

Florida; O. Lane McCotter, Utah Department of Corrections, Salt Lake City; Timothy P. Cole, Wackenhut Corrections Corporation, Coral Gables, Florida; James A. Collins, Texas Department of Criminal Justice, on behalf of the American Correctional Association, and Steve J. Martin, both of Austin, Texas; and Zee B. Lamb, Pasquotank County, North Carolina, on behalf of the National Association of Counties.

Hearings were recessed subject to call.

AUTHORIZATION—SUBSTANCE ABUSE/ MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES

Committee on Labor and Human Resources: Committee concluded hearings on proposed legislation authorizing funds for the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration, after receiving testimony from Philip Lee, Assistant Secretary for Health, Nelba Chavez, Administrator, Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration, and Alan I. Leshner, Director, National Institute on Drug Abuse, National Institutes of Health, all of the Department of Health and Human Services; Mathea Falco, Drug Strategies, former Assistant Secretary of State for International Narcotics Matters, John P. Walters, New Citizenship Project, former Acting Director and Deputy Director for Supply Reduction, Office of National Drug Control Policy, and E. Fuller Torrey, St. Elizabeths Hospital, all of Wash-

ington, D.C.; Pamela K. Marshall, Arkansas Division of Mental Health Services, Little Rock; Howard H. Goldman, University of Maryland School of Medicine, Baltimore, on behalf of the Judge David L. Bazelon Center for Mental Health Law; Joseph A. Rogers, Mental Health Association of Southeastern Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, on behalf of the National Mental Health Association and the National Consumer Self-Help Clearinghouse; and Ellen M. Weber, Legal Action Center, New York, New York, on behalf of the National Coalition of State Alcohol and Drug Treatment and Prevention Associations.

WHITEWATER

Special Committee to Investigate the Whitewater Development Corporation and Related Matters: Committee resumed hearings to examine issues relative to the President's involvement with the Whitewater Development Corporation, focusing on certain events following the death of Deputy White House Counsel Vincent Foster, receiving testimony from Roger C. Adams, Counsel to the Deputy Attorney General, and Scott Salter, Special Agent, Federal Bureau of Investigation, both of the Department of Justice; Donald A. Flynn, Special Agent, Presidential Protective Division, United States Secret Service, Department of the Treasury; and Michael L. Spafford, Swidler and Berlin, Washington, D.C.

Hearings continue on Tuesday, August 1.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Bills Introduced: Fifteen public bills, H.R. 2123–2137; and two resolutions, H. Con. Res. 87 and 88 were introduced.

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Reports Filed: Reports were filed as follows: H.R. 2126, making appropriations for the Department of Defense for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1996 (H. Rept. 104–208); and

H.R. 2127, making appropriations for the departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, and related agencies, for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1996 (H. Rept. 104–209).

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Presidential Message—Middle East Peace: Read a message from the President wherein he reports to Congress on the developments concerning the national emergency with respect to organizations that threaten to disrupt the Middle East peace process—

referred to the Committee on International Relations and ordered printed (H. Doc. 104–103). Page H7819

Committees To Sit: The following committees and their subcommittees received permission 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, International Relations, the Judiciary, Resources, Small Business, Transportation and Infrastructure, and Select Intelligence.

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VA—HUD Appropriations: House completed all general debate and began reading for amendment on H.R. 2099, making appropriations for the Departments of Veterans Affairs and Housing and Urban Development, and for sundry independent agencies, boards, commissions, corporations, and offices for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1996; but came to no resolution thereon. Reading for amendment will resume on Friday, July 28.

