

1995. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today's RECORD on pages S7135-36.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

APPROPRIATIONS—AOC/GPO

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Legislative Branch held hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 1996, receiving testimony in behalf of their respective activities from George M. White, Architect of the Capitol; and Michael F. DiMario, Public Printer, Government Printing Office.

Subcommittee will meet again on Friday, May 26.

CUBAN LIBERTY AND DEMOCRATIC SOLIDARITY ACT

Committee on Foreign Relations: Subcommittee on Western Hemisphere and Peace Corps Affairs held hearings on S. 381, to strengthen international sanctions against the Castro government in Cuba, and to develop a plan to support a transition government leading to a democratically elected government in Cuba, receiving testimony from Senator Simon; Representatives Torricelli and Menendez; Peter Tarnoff, Under Secretary of State for Political Affairs; and R.

Richard Newcomb, Director, Office of Foreign Assets Control, Department of the Treasury.

Hearings resume on Wednesday, June 7.

NOMINATIONS

Committee on Governmental Affairs: Committee concluded hearings on the nominations of Inez Smith Reid, to be an Associate Judge of the District of Columbia Court of Appeals, and Ronna Lee Beck, Linda Kay Davis, and Eric Tyson Washington, each to be an Associate Judge of the Superior Court of the District of Columbia, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

FEDERAL PENSION REFORM

Committee on Governmental Affairs: Subcommittee on Post Office and Civil Service held hearings on proposals to reform the Federal pension system, focusing on how Federal pension plans compare to private sector plans, receiving testimony from Johnny C. Finch, Assistant Comptroller General, and Bob Shelton, Assistant Division Director, Federal Human Resource Management Issues, both of the General Government Division, General Accounting Office; and Carolyn Merck, Specialist in Social Legislation, Education and Public Welfare Division, Congressional Research Service.

Subcommittee will meet again on Monday, June 19.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Reports Filed: Reports were filed as follows:

H.R. 1561, to consolidate the foreign affairs agencies of the United States; to authorize appropriations for the Department of State and related agencies for fiscal year 1996 and 1997; to responsibly reduce the authorizations of appropriations for United States foreign assistance programs for fiscal years 1996 and 1997, amended (H. Rept. 104-128, Part 1, filed May 19); and

H. Res. 155, providing for the consideration of H.R. 1561, American Overseas Interests Act of 1995 (H. Rept. 104-129).

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

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Recess: House recessed at 12:30 p.m. and reconvened at 4 p.m.

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Referral: One Senate-passed measure was referred to the appropriate House committee.

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Senate Messages: Messages received from the Senate today appear on page H5369.

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

Adjournment: Met at noon and adjourned at 4:17 p.m.

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Committee Meetings

INSURANCE STATE'S AND CONSUMER RIGHTS CLARIFICATION AND FAIR COMPETITIVENESS ACT

Committee on Commerce: Subcommittee on Commerce, Trade, and Hazardous Materials held a hearing on H.R. 1317, Insurance State's and Consumer Rights Clarification and Fair Competitiveness Act of 1995. Testimony was heard from Jim Long, Commissioner

of Insurance, Department of Insurance, State of North Carolina; and public witnesses.

OVERSIGHT

Committee on Commerce: Subcommittee on Commerce, Trade, and Hazardous Materials held an oversight hearing to determine if ammonium nitrate fertilizer used in the fatal bombing of the Alfred R. Murrah Federal Building in Oklahoma City can be neutralized to prevent future tragedies. Testimony was heard from Ralph C. Ostrowski, Chief, Arson and Explosives Division, Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, and Firearms, Department of the Treasury; Tony Fainburg, Senior Associate/Project Director, OTA; and public witnesses.

AMERICAN OVERSEAS INTEREST ACT

Committee on Rules: Granted, by a voice vote, a modified open rule providing 2 hours of general debate on H.R. 1561, American Overseas Interests Act of 1995.

The rule waives clause 2(l)(6) of rule XI (three day availability for committee reports); section 302(f) (prohibiting consideration of legislation providing new entitlement authority in excess of a committee's allocation); 303(a) (prohibiting consideration of budgetary legislation prior to the adoption of the budget resolution); 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); 402(a) (credit authority not subject to appropriations in advance) of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974 against consideration of the bill.

The rule makes in order the amendment in the nature of a substitute recommended by the Committee on International Relations as an original bill for the purpose of amendment. The committee amendment shall be considered as read. The rule waives clause 5(a) of rule XXI (prohibiting appropriations on a legislative bill); section 302(f); 303(a); and 402(a) of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974 against the committee amendment.

The rule requires that amendments be pre-printed in the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD. The rule further provides for consideration for amendment under the 5-minute rule for 10 hours, followed by debate as guaranteed under clause 6 of rule XXIII (permitting five minutes for and against each amendment). Consideration of the bill for amendment may not continue beyond 2:30 p.m., on Thursday, May 25, 1995. The rule allows the chairman of the International Relations Committee the authority to offer certain pre-printed amendments en bloc or germane modifications of any such amendment. The amendments shall not be subject to amendment or to a di-

vision of the question in the House or in the Committee of the Whole.

The rule deletes section 2210 from the committee amendment in the nature of a substitute through a self-executing provision. Section 2210 would establish a new scorekeeping system for certain lease purchasing agreements that is contrary to scorekeeping under the Budget Act. As such, the provision violates section 306 of the Budget Act which prohibits the consideration of amendments under the Budget Committee's jurisdiction if offered to bills not reported by the Budget Committee. Since the Budget Committee has communicated opposition to waiving points of order against the International Relations Committee's amendment in the nature of a substitute for this provision, the provision in the rule would delete the offending section from the substitute.

Finally, the rule provides for one motion to recommit, with or without instructions. Testimony was heard from Chairman Gilman and Representative Hamilton.

INTELLIGENCE COMMUNITY—21ST CENTURY

Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence: Held a hearing on the Intelligence Community in the 21st Century. Testimony was heard from the following former Directors of the CIA: Ambassador Richard Helms; James R. Schlesinger; William Colby; Adm. Stansfield Turner; William H. Webster, and R. James Woolsey.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR TUESDAY, MAY 23, 1995

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry, to resume hearings on proposed legislation to strengthen and improve United States agricultural programs, focusing on Federal nutrition programs, 9:30 a.m., SR-328A.

Committee on Appropriations, Subcommittee on Defense, to hold hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 1996 for the Department of Defense, focusing on financial management, 9:30 a.m., SD-192.

Subcommittee on District of Columbia, to hold hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 1996 for the government of the District of Columbia, focusing on the District of Columbia public schools, 9:30 a.m., SD-116.

Subcommittee on Foreign Operations, to hold hearings to examine arms transfer policy, 9:30 a.m., SD-138.

Committee on Armed Services, closed business meeting, to consider pending military nominations, 2:30 p.m., SR-222.