

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

AGRICULTURE REFORM

Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry: Committee held hearings on proposed regulatory reforms to strengthen agriculture and agribusiness, receiving testimony from Senator Grams; Representative McIntosh; Lynn Goldman, Assistant Administrator, Office of Prevention, Pesticides, and Toxic Substances, Environmental Protection Agency; Bruce L. Gardner, University of Maryland, College Park; Keith W. Eckel, Pennsylvania Farm Bureau, Scranton, representing the American Farm Bureau Federation; Ross Hansen, National Association of Wheat Growers, Genoa, Colorado; Richard W. Kirchhoff, National Association of State Departments of Agriculture, and Juanita Duggan, National Food Processors Association, both of Washington, D.C.; Philip F. French, Countrymark Cooperative, Inc., Indianapolis, Indiana, representing the National Council of Farmer Cooperatives; Alec Poitevint, Southeastern Minerals Inc., Bainbridge, Georgia, representing the American Feed Industry Association; Kevin Dettler, Doland, South Dakota, representing the U.S. Custom Harvesters, Inc.; Terry L. Anderson, Political Economy Research Center, Bozeman, Montana; G. Waddy Garrett, Alliance Agronomics, Inc., Mechanicsville, Virginia, representing the Agricultural Retailers Association; Dale E. Aupperle, Decatur, Illinois, representing the American Society of Farm Managers and Rural Appraisers, Inc.; and Robert Carlson, North Dakota Farmers Union, Jamestown, representing the National Farmers Union.

Hearings were recessed subject to call.

AUTHORIZATION—DEFENSE

Committee on Armed Services: Committee resumed hearings on proposed legislation authorizing funds for fiscal year 1996 for the Department of Defense and the future years defense program, focusing on the military strategies and operational requirements of the unified commands, receiving testimony from Gen. George A. Joulwan, USA, Commander in Chief, United States European Command; Gen. J.H. Binford Peay III, USA, Commander in Chief, United States Central Command; and Gen. John J. Sheehan, USMC, Commander in Chief, United States Atlantic Command.

Hearings continue on Thursday, February 16.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on the Budget: Committee ordered reported, without recommendation, the following bills:

S. 14, to provide for the expedited consideration of certain proposed cancellations of budget items, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute; and

S. 4, to grant the power to the President to reduce budget authority, with amendments.

Also, committee failed to order reported proposed legislation to create a legislative item veto by requiring separate enrollment of items in appropriations bills and targeted tax benefits in revenue bills.

AUTHORIZATION—WATER RESOURCES

Committee on Environment and Public Works: Subcommittee on Transportation and Infrastructure concluded hearings on proposed legislation authorizing funds for programs of the Water Resources Development Act and to examine the President's budget request for fiscal year 1996 for the United States Army Corps of Engineers, after receiving testimony from John H. Zirschky, Acting Assistant Secretary of the Army (Civil Works); Maj. Gen. Stanley Genega, Director of Civil Works, United States Army; Brig. Gen. Gerald E. Galloway, Jr., USA, United States Military Academy, West Point, New York; Larry King, Acting Director, District of Columbia Department of Public Works; Mayor Jeffrey Tarbert, and Robert R. Perry, Falls Church City Council, both of Falls Church, Virginia; Mary Margaret Whipple, Arlington County Board of Supervisors, Arlington, Virginia; Doug Plasencia, Association of State Floodplain Managers Inc., Richmond, Virginia; and Christopher J. Brescia, Midwest Area River Coalition 2000, St. Louis, Missouri.

STATE DEPARTMENT BUDGET/FOREIGN POLICY

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee concluded hearings on the President's proposed budget request for fiscal year 1996 for the Department of State, and to review foreign policy issues, after receiving testimony from Warren M. Christopher, Secretary of State.

CRIME CONTROL REFORM

Committee on the Judiciary: Committee concluded hearings on S. 3 and S. 38, measures to revise certain provisions of the Violent Crime Control and Law Enforcement Act (P.L. 103-322), focusing on the role of Federal law enforcement in addressing the nation's drug and violent crime problems, after receiving testimony from Louis J. Freeh, Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation, and Thomas A. Constantine, Administrator, Drug Enforcement Administration, both of the Department of Justice; James Q. Wilson, University of California, Los Angeles; John J. DiIulio, Jr., Princeton University, Princeton, New