

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Bills Introduced: Twenty-six public bills, H.R. 1551–1576; one private bill, H.R. 1577; and one resolution, H.J. Res. 87, were introduced.

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Reports Filed: Reports were filed as follows:

H. Res. 139, providing for the consideration of H.R. 1361, to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 1996 for the Coast Guard (H. Rept. 104–111); and

H.R. 961, to amend the Federal Water Pollution Control Act, amended (H. Rept. 104–112).

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

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Legislative Program: The Majority Leader announced the legislative program for the week of May 8.

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Resignations—Appointments: It was made in order that notwithstanding any adjournment of the House until Tuesday, May 9, the Speaker and the Minority Leader be authorized to accept resignations and to make appointments authorized by law or by the House.

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Calendar Wednesday: Agreed to dispense with Calendar Wednesday business of May 10.

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Review Panel: The Speaker, pursuant to House Rule 51, clause 7, appointed Representative Ehlers as chairman of the review panel established by the Rule for the 104th Congress.

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Mexico-United States Interparliamentary Group: The Speaker appointed the following Members of the House as members of the United States delegation of the Mexico-United States Interparliamentary Group for the first session of the 104th Congress: Representatives Ballenger, Vice Chairman, Gilman, Dreier, Salmon, Hayworth, Brownback, de la Garza, Gejdenson, Coleman, Miller of California, and Rangel.

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Presidential Message—Immigration Enforcement: Read a message from the President wherein he transmits proposed legislation entitled “Immigration Enforcement Improvements Act of 1995”—referred to the Committees on the Judiciary, Economic and Educational Opportunities, and Commerce and ordered printed (H. Doc. 104–68).

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Quorum Calls—Votes: No quorum calls or votes developed during the proceedings of the House today.

Adjournment: Met at 11:00 a.m., and pursuant to the provisions of H. Con. Res. 58, adjourned at 2:19 p.m. until 12:30 p.m. on Tuesday, May 9.

Committee Meetings

NATIONAL SECURITY APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on National Security held a hearing on Navy/Marine Corps Acquisition. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Defense: Nora Slatkin, Assistant Secretary of the Navy (Research, Development and Acquisition); VAdm. T. Joseph Lopez, USN, Deputy Chief of Naval Operations (Resources, Warfare Requirement and Assessment); and Lt. Gen. Charles E. Wilhelm, USMC, Commanding General, Marine Corps Combat Development Command.

VA, HUD AND INDEPENDENT AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on VA, HUD and Independent Agencies held a hearing on Department of Housing and Urban Development. Testimony was heard from all the Assistant Secretaries of the Department of Housing and Urban Development.

MARKETS AND TRADING REORGANIZATION AND REFORM ACT

Committee on Banking and Financial Services: Subcommittee on Capital Markets, Securities and Government Sponsored Enterprises held a hearing on H.R. 718, Markets and Trading Reorganization and Reform Act. Testimony was heard from James L. Bothwell, Director, Financial Institutions and Markets, GAO; and public witnesses.

PROPOSED ONE DOLLAR COIN

Committee on Banking and Financial Services: Subcommittee on Domestic and International Monetary Policy held a hearing on the proposed One Dollar Coin. Testimony was heard from Senator Grams; Representatives Kolbe, Davis and Olver; James L. Blum, Associate Director, CBO; L. Nye Stevens, Deputy Director, General Government Division, GAO; and public witnesses.

PRIVATIZING GOVERNMENT SPONSORED ENTITIES

Committee on Economic and Educational Opportunities: Subcommittee on Postsecondary Education, Training and Life-Long Learning and the Subcommittee on National Economic Growth, Natural Resources and Regulatory Affairs of the Committee on Government Reform and Oversight held a joint hearing on Privatizing Government Sponsored Entities. Testimony was heard from Darcy Bradbury, Deputy Assistant Secretary, Federal Finance, Department of the Treasury; Leo Kornfeld, Senior Adviser to the Secretary, Department of Education; and public witnesses.

GSA'S SECURITY MEASURES AT FEDERAL OFFICE BUILDINGS

Committee on Government Reform and Oversight: Subcommittee on Government Management, Information, and Technology held a hearing on GSA's Security Measures at Federal Office Buildings. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the GSA: Roger W. Johnson, Administrator; and Kenneth Kimbrough, Commissioner, Public Buildings Service.

HUMAN RIGHTS VIOLATIONS AT PORT AU PRINCE PENITENTIARY

Committee on International Relations: Subcommittee on Western Hemisphere Affairs held a hearing on Human Rights Violations at the Port Au Prince Penitentiary. Testimony was heard from Capt. Lawrence P. Rockwood, USA, Counter Intelligence Officer, Joint Task Force Headquarters, Haiti; and public witnesses.

DOMESTIC TERRORISM

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Crime held a hearing on the issue of domestic terrorism. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Justice: Jamie S. Goralick, Deputy Attorney General; and Louis J. Freeh, Director, FBI; and the former officials of the Department of Justice: William P. Barr, Attorney General; George J. Terwillinger, III, former Deputy Attorney General; William H. Webster, former Director, FBI and CIA; and William M. Baker, former Assistant Director, Criminal Investigative Division, FBI; and public witnesses.

DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION

Committee on National Security: Concluded hearings on the fiscal year 1996 national defense authorization request. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Defense: Togo D. West, Jr., Secretary of the Army; John H. Dalton, Secretary

of the Navy; and Sheila E. Widnall, Secretary of the Air Force.

COAST GUARD AUTHORIZATION ACT

Committee on Rules: Granted, by voice vote, an open rule providing 1 hour of debate on H.R. 1361, Coast Guard Authorization Act for fiscal year 1996.

The rule waives section 302(f) (prohibiting consideration of legislation providing new entitlement authority in excess of a committee's allocation), section 401(b) (prohibiting consideration of legislation providing new entitlement authority which becomes effective during the fiscal year which ends in the calendar year in which the bill is reported), and section 308(a) (requiring a CBO cost estimate in the committee report on legislation containing new entitlement, spending, or budget authority, or a change in revenues) of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974 against consideration of the bill.

The rule makes in order as an original bill for the purpose of amendment the amendment in the nature of a substitute recommended by the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure now printed in the bill. The substitute shall be read by title rather than by section for amendment.

The rule also waives section 302(f) and section 401(b) of the Congressional budget Act and clause 5(a) of rule XXI (prohibiting appropriations in a legislative bill) against the committee amendment in the nature of a substitute.

Finally, the rule provides for one motion to recommit, with or without instructions. Testimony was heard from Representatives Coble and Mineta.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure: Ordered reported the following measures: H. Con. Res. 64, authorizing the 1995 Special Olympics Torch Relay to be run through the Capitol Grounds; and H.R. 842, amended, Truth in Budgeting Act.

The Committee also approved an 11(b) resolution for Oklahoma City.

OVERSIGHT

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: Subcommittee on Education, Training, Employment and Housing held an oversight hearing on the Veterans Vocational Rehabilitation and Counseling Service and the Veterans Employment and Training Service. Testimony was heard from Preston Taylor, Assistant Secretary for VETS, Department of Labor; R. John Vogel, Deputy Under Secretary, Benefits, Department of Veterans Affairs; and representatives of veterans organizations.

PHYSICIAN SELF-REFERRAL

Committee on Ways and Means: Subcommittee on Health held a hearing on Physician Self-Referral.

Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Health and Human Services: Kathy A. Buto, Associate Administrator, Policy, Health Care Financing Administration; and George F. Grob, Deputy Inspector General, Evaluation and Inspections, Office of the Inspector General; and public witnesses.

Joint Meetings

EMERGENCY SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATIONS

Conferees met to resolve the differences between the Senate- and House-passed versions of H.R. 1158, making emergency supplemental appropriations for additional disaster assistance and making rescissions for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1995, but did not complete action thereon, and recessed subject to call.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR THURSDAY, MAY 4, 1995

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Appropriations, Subcommittee on Transportation, to hold hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 1996 for the United States Coast Guard, Department of Transportation, 10 a.m., SD-192.

Subcommittee on Foreign Operations, to hold hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 1996 for foreign assistance programs, 10:30 a.m., SD-138.

Subcommittee on Treasury, Postal Service, and General Government, to hold hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 1996 for the United States Postal Service and the Office of Management and Budget, 2 p.m., SD-138.

Committee on Armed Services, to hold closed and open hearings on S. 727, authorizing funds for fiscal year 1996 for military activities of the Department of Defense and the future years defense program, focusing on the Ballistic Missile Defense Organization, 2 p.m., SR-222.

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs, Housing Opportunity and Community Development, to

hold hearings on proposals to reform the operation of the Federal Housing Administration, 9:30 a.m., SD-538.

Committee on the Budget, to continue hearings to examine Medicare solvency, 9 a.m., SD-608.

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation, Subcommittee on Science, Technology, and Space, to hold oversight hearings to review the high performance computing and communications program and a demonstration of the World Wide Web, 10 a.m., SR-253.

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, 9 a.m., SD-406.

Committee on Finance, to hold hearings on the proposed vaccines for children program, 9:30 a.m., SD-215.

Committee on Foreign Relations, to hold hearings to examine the incidence of illegal trade in human body parts in China, 10 a.m., SH-216.

Committee on Governmental Affairs, Permanent Subcommittee on Investigations, to resume hearings to review the Navy class oiler contract, 10 a.m., SD-342.

Committee on the Judiciary, Subcommittee on Terrorism, Technology, and Government Information, to hold hearings on proposed counter-terrorism legislation, including S. 390, to improve the ability of the United States to respond to the international terrorism threat, and S. 735, to prevent and punish acts of terrorism, 1 p.m., SD-106.

Full Committee, to hold hearings on the nominations of Peter C. Economus, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of Ohio, John Garvan Murtha, to be United States District Judge for the District of Vermont, Mary Beck Briscoe, of Kansas, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Tenth Circuit, and George A. O'Toole, Jr., to be United States District Judge for the District of Massachusetts, 2 p.m., SD-226.

Committee on Labor and Human Resources, to hold hearings to examine primary health care services, focusing on access to care in a changing health care delivery system, 9 a.m., SD-430.

NOTICE

For a listing of Senate Committee Meetings scheduled ahead, see pages E951-53 in today's RECORD.

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No committee meetings are scheduled.