

hearings to examine the scope of militia organizations in the United States, the nature of their activities, their reason for existence, and the extent to which they pose a threat to American citizens, receiving testimony from Senators Baucus and Levin; James L. Brown, Deputy Associate Director for Criminal Enforcement, Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms, Department of the Treasury; Robert M. Bryant, Assistant Director, National Security Division, Federal Bureau of Investigation, Department of Justice; Col. Fred M. Mills, Missouri State Highway Patrol, Jefferson City; Maricopa County Attorney Richard M. Romley, Phoenix, Arizona; Musselshell County Attorney John Bohlman, Roundup, Montana; John E. Trochmann and Robert Fletcher, both of Noxon, Montana; Ken Adams, Harbor Springs, Michigan; James Johnson, Columbus, Ohio; and Norman Olson, Alanson, Michigan.

Hearings were recessed subject to call.

AFFIRMATIVE ACTION IN EMPLOYMENT

Committee on Labor and Human Resources: Committee concluded oversight hearings to examine affirmative action in employment, focusing on compliance with Executive Order 11246, which prohibits employers with Federal contracts from discriminating against

job applicants or employees on the basis of race, sex, national origin or religion, and requires Federal contractors to take affirmative action to ensure equal opportunity, after receiving testimony from Shirley J. Wilcher, Deputy Assistant Secretary for Federal Contract Compliance, Employment Standards Administration, Department of Labor; Arthur A. Fletcher, Chairman, U.S. Commission on Civil Rights; Ellen Shong Bergman, Ellen Shong and Associates, Sea Brook, South Carolina; Susan R. Meisinger, Society for Human Resource Management, Alexandria, Virginia; Linda Chavez, Center for Equal Opportunity, Brian W. Jones, Center for New Black Leadership, and Marsha Greenberger, National Women's Law Center, all of Washington, D.C.; and John Trygg, Junction City, Kansas.

AUTHORIZATION—FEC

Committee on Rules and Administration: Committee concluded hearings on proposed legislation authorizing funds for fiscal year 1996 for the Federal Election Commission, after receiving testimony from Danny Lee McDonald, Chairman, and Lee Ann Elliott, Commissioner, both of the Federal Election Commission; and Brent Thompson, Fair Government Foundation, Washington, D.C.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Bills Introduced: Seventeen public bills, H.R. 1851–1866, 1868; one private bill, H.R. 1867; and one resolution, H. Con. Res. 77, were introduced.

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Reports Filed: Reports were filed as follows:

H.R. 70, to permit exports of certain domestically produced crude oil (H. Rept. 104–139, Pt. 1);

H. Res. 167, providing for consideration of H.R. 1817, making appropriations for military construction for the Department of Defense for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1996 (H. Rept. 104–140);

H.R. 1854, making appropriations for the Legislative Branch for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1996 (H. Rept. 104–141);

Report entitled “Subdivision of Budget Totals for fiscal year 1996” (H. Rept. 104–142); and

H.R. 1868, making appropriations for foreign operations, export financing, and related programs for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1996 (H. Rept. 104–143).

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Speaker Pro Tempore: Read a message from the Speaker wherein he designates Representative Torkildsen as Speaker pro tempore for today.

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Journal: By a ye-and-nay vote of 356 yeas and 49 nays, Roll No. 380, the House approved the Journal of Wednesday, June 14.

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Department of Defense Authorization: By a recorded vote of 300 ayes to 126 noes, Roll No. 385, the House passed H.R. 1530, to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 1996 for military activities of the Department of Defense, and to prescribe military personnel strengths for fiscal year 1996.

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Rejected the Dellums motion to recommit the bill to the Committee on National Security with instructions to report the bill back forthwith containing an amendment to authorize \$100 million for impact aid for school-aged dependents of certain military personnel (rejected by a recorded vote of 188 ayes to 239 noes, Roll No. 384).

