

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Bills Introduced: Nineteen public bills, H.R. 1690–1708; and one resolution, H.J. Res. 92, were introduced.

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Committees To Sit: The following committees and their subcommittees were authorized to sit today during proceedings of the House under the 5-minute rule: Committees on Agriculture, Banking and Financial Services, Commerce, Economic and Educational Opportunities, Government Reform and Oversight, Judiciary, National Security, Resources, and Select Intelligence.

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Agreed To:

The Smith of New Jersey amendment that prohibits the availability of funds authorized for population assistance to any private, nongovernmental, or multilateral organization that directly or indirectly performs abortions in a foreign country, except in instances of rape, incest, or when the life of the mother is in danger (agreed to by a recorded vote of 240 ayes to 181 noes, Roll No. 350);

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The Bereuter amendment, as amended by the Brownback amendment, that increases the authorization for the Food for Peace program by \$25 million by reducing authorizations in other categories; and

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The Bereuter amendment, as amended by the Smith of New Jersey amendment (agreed to by a recorded vote of 266 ayes to 156 noes, Roll No. 353), that strikes the earmark for the resettlement of South Asian boat people.

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Rejected:

The Morella amendment to the Smith of New Jersey amendment that sought to provide that the abortion prohibitions contained in the amendment would not be applicable to the medical treatment of injuries or illnesses caused by unsafe abortions (rejected by a recorded vote of 198 ayes to 227 noes, Roll No. 349);

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The McKinney amendment that sought to prohibit military assistance or arms transfers to a foreign government unless the President certified that the foreign government adheres to a national code of conduct (rejected by a recorded vote of 157 ayes to 262 noes, Roll No. 351);

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The Wynn amendment that sought to authorize \$12 million in fiscal years 1996 and 1997 for debt relief for Latin America and the Caribbean (rejected by a recorded vote of 125 ayes to 297 noes, Roll No. 352); and

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The Hastings amendment that sought to increase the authorization for the Development Fund for Africa by \$173 million (rejected by a recorded vote of 141 ayes to 278 noes with 1 voting “present”, Roll No. 354).

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Presidential Message—Aeronautics and Space: Message wherein he transmits a report on the Nation’s achievements in aeronautics and space during fiscal year 1994—referred to the Committee on Science.

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Office of Compliance: The Speaker and Minority Leader of the House and the Majority and Minority Leaders of the Senate jointly appointed the following persons from private life to the Board of Directors of the Office of Compliance: Mr. Glen D. Nager of Washington, D.C., Chairman, to a 5-year term; Ms. Virginia A. Seitz of Washington, D.C. to a 5-year term; Mr. Jerry M. Hunter of Missouri, to a 4-year term; Mr. James N. Adler of California, to a 4-year term; and Mr. Lawrence Z. Lorber of Washington, D.C. to a 3-year term.

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Amendments Ordered Printed: Amendments ordered printed pursuant to the rule appear on pages H5572–75.

Quorum Calls—Votes: Six recorded votes developed during the proceedings of the House today and appear on pages H5501, H5502, H5527–28, H5521–32, H5544, and H5551–52. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: Met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 8:51 p.m.

Committee Meetings

FARM BILL—CONSERVATION ISSUES

Committee on Agriculture: Subcommittee on Resource Conservation, Research, and Forestry held a hearing on Conservation issues in the 1995 Farm bill. Testimony was heard from Representatives Bereuter, Furse and Pete Geren of Texas; the following officials of the USDA: Jim Lyons, Under Secretary, Natural Resources and the Environment; and Paul Johnson, Chief, Natural Resource Conservation Service; and public witnesses.

FARM BILL—SUGAR

Committee on Agriculture: Subcommittee on Risk Management and Specialty Crops held a hearing on 1995 Farm Bill—Sugar Title. Testimony was heard from Representatives Crapo, Miller of Florida, Schumer, Mink, and English; Gene Moos, Under Secretary,

Farm and Foreign Agriculture Service, USDA; William Slyne, Chief, Import Operations, U.S. Customs Service, Department of the Treasury; and public witnesses.

