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WTO DISPUTE SETTLEMENT REVIEW COMMISSION ACT

Committee on Finance: Committee concluded hearings on S. 16, to establish a commission to review the dispute settlement reports of the World Trade Organization, after receiving testimony from Stanley S. Harris, United States District Judge for the District of Columbia, on behalf of the Judicial Conference of the United States; Curtis H. Barnette, Bethlehem Steel Corporation, Bethlehem, Pennsylvania, on behalf of the U.S. Member Companies of the American Iron and Steel Institute; Alan F. Holmer, Sidley & Austin, and Alan Wm. Wolff, Dewey Ballantine, both former Deputy United States Trade Representatives, both of Washington, D.C.; Jerry R. Junkins, Texas Instruments Incorporated, Dallas, on behalf of the Alliance for GATT NOW and the Business Roundtable; and George A. Scalise, National Semiconductor Corporation, Santa Clara, California, on behalf of the Semiconductor Industry Association Public Policy Committee.

NOMINATIONS

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee concluded hearings on the nominations of Larry C. Napper, of Texas, to be Ambassador to Latvia, Peter Tomsen, of California, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Armenia, R. Grant Smith, of New Jersey, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Tajikistan, Lawrence Palmer Taylor, of Pennsylvania, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Estonia, Jenonne R. Walker, of the District of Columbia, to be Ambassador to the Czech Republic, and James Alan Williams, of Virginia, for the rank of Ambassador during his tenure of service as the Special Coordinator for Cyprus, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

COMBATTING TERRORISM

Committee on the Judiciary: Committee held hearings to examine the role of the United States military in combatting terrorism, including certain provisions of S. 735, to prevent and punish acts of terrorism, and

certain provisions of S. 761, to improve the ability of the United States to respond to the international terrorist threat, receiving testimony from Kent Markus, Acting Assistant Attorney General, Office of Legislative Affairs, Department of Justice; John H. McNeill, Senior Deputy General Counsel for International Affairs and Intelligence, Department of Defense; and Casper W. Weinberger, former Secretary of Defense.

Hearings were recessed subject to call.

ILLEGAL IMMIGRATION

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Immigration concluded hearings on issues relating to verification of applicant identity for purposes of employment and public assistance, focusing on certain measures to reduce illegal immigration, after receiving testimony from Representative Horn; Mary A. Ryan, Assistant Secretary of State for Consular Affairs; James A. Puleo, Executive Associate Commissioner for Programs, Immigration and Naturalization Service, and Steven L. Pomerantz, Assistant Director, Criminal Justice Information Services Division, Federal Bureau of Investigation, both of the Department of Justice; Gilbert C. Fisher, Assistant Deputy Commissioner, Social Security Administration (Baltimore, Maryland), Department of Health and Human Services; Robert Rasor, Special Agent in Charge, Financial Crimes Division, United States Secret Service, Department of the Treasury; Jack Scheidegger, California Department of Justice, on behalf of SEARCH, the National Consortium for Justice Information and Statistics, and Frank Ricchiazi, California State Department of Motor Vehicles, both of Sacramento; Richard E. Jackson, Jr., New York State Department of Motor Vehicles, Albany; and W. Marshall Rickert, Maryland State Motor Vehicle Administration, Glen Burnie, on behalf of the American Association of Motor Vehicle Administrators.

INTELLIGENCE

Select Committee on Intelligence: Committee held closed hearings on intelligence matters, receiving testimony from officials of the intelligence community.

Committee will meet again on Wednesday, May 17.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Bills Introduced: 9 public bills, H.R. 1601–1609 were introduced.

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Committee Election: House agreed to H. Res. 143, electing Representative Deal to the Committee on Commerce of the House of Representatives.

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Earlier, read a letter to the Speaker from the Chairman of the Democratic Caucus advising that Representative Deal is no longer a member of the Democratic Caucus; and

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Read a letter from the Speaker in which he vacates Representative Deal's election to the Committee on Transportation and to the Committee on Resources.

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Committees to Sit: The following committees and their subcommittees received permission to sit today during a proceedings of the House under the five-minute rule: Committees on Agriculture, Banking and Financial Services, Commerce, Economic and Educational Opportunities, House Oversight, International Relations, and Resources.

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Presidential Messages—Read the following messages from the President:

Gun-Free school zones: Message wherein he transmits his proposed legislation providing the jurisdictional element for the Gun-Free School Zones Act of 1990 required by a recent Supreme Court decision—referred to the Committee on the Judiciary and ordered printed (H. Doc. 104–72); and

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National emergency regarding Yugoslavia: Message wherein he transmits his notice stating that the emergency declared with respect to the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia (Serbia and Montenegro) is to continue in effect beyond May 30, 1995—referred to the Committee on International Relations and ordered printed (H. Doc. 104–73).

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Clean Water Act Amendments: House completed all general debate and begin consideration of amendments on H.R. 961, to amend the Federal Water Pollution Control Act; but came to no resolution thereon. Consideration of amendments will resume on Thursday, May 11.

