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Recess: Senate convened at 9:15 a.m., and recessed at 10 p.m., until 8:45 a.m., on Friday, May 19, 1995. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's RECORD on page S6946.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

APPROPRIATIONS—FOREIGN ASSISTANCE

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Foreign Operations held hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 1996 for foreign assistance programs of the Department of State, receiving testimony from Warren Christopher, Secretary of State.

Subcommittee recessed subject to call.

APPROPRIATIONS—NIH

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education and Related Agencies concluded hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 1996 for the National Institutes of Health [NIH], after receiving testimony from Harold Varmus, Director, National Institutes of Health, Department of Health and Human Services.

APPROPRIATIONS—TREASURY/FEC

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on the Treasury, Postal Service, and General Government concluded hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 1996, after receiving testimony in behalf of funds for their respective activities from Robert E. Rubin, Secretary of the Treasury; and Danny L. McDonald, Chairman, and Lee Ann Elliot and John W. McGarry, both Commissioners, all of the Federal Election Commission.

AUTHORIZATION—DEFENSE

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on SeaPower resumed 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 Marine Corps modernization programs and current operations, receiving testimony from Gen. Carl E. Mundy, Jr., USMC, Commandant, United States Marine Corps.

Subcommittee recessed subject to call.

AUTHORIZATION—DEFENSE

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Strategic Forces resumed 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 bomber force issues, receiving testimony from Paul G. Kaminski, Under Secretary of Defense for Acquisition and Technology; and Gen. John M. Loh, USAF, Commander, Air Combat Command.

Subcommittee recessed subject to call.

TONGASS NATIONAL FOREST

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Committee concluded oversight hearings to review management issues with regard to the Tongass National Forest in Alaska and the implementation of the Tongass Timber Reform Act (P.L. 101–626), after receiving testimony from Senator Stevens; James R. Lyons, Under Secretary of Agriculture for Natural Resources and the Environment; Alaska State Representative W.K. Williams, Mayor Alaire Stanton, Ralph D. Lewis, Ketchikan Pulp Company, Cliff Skillings, on behalf of the Alaska Lumbermen's Association, and Ernesta Ballard, on behalf of the Alaska Forest Association, all of Ketchikan, Alaska; John C. Wisenbaugh, Tenakee Springs City Council, Tenakee Springs, Alaska; Gary L. Paxton, City and Borough of Sitka, Florian Sever, and Franklin C. Roppel, Alaska Pulp Corporation, all of Sitka, Alaska; James S. Calvin, McDowell Group, Inc., and Bart Koehler, Southeast Alaska Conservation Council, both of Juneau, Alaska; Julie Fox Gorte, Wilderness Society, Washington, D.C.; Victor M. Sher, Sierra Club Legal Defense Fund, San Francisco, California; George Leonard, Vienna, Virginia; James Mackovjak, Gustavus, Alaska; and Bill Byford, Wrangell, Alaska.

HYDROELECTRIC PROJECT EXTENSIONS

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Subcommittee on Energy Production and Regulation concluded hearings on S. 283, S. 468, S. 543, S. 547, S. 549 (pending on Senate Calendar), S. 552, S. 595, S. 611, and S. 801, bills to extend the deadlines applicable to certain hydroelectric projects under the Federal Power Act, after receiving testimony from Elizabeth A. Moler, Chair, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, Department of Energy.

Testimony was also received on S. 552 (listed above) from Arthur K. Neill, Montana Power Company, Butte; and Theodore Antionoli, Missoula, Montana.

TAX REFORM: FLAT TAX

Committee on Finance: Committee resumed hearings on proposals to replace current income tax procedures with a flat rate tax, including S. 488, to impose a flat tax only on the earned income of individuals and the business taxable income of corporations, receiving testimony from Senator Specter; Representative Arme; Michael J. Graetz, Yale University, New Haven, Connecticut; Laurence J. Kotlikoff, Boston University, Boston, Massachusetts; Sheldon D. Pollack, University of Delaware, Newark; and Alvin Rabushka, Stanford University, Stanford, California.