COMMERCE, JUSTICE, STATE, AND JUDICIARY APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, State, and Judiciary continued appropriations hearings. Testimony was heard from Members of Congress.

The Subcommittee also held a hearing on the Legal Services Corporation. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Legal Services Corporation: Douglas S. Eakeley, Chairman; Alexander D. Forger, President; and Thomas F. Smegal, Jr., member of the Board.

VA, HUD, AND INDEPENDENT AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on VA, HUD, and Independent Agencies concluded hearings on the EPA. Testimony was heard from Carol M. Browner, Administrator, EPA.

FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS REGULATORY RELIEF ACT

Committee on Banking and Financial Services: Subcommittee on Financial Institutions and Consumer Credit continued hearings on the broad issue of regulatory burden relief as well as those matters addressed in H.R. 1362, Financial Institutions Regulatory Relief Act of 1995. Testimony was heard from Representative Waters; and public witnesses.

Hearings continue June 8.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Commerce: Ordered reported the following bills: H.R. 558, Texas Low-Level Radioactive Waste Disposal Compact Consent Act; and H.R. 1323, amended, Pipeline Safety Act of 1995.

The Committee also began markup of H.R. 1555, Communications Act of 1995.

Will continue tomorrow.

CONSOLIDATED AND REFORMED EDUCATION, EMPLOYMENT AND REHABILITATION SYSTEMS

Committee on Economic and Educational Opportunities: Ordered reported amended H.R. 1617, Consolidated and Reformed Education, Employment and Rehabilitation Systems.

RAMSPECK: REFORM, REPEAL, OR RETENTION

Committee on Government Reform and Oversight: Subcommittee on Civil Service held a hearing on

Ramspeck: Reform, Repeal, or Retention. Testimony was heard from Representative Goss; Timothy Bowling, Associate Director, Federal Human Resource Management Issues, GAO; James B. King, Director, OPM; Theresa Trujeque, Deputy Assistant Secretary, House Resources, Department of the Interior; W. Scott Gould, Deputy Assistant Secretary, Finance and Management, Department of the Treasury; Eugene Kinlow, Deputy Assistant Secretary, Personnel, Department of Health and Human Services; and a public witness.

FLAG DESECRATION

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on the Constitution held a hearing on H.J. Res. 79, proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States authorizing the Congress and the States to prohibit the physical desecration of the flag of the United States. Testimony was heard from Representatives Solomon and Montgomery; and public witnesses.

IMMIGRATION ISSUES

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Immigration and Claims held a hearing on immigration issues. Testimony was heard from Representatives Packard, Lofgren, Bilbray, Rohrabacher, Martini, Foley, Goss, Kim, Pickett, Underwood, Molinari, Mink, Beilenson, Seastrand, Torres, Filner, Hutchinson, and Coleman.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on National Security: Ordered reported amended the following bills: H.R. 1141, Sikes Act Improvement Amendments of 1994; H.R. 1347, Maritime Administration Authorization Act for fiscal year 1996; H.R. 1350, Maritime Security Act of 1995.

The Committee also began markup of H.R. 1530, National Defense Authorization for fiscal year 1996.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Resources: Ordered reported the following bills: H.R. 1332, amended, Rongelap Recovery and Community Self-Reliance Act; S. 523, to amend the Colorado River Basin Salinity Control Act to authorize additional measures to carry out the control of salinity upstream of Imperial Dam in a cost-effective manner; and H.R. 1070, to designate the reservoir created by Trinity Dam in Central Valley project, CA as "Trinity Lake."

COMMITTEE BUSINESS

Committee on Standards of Official Conduct: Met in executive session to consider pending business.

EXPLORE INCREASING AND IMPROVING OPTIONS FOR MEDICARE BENEFICIARIES

Committee on Ways and Means: Subcommittee on Health continued hearings to explore increasing and improving options for Medicare Beneficiaries, with emphasis on Medicare HMO Enrollment Growth and Payment Policies. Testimony was heard from Gail Wilensky, Chair, Physician Payment Review Commission; Stuart H. Altman, Chairman, Prospective Payment Assessment Commission; Jonathan Ratner, Associate Director, Health Financing Issues, GAO; and public witnesses.