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When the Committee of the Whole rose, recorded votes had been postponed on the following amendments until Friday, July 28:

The Kaptur amendment that seeks to transfer \$234 million from the FEMA disaster relief account to the account for modernization of existing public housing projects; and
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The DeFazio amendment that seeks to increase the Veterans Health Administration medical care appropriation by \$12 million and reduce the appropriation for the Selective Service System by \$16.9 million.
Pages H7903–07

Agreed to:

The Manager's amendment made in order by the rule that increases funding for a variety of VA and HUD programs, offset through additional transfers from FHA and further reductions in HUD and FEMA; strikes the provision that raises the percentage of income used to calculate contribution requirements and assistance payments for section 8 rental assistance up from 30 to 32 percent; strikes language requiring tenants of federally-assisted housing to pay for utility costs in addition to the minimum \$50 rent; adds language making most of the appropriations related to enforcing the Clean Water Act contingent upon the enactment of reauthorizing legislation, inserts language allowing the Secretary of HUD to waive certain terms and conditions on project rental assistance for special needs housing; and makes a variety of other technical and administrative changes; and
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The Davis amendment, as amended by the Lewis of California amendment, that directs the Administrator of EPA to cease any further hiring in the Agency's Office of Research and Development.
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Rejected:

The Obey amendment that sought to reduce NASA's human space flight account by \$1.6 billion; and increase VA medical care by \$230 million, NASA space, aeronautics, and technology research and development by \$400 million, annual contributions for assisted housing by \$200 million and the account for special needs housing for the elderly, disabled, and persons with AIDS by \$200 million (rejected by a recorded vote of 126 ayes to 299 noes, Roll No. 587);
Pages H7848–56, H7869–70

The Stokes amendment that sought to permit the Secretary of HUD to reallocate funds for housing voucher assistance to public housing modernization, drug elimination grants, and section 8 incremental assistance if authorizing legislation for the voucher program was not enacted by December 31, 1995 (rejected by a recorded vote of 187 ayes to 237 noes, Roll No. 588);
Pages H7859–60, H7870

The Kennedy of Massachusetts amendment that sought to transfer the \$320 million appropriation for FEMA disaster to the annual contributions for assisted housing account, and exempt elderly and disabled recipients from rent increases (rejected by a recorded vote of 177 ayes to 248 noes, Roll No. 589);
Pages H7860–63, H7870–71

The Frank of Massachusetts amendment that sought to increase the appropriation for annual contributions for assisted housing by \$331.16 million, and strike language that raises the percentage of family income used to calculate contribution requirements and assistance payments for section 8 rental assistance (rejected by a recorded vote of 158 ayes to 265 noes, Roll No. 590);
Pages H7863–65, H7871–72

The Klug amendment that sought to waive the section 8 "take one, take all" provision for the Sommerset Circle housing complex in Madison, Wisconsin (rejected by a recorded vote of 76 ayes to 348 noes, Roll No. 591);
Pages H7867–69, H7872

The Hefley amendment that sought to reduce the HUD management and administration salaries and expenses appropriation by \$112.8 million (rejected by a recorded vote of 184 ayes to 239 noes, Roll No. 592);
Pages H7879–81, H7892–93

The Stokes amendment that sought to strike language directing local housing authorities to delay issuing new vouchers or certificates for section 8 incremental assistance until October 1, 1996, and to slow the rate at which public housing projects are developed during fiscal year 1996 (rejected by a recorded vote of 185 ayes to 235 noes, Roll No. 593);
Pages H7881–82, H7893–94

The Vento amendment that sought to increase funding for homeless assistance grants by \$184 million and funding for FEMA emergency management planning and assistance by \$30 million, and reduce FEMA disaster relief funding by \$235 million (rejected by a recorded vote of 160 ayes to 260 noes, Roll No. 594); and
Pages H7882–86, H7894

The Kennedy of Massachusetts amendment that sought to strike language that prohibits HUD from issuing or enforcing any requirement or regulation relating to the application of the Fair Housing Act to the business of, or any activity pertaining to, property insurance (rejected by a recorded vote of 157 ayes to 266 noes, Roll No. 595).
Pages H7886–90, H7894–95

The following were offered but subsequently withdrawn:

