

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

APPROPRIATIONS—TRANSPORTATION

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Transportation approved for full committee consideration, with amendments, H.R. 2002, making appropriations for the Department of Transportation and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1996.

FAA REFORM

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Subcommittee on Aviation held hearings on proposals to reform the operation of the Federal Aviation Administration, including the air traffic control system, receiving testimony from Senators Inhofe and Kassebaum; Representatives Oberstar and Lightfoot; Kenneth M. Mead, Director, and Robert Levin, Assistant Director, both of the Transportation Issues, Resources, Community, and Economic Development Division, and Belva Martin, Senior Evaluator, all of the General Accounting Office; Federico Peña, Secretary of Transportation; David Hinson, Administrator, George Donohue, Associate Administrator for Research and Acquisitions, and Monte Belger, Associate Administrator for Air Traffic Services, all of the Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation; Najeeb E. Halaby, Edgartown, Massachusetts, former Administrator, FAA; Phil Boyer, Aircraft Owners and Pilots Association, Frederick, Maryland; Richard Golaszewski, Gellman Research Associates, Incorporated, Jenkintown, Pennsylvania; and Charles M. Barclay, American Association of Airport Executives, Alexandria, Virginia.

Hearings were recessed subject to call.

NOMINATIONS

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Committee ordered favorably reported the nominations of John Raymond Garamendi, of California, to be Deputy Secretary of the Interior, and Charles B. Curtis, of Maryland, to be Deputy Secretary of Energy.

ARCTIC OIL RESERVE

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Committee held hearings to discuss leasing portions of Alaska's Arctic coastal plain for oil and gas development and the inclusion of the leasing revenues in the Budget Reconciliation, receiving testimony from John D. Leshy, Solicitor, Department of the Interior; James Schlesinger, former Secretary of Energy; Lawrence Eagleburger, former Secretary of State; Alaska State Senator Drue Pearce, on behalf of the Alaska State Senate and the Alaska State House of Representatives, David R. Cline, National Audubon Society,

Jerry Hood, AFL-CIO, Judy Brady, Alaska Oil and Gas Association, and Sarah James, on behalf of the Gwich'in Steering Committee, all of Anchorage, Alaska; John Shively, Alaska Department of Natural Resources, Juneau; Richard B. Stone, Columbia University Law School, New York, New York, on behalf of the Institute for Public Affairs of the Union of Orthodox Jewish Congregations of America; Edward J. DiPaolo, Halliburton Company, Houston, Texas, on behalf of the National Association of Manufacturers; G. Jon Roush, Wilderness Society, Roger Herrera, Arctic Power, and Russell E. Ginn, Chamber of Commerce of the United States, all of Washington, D.C.; Debbie S. Miller, Fairbanks, Alaska, on behalf of the Alaska Wilderness League, Alaska Center for the Environment, and the Northern Alaska Environmental Center; and Oliver Leavitt, Arctic Slope Regional Corporation, and Delbert Rexford, both of Barrow, Alaska.

Hearings were recessed subject to call.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Environment and Public Works: Committee ordered favorably reported the following bills:

S. 640, to provide for the conservation and development of water and related resources, and to authorize the Secretary of the Army to construct various projects for improvements to rivers and harbors of the United States, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 619, to phase out the use of mercury in batteries and provide for the efficient and cost-effective collection and recycling or proper disposal of used nickel cadmium batteries, small sealed lead-acid batteries, and certain other batteries, with amendments;

S. 369, to designate the Federal Courthouse in Decatur, Alabama, as the "Seybourn H. Lynne Federal Courthouse";

S. 734, to designate the United States courthouse and Federal building to be constructed at the southeastern corner of Liberty and South Virginia Streets in Reno, Nevada, as the "Bruce R. Thompson United States Courthouse and Federal Building";

S. 965, to designate the United States Courthouse for the Eastern District of Virginia in Alexandria, Virginia, as the "Albert V. Bryan United States Courthouse";

S. 1076, to designate the Western Program Service Center of the Social Security Administration located at 1221 Nevin Avenue, Richmond, California, as the "Francis J. Hagel Building";

H.R. 535, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to convey the Corning National Fish Hatchery to the State of Arkansas;

H.R. 614, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to convey to the State of Minnesota the New London National Fish Hatchery production facility; and

H.R. 584, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to convey a fish hatchery to the State of Iowa.