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Agreed To:

The Markey amendment that reduces the authorization for the Department of Energy tritium production activities from \$100 million to \$50 million (agreed to by a recorded vote of 214 ayes to 208 noes, Roll No. 381); and

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The Spence en bloc amendment that expresses the sense of Congress concerning unilateral implementation of the Start II Treaty; authorizes an additional \$9 million for a superconducting radio frequency free election laser program; authorizes \$28 million for the advanced submarine combat systems development program; authorizes an additional \$10 million to establish a joint targeting support system testbed; establishes new procedures whereby there is placed an increased reliance on private sector services for the Department of Defense; authorizes expansion of the Southwest Border States Anti-Drug Information System; improves combat readiness of the National Guard and Reserves; expresses the sense of Congress that the Uniformed Services Family Health Plan should not be terminated; implements uniform cost sharing requirements for Uniformed Services Treatment Facilities; establishes cost reimbursement rules for indirect costs attributable to private sector work of defense contractors; prohibits the consolidation of the Aviation Technical Test Center with any other aviation testing facility until 60 days after a report submitted to the Congress and evaluated; reinstates certain applications of the Buy America Act; expresses the sense of the Congress regarding the Chemical Weapons Convention; establishes an accelerated schedule for environmental management activities; and modifies the existing land conveyance agreement of the Hamilton Air Force Base (agreed to by a recorded vote of 411 ayes to 14 noes, Roll No. 383).

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Rejected the DeLauro amendment that sought to eliminate provisions that prohibit privately funded abortions at overseas Department of Defense medical facilities (rejected by a recorded vote of 196 ayes to 230 noes, Roll No. 382).

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The Clerk was authorized to correct section numbers, punctuation, cross-references, and to make such other technical, clerical and conforming changes as may be necessary in the engrossment of the bill.

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Quorum Calls—Votes: One yea-and-nay vote and five recorded votes developed during the proceedings of the House today and appear on pages H5985–86, H5997–98, H6007–08, H6015–16, H6020–21, and H6021. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: Met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 6:20 p.m.

Committee Meetings

FARM BILL—RICE, WHEAT AND OILSEED TITLES

Committee on Agriculture: Subcommittee on General Farm Commodities continued hearings on the Farm Bill—Rice, Wheat, and Oilseed Titles. Testimony was heard from Representative Lincoln; and public witnesses.

LEGISLATIVE AND FOREIGN OPERATIONS, EXPORT FINANCING AND RELATED PROGRAMS APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Ordered reported the following appropriation bills for fiscal year 1996: Legislative; and the Foreign Operations, Export Financing and Related Programs.

FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS REGULATORY RELIEF ACT

Committee on Banking and Financial Services: Subcommittee on Financial Institutions and Consumer Credit approved for full Committee action amended H.R. 1362, Financial Institutions Regulatory Relief Act of 1995.

SUPERFUND REAUTHORIZATION

Committee on Commerce: Subcommittee on Commerce, Trade, and Hazardous Materials continued hearings on the reauthorization of the Superfund program. Testimony was heard from Senator Inhofe; Representatives Regula and Visclosky; Tim Fields, Administrator, EPA; Becky Norton Dunloop, Secretary of Natural Resources, State of Virginia; Nick DiPasquale, Division Director for Air and Waste Management, Department of Natural Resources, State of Delaware; Jim Strock, Secretary, Environmental Protection Agency, State of California; Cindy Hafner, Supervising Attorney, Division of Emergency and Remedial Response, Environmental Protection Agency, State of Ohio; Gail Norton, Attorney General, State of Colorado; and public witnesses.

Hearings continue June 20.

TRANSFORMATION OF MEDICAID PROGRAM

Committee on Commerce: Subcommittee on Health and the Environment continued hearings on the Transformation of the Medicaid program. Testimony was heard from Kwai-Cheung-Chan, Director, Division of Program, Evaluation and Methodology, GAO; David Satcher, M.D., Director, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, Department of Health and Human Services; Elin Gursky, M.D., Senior Assistant Commissioner of Health, Department of Health,