Hearings were recessed subject to call.

EXECUTIVE BRANCH REORGANIZATION

Committee on Governmental Affairs: Committee continued hearings to examine proposals to reorganize the Executive Branch of the Federal Government, receiving testimony from Senators Faircloth and Abraham; Representatives Walker, Gunderson, Klug, and Brownback; Donald F. Kettl, University of Wisconsin, Madison; and Murray Comarow, on behalf of former President Nixon's Advisory Council on Executive Organization (Ash Council), Jeffrey A. Eisenach, Progress and Freedom Foundation, and Scott A. Hodge, Heritage Foundation, all of Washington, D.C.

Hearings were recessed subject to call.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on the Judiciary: Committee ordered favorably reported the following business items:

S. 419, to grant the consent of Congress to the Texas Low-Level Radioactive Waste Disposal Compact;

S. 677, to repeal a redundant venue provision of the Federal judicial code; and

The nominations of Mary Beck Briscoe, of Kansas, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Tenth Circuit, Susan Y. Illston, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of California, John Garvan Murtha, to be United States District Judge for the District of Vermont, George A. O'Toole, Jr., to be United States District Judge for the District of Massachusetts, Patrick M. Ryan, to be United States Attorney for the Western District of Oklahoma, George K. McKinney, to be United States Marshal for the District of Maryland, and Rose Ochi, of California, to be an Associate Director for National Drug Control Policy.

SMITHSONIAN INSTITUTION

Committee on Rules and Administration: Committee concluded hearings to examine management guide-

lines for the future of the Smithsonian Institution, after receiving testimony from Representative Sam Johnson, on behalf of the Board of Regents, Smithsonian Institution; Ira Michael Heyman, Secretary, and Tom Crouch, Chairman, Aeronautics Department of the National Air and Space Museum, both of the Smithsonian Institution; Edward T. Linenthal, University of Wisconsin, Oshkosh; and Maxine F. Singer, Carnegie Institute of Washington, Washington, D.C., on behalf of the Commission on the Future of the Smithsonian Institution.

SBA BUSINESS LOAN PROGRAM

Committee on Small Business: Committee held hearings to examine Small Business Administration's implementation of their 7(a) Guaranty Business Loan Program, receiving testimony from Philip Lader, Administrator, Small Business Administration; John J. Canning, Morristown, New Jersey, on behalf of AT&T Capital Corporation and AT&T Small Business Lending Corporation; Gary V. Hoyer, Princeton Capital Finance Company, Princeton, New Jersey; Michael Gallagher, Wells Fargo Bank, San Jose, California; Anthony R. Wilkinson, National Association of Government Guaranteed Lenders, Inc., Stillwater, Oklahoma; Joe W. Scallorns, Farmers and Traders Bank, California, Missouri; and Lyle Frederickson, Bank One, Phoenix, Arizona.

Hearings were recessed subject to call.

BUREAU OF INDIAN AFFAIRS REORGANIZATION

Committee on Indian Affairs: Committee held oversight hearings to review certain recommendations on the reorganization of the Bureau of Indian Affairs, receiving testimony from Stanley Speaks, Area Director (Portland, Oregon), Bureau of Indian Affairs, Department of the Interior; Kenneth Smith, Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs Reservation, Warm Springs, Oregon, former Assistant Secretary of the Interior for Indian Affairs; Eddie F. Brown, Tohono O'odham Nation, Sells, Arizona, former Assistant Secretary of the Interior for Indian Affairs, and Wendell Chino, Mescalero Apache Tribe, Mescalero, New Mexico, both on behalf of the Joint Tribal/Bureau of Indian Affairs/Department of the Interior Task Force; Phillip Martin, Mississippi Band of Choctaw Indians, Philadelphia, Mississippi; A. Brian Wallace, Washoe Tribe of Nevada, Gardnerville; and Edward Thomas, Central Council Tlingit and Haida Indian Tribes of Alaska, Juneau.

Hearings were recessed subject to call.