The Weldon of Florida amendment to the pending DeFazio amendment that sought to increase the VA major project construction account, rather than the medical care account, by \$12 million; and
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The Dingell motion that the Committee of the Whole rise and report the bill back to the House with the recommendation that the enacting clause be stricken

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Points of order were sustained against the following amendments:

The Kaptur amendment that sought to provide \$290 million for drug elimination grants for low-income housing, and reduce the appropriation for FEMA disaster relief by \$34.5 million;

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The Stokes amendment that sought to permit HUD fair housing activities funding to be used for the Fair Housing Initiatives Program; Pages H7877–79

H. Res. 201, the rule under which the bill is being considered, was agreed to earlier by a yea-and-nay vote of 230 yeas to 189 nays, Roll No. 586.

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Meeting Hour: Agreed that the House will meet at 9 a.m. on Friday July 28.

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Recess: House recessed at 11:25 p.m. and reconvened at 11:32 p.m.

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Senate Messages: Message received from the Senate today appears on page H7805.

Amendments Ordered Printed: Amendments ordered printed pursuant to the rule appear on pages H7917–18.

Quorum Calls—Votes: One yea-and-nay vote and nine recorded votes developed during the proceedings of the House today and appear on pages H7818, H7869–70, H7870, H7870–71, H7871–72, H7872, H7893, H7893–94, H7894, and H7895. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: Met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 11:32 p.m.

Committee Meetings

FARM CREDIT SYSTEM REGULATORY RELIEF ACT

Committee on Agriculture: Subcommittee on Resource Conservation, Research, and Forestry approved for full Committee action amended H.R. 2029, Farm Credit System Regulatory Relief Act of 1995.

Prior to this action, the Subcommittee held a hearing on this legislation. Testimony was heard from Marsha Martin, Chairman, Farm Credit Administration.

D.C. FINANCES

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on the District of Columbia held a hearing on D.C. Task Force Proposals. Testimony was heard from Rep-

resentatives Lazio, Heineman, Talent, Houghton, and Gunderson.

DEBT ISSUANCE AND INVESTMENT PRACTICE ON STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENTS

Committee on Banking and Financial Services: Subcommittee on Capital Markets concluded hearings on Debt Issuance and Investment Practices on State and Local Governments. Testimony was heard from Robert Seale, Treasurer, State of Nevada; the following officials of the State of Ohio: Ken Blackwell, Treasurer; and Timothy Riordan, Finance Director, City of Dayton; and public witnesses.

SAFETY AND HEALTH IMPROVEMENT AND REGULATORY REFORM ACT

Committee on Economic and Educational Opportunities: Subcommittee on Workforce Protections concluded hearings on H.R. 1834, Safety and Health Improvement and Regulatory Reform Act of 1995. Testimony was heard from Representatives Rahall and Mascara; and public witnesses.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Government Reform and Oversight: Ordered reported the following bills: H.R. 1670, Federal Acquisition Reform Act; and H.R. 2108, District of Columbia Convention Center and Sports Arena Authorization Act of 1995.

OVERSIGHT—WACO

Committee on Government Reform and Oversight: Subcommittee on National Security, International Affairs, and Criminal Justice and the Subcommittee on Crime of the Committee on the Judiciary continued oversight hearings on Federal Law Enforcement Actions in Relation to the Branch Davidian Compound in Waco, Texas. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the FBI, Department of Justice: Larry Potts, former Assistant Director, Criminal Investigations; Anthony Betz, CS Gas Expert; Dick Rogers, former head of Hostages Rescue Team; Jeffrey Jamar, former SAC in San Antonio; and Byron Sage, SSRA in Austin.

Will continue tomorrow.

HONG KONG AFTER 1997

Committee on International Relations: Subcommittee on Asia and the Pacific held a hearing on Hong Kong After 1997. Testimony was heard from Kent Wiedemann, Deputy Assistant Secretary, East Asian and Pacific Affairs, Department of State; and public witnesses.