Hearings continue tomorrow.

SOCIAL SECURITY DISABILITY INSURANCE PROGRAM

Committee on Ways and Means: Subcommittee on Social Security concluded hearings on the Social Security Disability Insurance Program. Testimony was heard from Representatives McCrery, Gekas, Kanjorski, Costello, and Bass.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR THURSDAY, MAY 25, 1995

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry, Subcommittee on Marketing, Inspection, and Product Promotion, to hold hearings on proposed legislation to strengthen and improve United States agricultural programs, focusing on Federal farm export programs, 10 a.m., S-116, Capitol.

Committee on Appropriations, Subcommittee on Military Construction, to hold hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 1996 for military construction programs of the Department of Defense, focusing on Army and certain Defense agencies, 10 a.m., SD-192.

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs, business meeting, to mark up proposed securities litigation reform legislation, and to consider the nominations of Bruce A. Morrison, of Connecticut, and J. Timothy O'Neill, of Virginia, each to be a Director of the Federal Housing Finance Board, 10 a.m., S-207, Capitol.

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources, to hold hearings on S. 638, to authorize funds for United States insular areas, 9:30 a.m., SD-366.

Subcommittee on Forests and Public Land Management, to hold hearings on property line disputes within the Nez Perce Indian Reservation in Idaho, 2 p.m., SD-366.

Committee on Finance, business meeting, to resume markup of H.R. 4, to restore the American family, reduce illegitimacy, control welfare spending and reduce welfare dependence, 9:30 a.m., SD-215.

Committee on Foreign Relations, to hold hearings on various treaties on Conventions and Protocols on Avoidance of Double Taxation and the Prevention of Fiscal Evasion

with Respect to Taxes on Income and Capital, 10 a.m., SD-419.

Full Committee, business meeting, to continue to mark up proposed legislation authorizing funds for foreign assistance programs, 2 p.m., SD-419.

Full Committee, to hold hearings on the nominations of Timothy Michael Carney, of Washington, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Sudan, Donald K. Steinberg, of California, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Angola, Mosina H. Jordan, of New York, to be Ambassador to the Central African Republic, and Lannon Walker, of Maryland, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Cote D'Ivoire, 3 p.m., S-116, Capitol.

Committee on Governmental Affairs, business meeting, to consider pending nominations, 10 a.m., SD-342.

Committee on the Judiciary, Subcommittee on Terrorism, Technology, and Government Information, to hold hearings to examine the impact of the militia movement in the United States, 9:30 a.m., SD-226.

Committee on Labor and Human Resources, Subcommittee on Education, Arts and Humanities, to hold hearings to examine the business role in vocational education, 9:30 a.m., SD-430.

Subcommittee on Children and Families, to hold hearings to examine child protection issues, 2:30 p.m., SD-430.

Committee on Rules and Administration, to hold hearings on proposed legislation authorizing funds for the Federal Election Commission, 9:30 a.m., SR-301.

NOTICE

For a listing of Senate Committee Meetings scheduled ahead, see page E1118 in today's RECORD.

House

Committee on Agriculture, Subcommittee on General Farm Commodities, hearing on the 1995 Farm Bill—Cotton and Feed Grains Titles, 10 a.m., 1302 Longworth.

Subcommittee on Livestock, Dairy, and Poultry, hearing on the classified pricing for milk, the appropriate number of classes within the pricing system, replacement of the Minnesota-Wisconsin ("M-W") series, formulae to determine future prices for manufacturing and Class I milk, the continuation of state make allowances, the continuation or elimination of Class III-A pricing, and multiple component pricing, 9 a.m., 1300 Longworth.

Committee on Banking and Financial Services, Subcommittee on Domestic and International Monetary Policy, to markup legislation authorizing appropriations for the International Financial Institutions, 9:30 a.m., 2172 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Housing and Community Opportunity, hearing on innovative approaches to homeownership opportunities, focusing on the efforts of Habitat for Humanity International; to be followed by a markup of the Homesteading and Neighborhood Restoration Act, 9:30 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.

Committee on Commerce, to continue markup of H.R. 1555, Communications Act of 1995, time to be announced, 2123 Rayburn.