the future years defense program, focusing on the Department of Defense Quality of Life Programs, 9:30 a.m., SH-216.

Subcommittee on Airland Forces, to hold hearings on the future of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO), 2:30 p.m., SR-222.

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources, Subcommittee on Forests and Public Land Management, to hold oversight hearings on the U.S. Forest Service land management planning process, 9:30 a.m., SD-366.

Committee on Environment and Public Works, Subcommittee on Superfund, Waste Control, and Risk Assessment, to resume oversight hearings on the implementation of the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act (P.L. 102-426), 9:30 a.m., SD-406.

Committee on Finance, to hold hearings to examine various flat tax proposals, 9:30 a.m., SD-215.

Committee on Foreign Relations, Subcommittee on African Affairs, to hold joint hearings with the House Committee on International Relations' Subcommittee on African Affairs to examine the crisis in Rwanda and Burundi, 2 p.m., SR-325.

Committee on Governmental Affairs, to continue hearings on the earned income tax credit, 10 a.m., SD-342.