WETLANDS PROTECTION

Committee on Environment and Public Works: Subcommittee on Clean Air, Wetlands, Private Property, and Nuclear Safety resumed oversight hearings on the implementation of Section 404 (to provide regulatory protection for wetlands) of the Clean Water Act (P.L. 92-500), and S. 851, to reform the Section 404 wetlands permitting program under the Clean Water Act to focus Federal regulatory authority on functioning wetlands and to ensure that citizens can obtain permits within a reasonable period of time, receiving testimony from Janet G. Llewellyn, Florida Department of Environmental Protection, Tallahassee; Paul Scott Hausmann, Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources, Madison, on behalf of the Association of State Wetland Managers; Ernest Hahn, New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection, Trenton; Becky Gay, Alaska Wetlands Coalition, Anchorage; Ted R. Brown, Foundation for Environmental and Economic Progress, Boca Raton, Florida; Robert A. Kuras, The Homestead, Glen Arbor, Michigan; Kevin Martin, Soil and Environmental Consultants, Raleigh, North Carolina; Jonathan B. Tolman, Competitive Enterprise Institute, Walter T. McDonald, National Association of Realtors, Robert G. Szabo, National Wetlands Coalition, and Mark Tipton, National Association of Home Builders, all of Washington, D.C.; William M. Lewis, Jr., University of Colorado, Boulder; Orie L. Loucks, Miami University, Oxford, Ohio; Jan Goldman-Carter, National Wildlife Federation, West Chester; and Mark Davis, Coalition to Restore Coastal Louisiana, Baton Rouge.

Hearings were recessed subject to call.

PERSONAL INVESTMENT PLAN ACT

Committee on Finance: Subcommittee on Social Security and Family Policy held hearings on S. 824, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 and the Social Security Act to provide for personal investment plans funded by employee social security payroll deductions, receiving testimony from David S. Koitz, Income Maintenance Section Head, Congressional Research Service, Library of Congress; Robert J. Myers, former Chief Actuary, Social Security Administration; and Steven J. Entin, Institute for Research on the Economics of Taxation, Michael Tanner, Cato Institute, and Matthew P. Fink, Investment Company Institute, all of Washington, D.C.

Hearings were recessed subject to call.

NOMINATIONS

Committee on Governmental Affairs: Committee concluded hearings on the nominations of Jacob Joseph Lew, of New York, to be Deputy Director of the Office of Management and Budget, Jerome A. Stricker, of Kentucky, and Sheryl R. Marshall, of Massachusetts, each to be a Member of the Federal Retirement Thrift Investment Board, William H. LeBlanc III, of Louisiana, to be a Commissioner of the Postal Rate Commission, and Beth Susan Slavet, of Massachusetts, to be a Member of the Merit Systems Protection Board, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf. Mr. Lew, Ms. Slavet, and Ms. Marshall were introduced by Senator Kennedy, and Mr. Stricker was introduced by Senator Ford and Representative Ward.

ANNUAL REPORT OF POSTMASTER GENERAL

Committee on Governmental Affairs: Subcommittee on Post Office and Civil Service concluded hearings to review the fiscal year 1995 activities of the United States Postal Service, and to examine goals for the future, after receiving testimony from Marvin Runyon, Postmaster General, and Michael S. Coughlin, Deputy Postmaster General, both of the U.S. Postal Service.

