

Recess: House recessed at 3:27 p.m. and reconvened at 5:19 p.m. **Page H879**

Balanced Budget Downpayment: By a recorded vote of 371 ayes to 42 noes, Roll No. 19, the House passed H.R. 2880, making appropriations for fiscal year 1996 to make a downpayment toward a balanced budget. **Pages H879–H900**

By a recorded vote of 193 ayes to 222 noes, Roll No. 18, the House rejected the Bonior motion to recommit the bill to the Committee on Appropriations with instructions to report it back forthwith containing an amendment to provide for the restoration for education programs. **Pages H897–99**

Legislative Program: The Majority Leader announced the legislative program for the week of January 29. **Pages H900–01**

Meeting Hour: Agreed that the House will meet at noon on Friday, January 26. **Page H901**

Committee Elections: House agreed to the following two resolutions electing Members to standing committees of the House:

H. Res. 343, electing Representative Hayes to the Committee on Ways and Means; and **Page H901**

H. Res. 344, electing Representative McNulty to the Committee on Ways and Means. **Page H901**

Subsequently, read a letter from Representative McNulty wherein he resigned as a member of the Committee on International Relations. **Page H901**

Veterans Programs Extensions: House agreed, with amendments, to the Senate amendments to H.R. 2353, to amend title 38, United States Code, to extend certain expiring authorities of the Department of Veterans Affairs relating to delivery of health and medical care—returning the measure to the Senate. **Pages H901–03**

Presidential Message—Transportation: Read a message from the President wherein he transmits the annual report of the Department of Transportation covering fiscal year 1994—referred to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure. **Page H903**

Senate Messages: Message received from the Senate today appears on page H839.

Quorum Calls—Votes. One yea-and-nay vote and two recorded votes developed during the proceedings of the House today and appear on pages H852–53, H898–99, and H899–H900. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: Met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 9:02 p.m.

Committee Meetings

CLEAN AIR ACT—MONTREAL PROTOCOL IMPACT

Committee on Commerce: Subcommittee on Health and Environment held a hearing on the Implementation and Enforcement of the Clean Air Act Amendments of 1990, focusing on Title VI and the Impact of the Seventh Meeting of the Parties to the Montreal Protocol. Testimony was heard from Rafe Pomerance, Deputy Assistant Secretary, Environment and Development, Department of State; Larry Elworth, Special Assistant Pesticide Policy Natural Resources and Environment, USDA; and Mary D. Nichols, Assistant Administrator, Air and Radiation, EPA.

INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZED CRIME

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Crime held a hearing on the Growing Threat of International Organized Crime. Testimony was heard from Jim E. Moody, Deputy Assistant Director, Criminal Investigative Division, FBI, Department of Justice; and public witnesses.

NATIONAL OCEANOGRAPHIC CAPABILITIES

Committee on National Security: Subcommittee on Military Research and Development, the Subcommittee on Energy and Environment of the Committee on Science and the Subcommittee on Fisheries, Wildlife and Oceans of the Committee on Resources held a joint hearing on leveraging national oceanographic capabilities. Testimony was heard from Neal F. Lane, Director, NSF; James Baker, Administrator, NOAA, Department of Commerce; Adm. Jeremy M. Boorda, USN, Chief of Naval Operations, Department of the Navy; RAdm. Paul G. Gaffney, II, USN, Commander, Naval Meteorological and Oceanographic Command, Stennis Space Center, NASA; Bruce Alberts, President, National Academy of Sciences; and public witnesses.

COMMITTEE BUSINESS

Committee on Standards of Official Conduct: Met in executive session to consider pending business.

Joint Meetings

POSTAL SERVICE REFORM

Joint Hearing: Senate Committee on Governmental Affairs' Subcommittee on Post Office and Civil Service and House Committee on Government Reform

and Oversight's Subcommittee on Postal Service concluded joint hearings on reforming the future operation of the United States Postal Service, focusing on the restructuring of certain international postal administrations, after receiving testimony from Michael E. Motley, Associate Director, and James T. Campbell, Assistant Director, both for Government Business Operations Issues, General Government Division, General Accounting Office; Graeme T. John, Australian Postal Corporation, Canberra; Georges Clermont, Canada Post Corporation, Ottawa; Elmar Toime, New Zealand Post Limited, Wellington; Ulf Dahlsten and Tommy Persson, both of the Sweden Post AB (Ltd), Stockholm; and James A. Waddell and David E. Treworgy, both of Price Waterhouse LLP, Arlington, Virginia.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR FRIDAY, JANUARY 26, 1996

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Appropriations, Subcommittee on VA, HUD, and Independent Agencies, to hold hearings on the impact of the President's veto of the fiscal year 1996 appropriations bill for the Department of Housing and Urban Development, 10 a.m., SD-192.

Subcommittee on VA, HUD, and Independent Agencies, to hold hearings on the impact of the President's veto of the fiscal year 1996 appropriations bill for the Environmental Protection Agency, 2 p.m., SD-192.

Committee on Armed Services, to hold hearings on the nominations of Gen. Joseph W. Ralston, USAF, to be Vice Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, and Adm. Joseph W. Prueher, USN, for reappointment to the grade of Admiral in the United States Navy, 10:30 a.m., SR-222.

House

No committee meetings are scheduled.