Joint Meetings

ECONOMICALLY TARGETED INVESTMENTS

Joint Economic Committee: Committee concluded hearings to examine issues relating to the funding of certain social and political projects known as economically targeted investments, after receiving testimony from Olena Berg, Assistant Secretary of Labor for Pension and Welfare Benefits; former Representative Beau Boulter, on behalf of the United Seniors Asso-

ciation; John Langbein, Yale University Law School, New Haven, Connecticut; Charles Rounds, Suffolk University Law School, Boston, Massachusetts; Ian Lanoff, Bredhoff & Kaiser, and Daniel J. Schulder, National Council of Senior Citizens, both of Washington, D.C.; Wayne Marr, Clemson University, Clemson, South Carolina; Edward Zelinsky, Yeshiva University Benjamin Cardozo School of Law, Manhattan, New York; James Z. Pugash, Hearthstone Advisors, San Francisco, California; and Kimberly Schuld, Seniors Coalition, Fairfax, Virginia.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Bills Introduced: Sixteen public bills, H.R. 1667–1682; and five resolutions, H.J. Res. 89, H. Con. Res. 69–70, and H. Res. 153–154 were introduced.

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Report Filed: One report was filed as follows: H.R. 1062, to enhance competition in the financial services industry by providing a prudential framework for the affiliation of banks, securities firms, and other financial service providers, amended (H. Rept. 104–127, Part 1).

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Journal: By a yea-and-nay vote of 360 yeas to 37 nays, with 1 voting “present”, Roll No. 341, the House approved the Journal of Wednesday, May 17.

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Canada-United States Interparliamentary Group: The Speaker appointed the following Members as members of the United States delegation to attend the meeting of the Canada-United States Interparliamentary Group on the part of the House: Representatives Manzullo, Chairman, Latham, Crapo, Dunn, Zimmer, Johnson of Connecticut, Goodling, Johnston of Florida, de la Garza, Gibbons, Slaughter, and McNulty.

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Recess: House recessed at 9:05 a.m. and reconvened at 10 a.m.

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Budget: By a yea-and-nay vote of 238 yeas to 193 nays, Roll No. 345, the House agreed to H. Con. Res. 67, setting forth the congressional budget for the United States Government for the fiscal years 1996, 1997, 1998, 1999, 2000, 2001, and 2002.

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Rejected:

The Gephardt amendment in the nature of a substitute that sought to achieve a balanced budget by fiscal year 2002 by cutting entitlement spending by

207.6 billion less than the committee resolution, including \$114 billion less in Medicare cuts, \$50 billion less in Medicaid cuts, and \$12.9 billion less in farm program cuts and calls for \$60 billion less in domestic discretionary cuts than the budget resolution, providing \$35 billion more for education and training, \$11 billion more for health, and \$6 billion more for community and regional development programs (rejected by a recorded vote of 100 yeas to 325 noes, with 1 voting “present”, Roll No. 342);

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The Neumann amendment in the nature of a substitute that sought to achieve a balanced budget by fiscal year 2000 by dedicating Federal surpluses to pay for the Federal debt, freezing non-Social Security outlays at or below current levels for 5 years, cutting Federal spending by a total of \$612 billion more in outlays than the resolution over the next seven years, assuming the elimination of the Departments of Housing and Urban Development, Education, Commerce, and Energy, cuts Medicare by \$22.6 billion more than the resolution and calls for taking Social Security off budget with any surplus in the Social Security trust funds being used only for Social Security programs (rejected by a recorded vote of 89 yeas to 342 noes, Roll No. 343); and

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The Payne of New Jersey amendment in the nature of a substitute that sought to achieve a balanced budget by fiscal year 2002 through spending cuts of \$518 billion along with \$583 billion in net revenues, spending less on defense and keeping Medicare and Medicaid funding at levels that the Congressional Budget Office estimates is necessary to continue current services, and placing priorities on programs such as education and job training, and increasing taxes on multinational corporations, slowing down depreciation writeoffs for business equipment and taxing capital gains income at the same rate as ordinary income (rejected by a recorded vote of 56