

BLOCK GRANTS

Committee on the Budget: Committee continued hearings to examine issues relative to restructuring the Federal budget process, focusing on the Federal, State, and local block grant system, receiving testimony from Michigan Governor John Engler, Lansing; Mayor Stephen Goldsmith, Indianapolis, Indiana; and Clint Bolick, Institute for Justice, Washington, D.C.

Hearings were recessed subject to call.

U.S. SAVINGS

Committee on Finance: Committee held hearings to examine the potential for targeted incentives to increase domestic savings, receiving testimony from William G. Gale, Brookings Institution, Washington, D.C.; and Laurence J. Kotlikoff, Boston University, Boston, Massachusetts, Jonathan Skinner, University of Virginia, Charlottesville, and David A. Wise, Harvard University, Cambridge, Massachusetts, all on behalf of the National Bureau of Economic Research.

Hearings were recessed subject to call.

NOMINATION

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee concluded hearings on the nomination of Martin S. Indyk, of the District of Columbia, to be Ambassador to Israel, after the nominee, who was introduced by Senators Lieberman and Moynihan, testified and answered questions in his own behalf.

GOVERNMENT REFORM: INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

Committee on Governmental Affairs: Committee held hearings to examine how the performance of new information technology by Federal agencies can reduce costs and improve the quality of Government services, receiving testimony from Charles A. Bowsher, Comptroller General of the United States; Cynthia Kendall, Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense for Information Management; Gary Kavanaugh, Deputy Director, Bureau of Program Operations, Health Care Financing Administration, Department of Health and Human Services; and George Newstrom, EDS Corporation, Washington, D.C.

Hearings were recessed subject to call.

EDUCATION

Committee on Labor and Human Resources: Subcommittee on Education, Arts and Humanities concluded hearings to examine education's impact on economic competitiveness, after receiving testimony from Robert Kominski, Assistant Division Chief for Social and Demographic Statistics, Bureau of the Census, Department of Commerce; former New Jersey Governor Thomas H. Kean, Drew University, Madison, New Jersey; Joseph T. Gorman, TRW Inc., Cleveland, Ohio; Alan L. Wurtzel, Circuit City Stores Inc., Washington, D.C.; Joseph L. Dionne, McGraw-Hill, Inc., New York, New York; Morton Owen Schapiro, University of Southern California, Los Angeles; John H. Bishop, Cornell University, Ithaca; and Kent Lloyd, Knowledge Network for All Americans, Arlington, Virginia.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Bills Introduced: Twenty public bills, H.R. 791-810; and two private bills, H.R. 811-812, were introduced. Pages H1156-57

Reports Filed: The following reports were filed as follows:

H.R. 665, to control crime by mandatory victim restitution, amended (H. Rept. 104-16); and

H.R. 666, to control crime by exclusionary rule reform (H. Rept. 104-17). Page H1156

Speaker Pro Tempore: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he designates Representative Dreier to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. Page H1075

Line-Item Veto: House completed all general debate and began consideration of amendments to H.R. 2, to give the President line-item veto authority over appropriation Acts and targeted tax benefits in revenue Acts. Consideration of amendments will resume on Friday, February 3. Pages H1078-H1142

Agreed To:

The Blute technical amendment; Page H1105

The Clinger amendment that provides clarifying language more closely defining the President's line-item veto authority as limited to dollar amounts specified in appropriation Acts, conference reports and their accompanying joint explanatory statements, thus preventing the President from going outside these parameters and changing statutory language; Page H1107

The Pelosi amendment that provides language prohibiting the President from changing any limitation of discretionary budget authority set forth in any appropriation Act; **Page H1107**

The Thurman amendment that provides that any Member of the House, if supported by 49 other Members, may move to strike the disapproval of any rescission (or rescissions) of budget authority or any proposed repeal of a targeted tax benefit, as applicable; and **Page H1130**

The Deal amendment that provides for expedited judicial review of the constitutionality of provisions. **Page H1139**

Rejected:

The Moran amendment that sought to exempt the Judicial Branch from the scope of the line-item veto (rejected by a recorded vote of 119 ayes to 309 noes, Roll No. 85); **Pages H1115–16**

The Slaughter amendment that sought to provide language which would expand the definition of “targeted tax benefit” to mean any provision of a revenue Act which has the practical effect of providing a benefit in the form of a different treatment to a particular taxpayer or a limited class of taxpayers (rejected by a recorded vote of 196 ayes to 231 noes, Roll No. 86); **Page H1125**

The Skelton amendment that sought to provide that the President may not include in a special message any rescission of more than \$50 million of discretionary budget authority for any program, project, or activity within the major functional category for national defense (rejected by recorded vote of 52 ayes to 362 noes, Roll No. 87); **Page H1138**

The Weldon amendment to the foregoing Skelton amendment that the President may not include in a special message any rescission of more than \$200 million of discretionary budget authority for any program, project, or activity within the major functional category for national defense; and **Page H1138**

The Kanjorski amendment that sought to provide that the provisions will terminate after five years (rejected by a recorded vote of 153 ayes to 258 noes, Roll No. 88). **Pages H1141–42**

A point of order was sustained against the Gene Green of Texas amendment to the foregoing Skelton amendment that sought to exempt Medicare legislation in addition to national defense programs from the Presidential line-item veto. **Page H1135**

H. Res. 55, the rule under which the bill is being considered, was agreed to earlier by a voice vote. **Page H1085**

Committees to Sit: It was made in order that the following committees and subcommittees be permitted to sit on Friday, February 3 during proceedings of the House under the five-minute rule: Com-

mittees on Economic and Educational Opportunities, Judiciary, and Science. **Page H1142**

Amendments Ordered Printed: Amendments ordered printed pursuant to the rule appears on page H1157.

Quorum Calls—Votes: Four recorded votes developed during the proceedings of the House today and appear on pages H1115–16, H1125, H1138, and H1141–42. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: Met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 10:14 p.m.

Committee Meetings

ENERGY AND WATER DEVELOPMENT APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Energy and Water Development met in executive session to hold a hearing on Department of Energy’s Reprogramming in Support of the North Korean Accord. Testimony was heard from Charles B. Curtis, Under Secretary, Department of Energy.

LABOR, HHS, EDUCATION AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS

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

MILITARY CONSTRUCTION APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Military Construction held a hearing on Quality of Life in the Military. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Defense: Sgt. Maj. Richard A. Kidd, USA; Master Chief Petty Officer John Hagan, USN; Sgt. Maj. H.G. Overstreet, USMC; and Chief Master Sgt. David J. Campanale, USAF.

TRANSPORTATION APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Transportation, and Related Agencies held a hearing on the Inspector General/Department of Transportation Programs. Testimony was heard from A. Mary Schiavo, Inspector General, Department of Transportation.

VETERANS AFFAIRS, HUD, AND INDEPENDENT AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Veterans’ Affairs, Housing and Urban Development, and Independent Agencies held a hearing on Restructuring Government. Testimony was heard from Mary