AUTHORIZATION—ADMINISTRATIVE CONFERENCE

Committee on Judiciary: Subcommittee on Administrative Oversight and the Courts concluded hearings on proposed legislation authorizing funds for the Administrative Conference of the United States for fiscal years 1995 through 1996, after receiving testimony from Thomasina V. Rogers, Chair, Administrative Conference of the United States; Loren A. Smith, Chief Judge, United States Court of Federal Claims; Thomas M. Susman, Ropes and Gray, Washington, D.C.; and James C. Miller III, Citizens for a Sound Economy, McLean, Virginia.

HOUSING FOR OLDER PERSONS ACT

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Constitution, Federalism, and Property Rights approved for full committee consideration, with an amendment, H.R. 660, to amend the Fair Housing Act to modify the exemption from certain familial status discrimination prohibitions granted to housing for older persons.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Labor and Human Resources: Committee ordered favorably reported the following business items:

S. 1028, to provide increased access to health care benefits, to provide increased portability of health

care benefits, to provide increased security of health care benefits, and to increase the purchasing power of individuals and small employers, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 593, to allow the free export of drugs and medical devices not approved by the Food and Drug Administration for use in the United States to member countries of the World Trade Organization, if certain safeguards are satisfied, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute; and

The nomination of Jeanne R. Ferst, of Georgia, to be a Member of the National Museum Services Board.

INDIAN TRIBAL JUSTICE ACT

Committee on Indian Affairs: Committee concluded oversight hearings on the implementation of the Indian Tribal Justice Act (P.L. 103-176), after receiving testimony from Judge William C. Canby, Jr., United States Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit; Mary C. Morgan, Deputy Assistant Attorney General, Office of Policy Development, Department of Justice; Joann Sebastian Morris, Acting Director, Office of Tribal Services, Bureau of Indian Affairs, Department of the Interior; Margaret Treuer, Bois Forte Tribal Court/Bois Forte Band of Chippewa Indians, Nett Lake, Minnesota; John C. Schumacher, Colorado River Indian Tribes Court of Appeals,

Parker, Arizona; Carey N. Vicenti, Jicarilla Apache Tribe, Dulce, New Mexico; Elbridge Coochise, Edmonds, Washington, on behalf of the National American Indian Court Judges Association; and Joseph A. Myers, National Indian Justice Center, Petaluma, California.

INTELLIGENCE

Select Committee on Intelligence: Committee held closed hearings on intelligence matters, receiving testimony from officials of the intelligence community.

Committee recessed subject to call.

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 Louis G. Hupp, Fingerprint Specialist, Federal Bureau of Investigation, Department of Justice; and Philip B. Heymann, Harvard Law School, Cambridge, Massachusetts, former Deputy Attorney General, Department of Justice.

Hearings continue tomorrow.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Bills Introduced: Seventeen public bills, H.R. 2159-2175; one private bill, H.R. 2176; and four resolutions, H.J. Res. 106, H. Con. Res. 90-91, and H. Res. 209 were introduced.

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Reports Filed: Reports were filed as follows:

H.R. 1536, to amend title 38, United States Code, to extend for two years an expiring authority of the Secretary of Veterans Affairs with respect to determination of locality salaries for certain nurse anesthetist positions in the Department of Veterans Affairs;

H.R. 1384, to amend title 38, United States Code, to exempt certain full-time health-care professionals of the Department of Veterans Affairs from restrictions on remunerated outside professional activities, amended (H. Rept. 104-226);

H.R. 2108, to permit the Washington Convention Center Authority to expend revenues for the operation and maintenance of the existing Washington

Convention Center and for preconstruction activities relating to a new convention center in the District of Columbia, and to permit a designated authority of the District of Columbia to borrow funds for the preconstruction activities relating to a sports arena in the District of Columbia and to permit certain revenues to be pledged as security for the borrowing of such funds (H. Rept. 104-227); and

H.R. 1445, to amend Rule 30 of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure to restore the stenographic preference for depositions (H. Rept. 104-228).

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Motion to Adjourn: By a yea-and-nay vote of 120 yeas to 289 nays with 1 voting "present", Roll No. 609, the House rejected the Obey motion that the House adjourn.

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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 Banking and Financial Services, International Relations, National Security, Small