

## Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

### 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. Joseph W. Ashy, USAF, Commander in Chief, United States Space Command; Adm. Henry G. Chiles, Jr., USN, Commander in Chief, United States Strategic Command; Gen. Robert L. Rutherford, USAF, Commander in Chief, United States Transportation Command; and Gen. Wayne A. Downing, USA, Commander in Chief, United States Special Operations Command.

Hearings were recessed subject to call.

### HHS BUDGET

*Committee on the Budget:* Committee concluded hearings on the President's proposed budget request for fiscal year 1996 for the Department of Health and Human Services, after receiving testimony from Donna E. Shalala, Secretary of Health and Human Services.

### NATIONAL HIGHWAY SYSTEM

*Committee on Environment and Public Works:* Subcommittee on Transportation and Infrastructure concluded hearings on S. 440, to provide for the designation of the National Highway System, and to examine the President's proposed budget request for fiscal year 1996 for the Department of Transportation's Federal-aid highway program, after receiving testimony from Mortimer L. Downey, Deputy Secretary, Rodney E. Slater, Administrator, Federal Highway Administration; Ricardo Martinez, Administrator, National Highway Traffic Safety Administration; and Gordon J. Linton, Administrator, Federal Transit Administration, all of the Department of Transportation; Harry W. Blunt, Jr., Concord Coach Lines, Inc., Concord, New Hampshire; Hank Dittmar, Surface Transportation Policy Project, Washington, D.C.; and Robert E. Martinez, Virginia Department of Transportation, Richmond, and Francis B. Francois, Washington, D.C., both on be-

half of the American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials.

### LINE-ITEM VETO

*Committee on Governmental Affairs:* Committee concluded hearings on S. 4, to grant the power to the President to reduce budget authority, and S. 14, to amend the Congressional Budget and Impoundment Control Act of 1974 to provide for the expedited consideration of certain proposed cancellations of budget items, after receiving testimony from Senator Bradley; Representative Blute; Louis Fisher, Senior Specialist in Separation of Powers, Congressional Research Service, Library of Congress; and Allen Schick, George Mason University, Fairfax, Virginia.

### NOMINATIONS

*Committee on the Judiciary:* Committee ordered favorably reported the nominations of Sandra L. Lynch, of Massachusetts, to be United States Circuit Judge for the First Circuit; Lacy H. Thornburg, to be United States District Judge for the Western District of North Carolina; Sidney H. Stein, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of New York; and Thadd Heartfield and David Folsom, each to be a United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Texas.

### ARTS AND HUMANITIES

*Committee on Labor and Human Resources:* Subcommittee on Education, Arts and Humanities held hearings on proposed legislation authorizing funds for programs of the National Foundation on the Arts and Humanities Act of 1965, focusing on the National Endowment for the Arts, receiving testimony from Mayor Joseph P. Riley, Jr., Charleston, South Carolina; Christopher Reeve, Creative Coalition, Bedford, New York; George White, Eugene O'Neill Theatre Center, New York, New York; John D. Ong, BF Goodrich Company, Cleveland, Ohio; Harold M. Williams, J. Paul Getty Trust, Santa Monica, California; Richard S. Gurin, Binney and Smith Inc., Easton, Pennsylvania; Dean Amhaus, Wisconsin Arts Board, Madison; Leonard Garment, Mudge Rose Guthrie Alexander and Ferdon, on behalf of the Independent Commission on the Arts, and Laurence Jarvik, Center for the Study of Popular Culture, both of Washington, D.C.; and Charles T. Clotfelter, Duke University, Durham, North Carolina.

Hearings will continue on Thursday, March 2.