

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

NOMINATION

Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry: Committee concluded hearings on the nomination of Jill L. Long, of Indiana, to be Under Secretary of Agriculture for Rural Economic and Community Development, and to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Commodity Credit Corporation, after the nominee, who was introduced by Senator Coats and Representatives Roberts and de la Garza, testified and answered questions in her own behalf.

AUTHORIZATION—ENDANGERED SPECIES ACT

Committee on Environment and Public Works: Subcommittee on Drinking Water, Fisheries, and Wildlife resumed hearings on proposed legislation authorizing funds for programs of the Endangered Species Act, receiving testimony from Carl B. Loop, Jr., Florida Farm Bureau Federation, Jacksonville, on behalf of the American Farm Bureau Federation; R.J. Smith, Competitive Enterprise Institute, James M. Sweeney, Champion International Corporation, Michael J. Bean, Environmental Defense Fund, and Steven P. Quarles, on behalf of the Endangered Species Coordinating Council and the American Forest and Paper Association, all of Washington, D.C.; Michael White, Hecla Mining Company, Coeur d'Alene, Idaho; Sherl L. Chapman, Idaho Water Users Association, Inc., Boise; George E. Meyer, Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources, Madison; Murray Lloyd, Black Bear Conservation Committee, Shreveport, Louisiana; Brian Loew, Riverside County Habitat Conservation Agency, Riverside, California; Charles E. Gilliland, Texas A&M University, College Station; Randy Scott, San Bernardino County Planning Department, San Bernardino, California; Elliot Parks, San Diego Association of Governments, San Diego, California; and Lindell L. Marsh, Siemon, Larsen & Marsh, Irvine, California.

Hearings were recessed subject to call.

IRAQ SANCTIONS

Committee on Foreign Relations: Subcommittee on Near Eastern and South Asian Affairs concluded hearings to examine the effects of United Nations sanctions imposed on the Iraq economy, after receiving testimony from Madeleine Albright, Permanent Representative to the United Nations; Omar A. Duwaik, Reema International Corp., Denver, Colorado; and Rend Rahim Francke, Iraq Foundation, and Phebe Marr and Patrick Clawson, both of the Institute for

National Strategic Studies/National Defense University, all of Washington, D.C.

IRAQ ATROCITIES AGAINST THE KURDS

Committee on Foreign Relations: Subcommittee on Near Eastern and South Asian Affairs concluded hearings to examine the extent of Iraqi war crimes against the Iraqi Kurdish population, after receiving testimony from Kathryn Cameron Porter, Human Rights Alliance, Fairfax, Virginia; Alan O. Makovsky, Washington Institute for Near East Policy, Washington, D.C.; Kenneth Roth, Human Rights Watch, New York, New York; Najmaldin O. Karim, Kurdish National Congress of North America, Silver Spring, Maryland; Douglas Layton, Servant Group International, Mount Juliet, Tennessee; and numerous other public witnesses.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on the Judiciary: Committee ordered favorably reported the following business items:

S. 627, to require the general application of the antitrust laws to major league baseball; and

The nominations of Joseph H. McKinley Jr., to be United States District Judge for the Western District of Kentucky, and Evan Jonathan Wallach, of Nevada, to be a Judge for the United States Court of International Trade.

NOMINATIONS

Committee on the Judiciary: Committee concluded hearings on the nominations of Terence T. Evans, of Wisconsin, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Seventh Circuit, Michael R. Murphy, of Utah, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Tenth Circuit, James M. Moody, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Arkansas, William K. Sessions III, to be United States District Judge for the District of Vermont, Ortrie D. Smith, to be United States District Judge for the Western District of Missouri, and Donald C. Pogue, of Connecticut, to be a Judge of the United States Court of International Trade, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf. Mr. Evans was introduced by Senators Kohl and Feingold, and Representative Thomas Barrett, Mr. Murphy was introduced by Senators Hatch and Bennett, and Representative Orton, Mr. Moody was introduced by Senators Bumpers and Pryor, and Representative Dickey, Mr. Sessions was introduced by Senators Leahy and Jeffords, and Mr. Smith was introduced by Senators Ashcroft and Bond and Representative Skelton.

MEDICARE HMO's

Special Committee on Aging: Committee concluded hearings to examine the adequacy of Federal oversight of Medicare health maintenance organizations and how to assure quality of care for Medicare beneficiaries who enroll in HMO's, after receiving testimony from Sarah F. Jaggar, Director, Health Financing and Public Health Issues, Health, Education, and Human Services Division, General Accounting Office; June Gibbs Brown, Inspector General, and Bruce C. Vladeck, Administrator, Health Care Financing Administration, both of the Department of Health and Human Services; Geraldine Dallek, Center for Health Care Rights, Los Angeles, California; Jesse Jampol, Health Insurance Plan of Greater New York, New York, New York, on behalf of the Group Health Association of America; Helen Imbernino, National Committee for Quality Assurance, Wash-

ington, D.C.; and Suzanne C. Mercure, Southern California Edison, Rosemead.

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 Thomas E. Castleton, Special Assistant to the Assistant Attorney General, Department of Justice, former Special Assistant to the Counsel to the President; Carolyn C. Huber, Special Assistant to the President and Director of Personal Correspondence; Stephen R. Neuwirth, Associate Counsel to the President; and Clifford M. Sloan, Wiley, Rein & Fielding, Bethesda, Maryland, former Associate Counsel to the President.

Hearings will continue on Monday, August 7.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Bills Introduced: 15 public bills, H.R. 2177–2190, 2192; 1 private bill, H.R. 2191; and 2 resolutions, H. Con. Res. 92, and H. Res. 210 were introduced.

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Report Filed: One report was filed as follows: H.R. 1350, to amend the Merchant Marine Act, 1936 to revitalize the United States-flag merchant marine, amended (H. Doc. 104–229).

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

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Committees To Sit: The following committees and their subcommittees received permission to sit today during the proceedings of the House under the 5-minute rule: Committees on Commerce, Government Reform and Oversight, International Relations, National Security, Resources, and Small Business.

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Labor–HHS–Education Appropriations: By a ye-and-nay vote of 219 yeas to 208 nays, Roll No. 626, the House passed 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.

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Agreed to the committee amendment in the nature of a substitute.

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Rejected the Obey motion to recommit the bill to the Committee on Appropriations with instructions to report it back forthwith containing amendments that sought to strike language relating to striker replacements; strike language that prohibits OSHA from promulgating or issuing any guidelines regarding ergonomic protection or reporting related occupational injuries and illnesses; and strike language relating to the National Labor Relations Board salaries and expenses (rejected by a ye-and-nay vote of 188 yeas to 238 nays, Roll No. 625).

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Agreed To:

The Moran amendment that provides that \$7.5 million of the funds made available to the Office of the Director of the National Institutes of Health (NIH) be made available for the Office of Alternative Medicine;

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The Goodling amendment that increases by \$4.9 million in funding for vocational and adult education, earmark that amount for the National Institute for Literacy and offset that by reducing the funding for the Department's education, research, statistics, and improvement account;

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The Hastert amendment that changes language concerning the criteria institutions of higher education must follow in demonstrating a history and continuing practice of program expansion for members of the underrepresented sex with respect to