

Railroad Administration, Department of Transportation; Kenneth M. Mead, Director, Transportation Issues, Resources, Community, and Economic Development Division, General Accounting Office; Thomas Downs, President and Chairman, National Railroad Passenger Corporation (Amtrak); former New Jersey Governor James Florio, Trenton, on behalf of the Safe Transit and Rail Transportation (START); Mayor John Robert Smith, Meridian, Mississippi; Jack Hynes, Missouri Highway and Transportation Department, Jefferson City; and Ross Capon, National Association of Railroad Passengers, Washington, D.C.

Hearings were recessed subject to call.

FEDERAL BUDGET OUTLOOK

Committee on Finance: Committee held hearings to examine the current budget situation for the Federal Government, focusing on the impact of a constitutional balanced budget amendment on those programs which fall under the committee's jurisdiction, receiving testimony from Robert D. Reischauer, Director, Congressional Budget Office.

Hearings were recessed subject to call.

MEXICO ECONOMY

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee concluded hearings to examine the economic situation in Mex-

ico and United States efforts to stabilize the peso, after receiving testimony from Senator Hollings; Warren M. Christopher, Secretary of State; Robert E. Rubin, Secretary of the Treasury; Alan Greenspan, Chairman, Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System; Malcolm S. Forbes, Jr., Forbes Inc., and Lawrence Kudlow, National Review Magazine, both of New York, New York; and L. William Seidman, Commercial Mortgage Asset Corp., and Sidney Weintraub, Center for Strategic and International Studies, both of Washington, D.C.

CONGRESSIONAL TERM LIMITS

Committee on the Judiciary: Committee considered S.J. Res. 19 and S.J. Res. 21, measures proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States relative to limiting congressional terms, but did not take action thereon, and recessed subject to call.

NEA

Committee on Labor and Human Resources: Committee concluded oversight hearings on activities of the National Endowment for the Arts, after receiving testimony from Jane Alexander, Chairperson, National Endowment for the Arts.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Bills Introduced: Twenty-six public bills, H.R. 691–716; one private bill, H.R. 717; and three resolutions, H.J. Res. 64–65 and H. Res. 45, were introduced.

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

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Balanced Budget Amendment: By a recorded vote 300 ayes to 132 noes, Roll No. 51 (two-thirds of those present voting in favor), the House passed H.J. Res. 1, proposing a balanced budget amendment to the Constitution of the United States.

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By a recorded vote of 184 ayes to 247 noes, Roll No. 50, rejected the Conyers motion to recommit the joint resolution with instructions to report it back forthwith containing an amendment to exempt Social Security funds from total receipts and outlays that must be balanced.

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Agreed to the Schaefer amendment in the nature of a substitute that provides similar balanced budget

provisions as the committee substitute described below except does not require a three-fifths vote to raise taxes (agreed to by a recorded vote of 293 ayes to 139 noes, Roll No. 49).

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Earlier, agreed to the amendment in the nature of a substitute recommended by the Committee on the Judiciary (which pursuant to the rule did not prevail because the Schaefer substitute received the most affirmative votes) that would have required the adoption of a statement of receipts and outlays which are in balance; required the President to submit a balanced budget; required a three-fifths vote for deficit spending, increases in the debt limit, and increases in tax revenues; and would have provided that a majority of each House could waive the provisions in case of war or a serious military threat as declared by law (agreed to by a recorded vote of 253 ayes to 173 noes, Roll No. 41).

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Rejected:

The Owens amendment in the nature of a substitute that sought to provide similar balanced budget provisions as the committee substitute except it

would have permitted Congress to waive the provisions by law any year for which the President notified Congress and Congress adopted a joint resolution affirming that the national unemployment rate was projected to exceed four percent, and would not have required a supermajority to raise taxes (rejected by a recorded vote of 64 ayes to 363 noes with 1 voting "present", Roll No. 43); **Pages H714-22**

The Wise amendment in the nature of a substitute that sought to establish a separate capital budget and require that the operating budget be balanced; exempt Social Security from budget calculations; and permit Congress to waive the balanced budget provisions in times of war, military conflict, or recession as declared by law (rejected by a recorded vote of 138 ayes to 291 noes with 1 voting "present", Roll No. 44); **Pages H722-31**

The Watt of North Carolina motion that the Committee of the Whole rise and report the resolution back to the House with the recommendation that the resolving clause be stricken (rejected by a recorded vote of 96 yeas to 331 noes with 1 voting "present", Roll No. 45); **Pages H738-39**

The Conyers amendment in the nature of a substitute that sought to require the adoption of a statement of receipts and outlays which balanced; require the President to submit a balanced budget; exempt Social Security from balanced budget calculations; and provide that the constitutional amendment would not take effect until Congress adopted a specific budget plan (rejected by a recorded vote of 112 ayes to 317 noes, Roll No. 46); **Pages H731-41**

The Watt motion that the Committee of the Whole rise and report the resolution back to the House with the recommendation that the resolving clause be stricken (rejected by a recorded vote of 79 ayes to 342 noes, Roll No. 47); and **Page H744**

The Bonior amendment in the nature of a substitute that sought to require that the budget be balanced by fiscal year 2002; exempt Social Security from balanced budget calculations; and to not require supermajority votes for tax or debt limit increases (rejected by a recorded vote of 135 ayes to 296 noes, Roll No. 48). **Pages H741-53**

Senate Messages: Messages received from the Senate today appear on page H693.

Amendments Ordered Printed: Amendments ordered printed pursuant to the rule appear on page H803.

Quorum Calls—Votes: One quorum call (Roll No. 42) and ten recorded votes developed during the proceedings of the House today and appears on pages H713, H721-22, H722, H731, H738-39, H740-41, H744, H753, H769-70, H771-72, and H772.

Adjournment: Met at 9 a.m. and adjourned at 10:44 p.m.

Committee Meetings

FOREIGN OPERATIONS APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Foreign Operations, Export Finance, and Related Agencies held a hearing on Foreign Operations in an Era of Budget Reductions. Testimony was heard from the following former Representatives: Mickey Edwards of Oklahoma; and Matt McHugh of New York.

LABOR—HHS—EDUCATION APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, Education and Related Agencies continued appropriation hearings. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

Hearings continue tomorrow.

RE-EXAMINING OLD ASSUMPTIONS

Committee on Economic and Educational Opportunities: Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations held a hearing on Re-examining Old Assumptions. Testimony was heard from the following former Secretaries of Education: William J. Bennett and Lamar Alexander; and Mario Cuomo, former Governor, State of New York.

EVALUATING U.S. FOREIGN POLICY

Committee on International Relations: Concluded hearings on Evaluating U.S. Foreign Policy, Part III. Testimony was heard from Warren M. Christopher, Secretary of State.

REGIONAL HOTSPOTS

Committee on National Security: Met in executive session to receive a briefing on regional hotspots. The Committee was briefed by Christine Williams, Chairman, National Intelligence Council.

OVERSIGHT

Committee on Resources: Held an oversight hearing on Federal efforts to introduce Canadian Gray Wolves into Yellowstone National Park and the Central Idaho Wilderness. Testimony was heard from Senator Thomas; Bruce Babbitt, Secretary of the Interior; JoAn Wood, member, House of Representatives, State of Idaho; and public witnesses.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Resources: Subcommittee on National Parks, Forests and Lands approved for full Committee action the following bills: H.R. 531, amended, to designate the Great Western Scenic Trail as a study trail under the National Trails System Act;