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Agreed To:

The Shuster en bloc amendments that make certain technical corrections and provide clarifying language; lower the definition of “small community” from 20,000 to 10,000 people for the purpose of granting permit modifications for innovative treatment technologies; eliminate the restriction that only 20 percent of any country, borough, or parish may be classified as Type A wetlands; lower the authorization for pollution prevention activities from \$50 million per year to \$21.2 million, and stipulates that no more than \$10 million may be used each year to provide technical assistance to small and rural water treatment works; require written permission from private property owners for Federal employees to enter their property in order to identify or classify wetlands; and clarify the definition of vernal ponds;

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The Minge amendment to the rejected Saxton amendment in the nature of a substitute that would have authorized the Secretary of Agriculture to issue permits for any activity resulting from, or incidental to, normal farming, silviculture, aquaculture, and ranching activities and practices carried out on agricultural lands; and would have deemed such to be activity allowed by the Secretary without the necessity for additional requests for, or granting of permits from, other entities for this activity;

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The Bachus amendment that provides that the Administrator of the EPA, working in conjunction with the Administrator of the Small Business Administration and the Small Business Ombudsman of the Environmental Protection Agency, propose regulations not later than 6 months after the date of enactment and not later than one year after the date of enactment, that define small businesses for storm water management purposes; and

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The Boehlert amendment that strikes provisions folding the Coastal Zone Management Program into State nonpoint source management programs and, instead, reauthorizes the Coastal Zone Act through fiscal year 2000, amending it to require that any State that has not received Federal approval for its core coastal management program submit a coastal non-point pollution program within 30 months of such approval (agreed to by a recorded vote of 224 ayes to 199 noes, Roll No. 314).

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Rejected:

The Saxton amendment in the nature of a substitute that sought to retain provisions regarding Clean Water Act funding authorizations, assistance to small and rural communities, control of water pollution from combined sewer overflows (CSOs) and consistency of State programs with the Environmental Protection Agency's Great Lakes water quality guidance; replace wetlands language with provisions providing incentives for States to assume authority over wetlands regulation through delegation from EPA; expedite the Federal wetlands permitting process; make the Agriculture Department responsible for determining which areas to be designated wetlands on all agriculture lands; require the establishment of a coordinating committee of Federal, State, and local officials to help develop and field-test national wetlands policies and a strategy for restoration of wetlands ecosystems; strike provisions establishing new requirements to compensate landowners for losses in property value resulting from Federal regulation; retain the special runoff control provisions currently applicable to coastal areas, but modify the current program in accordance with recommendations of the Coastal States Organization;

allow affected States to target runoff control programs to the areas most threatened by pollution and give greater authority to use incentive-based programs and planning and management measures in lieu of enforceable requirements; retain the existing storm water management program, making several changes in the program, including placing a ten-year moratorium on the implementation of any new storm water requirements for light industries or communities with a population of less than 100,000; and prohibit the application of numeric effluent limits to municipal storm water permits (rejected by a recorded vote of 184 yeas to 242 nays, Roll No. 312); and

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The Mineta amendment that sought to strike language that would remove the requirement that EPA first list a pollutant before it or a State may allow a permit-holder to comply with Best Practicable Control Technology or water quality standards in lieu of Best Available Technology; strike language that would authorize EPA or States to modify effluent limitations in permits for coal remining, even if the operations exceed State water quality standards of the receiving waters did not meet water quality standards prior to remining and the applicant submits a plan citing specific measures that will be used to improve existing water quality; strike language that would stipulate that a coal remining operation that started prior to the adoption of new regulatory standards is deemed to be in compliance as long as post-mining discharges are the same or better than before mining commenced, and remining was conducted under a Surface Mining Control and Reclamation permit; strike language that would provide flexibility for permit holders to undertake innovative pollution prevention measures; and strike language that would revise the standards and procedures for determining water quality standards on a State and Federal level, but retain language providing for a review of such proposed revisions by the Administration (rejected by a recorded vote of 166 yeas to 260 nays, Roll No. 313).

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H. Res. 140, the rule under which the bill is being considered, was agreed to earlier by a yeas-and-nays vote of 414 yeas to 4 nays, Roll No. 311.

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Amendments Ordered Printed: Amendments ordered printed pursuant to the rule appear on page H4796.

Quorum Calls—Votes: One yeas-and-nays vote and three recorded votes developed during the proceedings of the House today and are found on pages H4689–90, H4760, H4780–81, and H4788. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: Met at 11 a.m. and adjourned at 10:43 p.m.

Committee Meetings

FOOD STAMP PROGRAM AND ELECTRONIC BENEFIT TRANSFER SYSTEMS

Committee on Agriculture: Subcommittee on Department Operations, Nutrition, and Foreign Agriculture held a hearing on the Food Stamp Program and Electronic Benefit Transfer Systems. Testimony was heard from Russell D. Morris, Commissioner, Financial Management Service, Department of the Treasury; Jack Radzikowski, Executive Director, Federal Electronic Benefit Transfer Task Force; Melba Price, Associate Director, Policy Coordination, Department of Social Services, State of Missouri; Dale Brown, EBT Systems Director, Department of Human Resources, State of Maryland; and public witnesses.

NATIONAL SECURITY APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on National Security held a hearing on Air Force Acquisition. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of the Air Force: Darleen A. Druyun, Acting Assistant Secretary (Acquisition); Lt. Gen. Richard E. Hawley, USAF, Principal Deputy to the Assistant Secretary (Acquisition); and Brig. Gen. Kenneth B. Miller, USAF, Director for Supply, Office of the Chief of Staff (Logistics).

BUDGET RESOLUTION

Committee on the Budget: Began markup of the Fiscal Year 1996 Budget Resolution.

COMMUNICATIONS LAW REFORM PROPOSALS

Committee on Commerce: Subcommittee on Telecommunications and Finance held a hearing on the following: H.R. 1555, Communications Act of 1995; H.R. 514, to repeal the restrictions on foreign ownership of licensed telecommunications facilities; H.R. 912, to permit registered utility holding companies to participate in the provision of telecommunications services; H.R. 1556, to amend the Communications Act of 1934 to reduce the restrictions on ownership of broadcasting stations, and other media of mass communications; and related