

ANTITRUST OVERSIGHT

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Antitrust, Business Rights and Competition held oversight hearings to review the state of antitrust enforcement within the Antitrust Division of the Department of Justice, and proposals to improve international antitrust enforcement, including increasing criminal fines for corporate price-fixing conspiracies, receiving testimony from Joel I. Klein, Assistant Attorney General, Antitrust Division, Department of Justice.

Subcommittee will meet again on Wednesday, March 4.

MEDICAL CONFIDENTIALITY

Committee on Labor and Human Resources: Committee concluded hearings on proposed legislation to protect the confidentiality of medical information, including S. 1368, to provide individuals with access to health information of which they are the subject, ensure personal privacy with respect to personal medical records and health care-related information, impose criminal and civil penalties for unauthorized use of personal health information, and to provide for the strong enforcement of these rights, after receiving testimony from Senators Bennett and Leahy; Kathleen Sebelius, Kansas Department of Insurance, Topeka, on behalf of the National Association of Insurance Commissioners; Janlori Goldman, Georgetown University Medical Center, and Christine Brunswick,

National Breast Cancer Coalition, both of Washington, D.C.; Michael L. Rhodes, Intermountain Health Care, Salt Lake City, Utah; and Bonnie Rogers, Chapel Hill, North Carolina, on behalf of the American Association of Occupational Health Nurses.

TRIBAL PRIORITY ALLOCATIONS

Committee on Indian Affairs: Committee concluded oversight hearings to examine Tribal Priority Allocation funding as contained in the President's proposed budget request for fiscal year 1999 for the Bureau of Indian Affairs, Department of the Interior, after receiving testimony from Kevin Gover, Assistant Secretary of the Interior for Indian Affairs; John Washakie, Eastern Shoshone Tribe of the Wind River Reservation, Fort Washakie, Wyoming, on behalf of the Shoshone Business Council; Andrew L. Othole, Pueblo of Zuni, Zuni, New Mexico; Edward K. Thomas, Central Council of Tlingit and Haida Indian Tribes of Alaska, Juneau; Bernida Churchill, Mille Lacs Band of Ojibwe Indians, Onamia, Minnesota; and James T. Martin, United South and Eastern Tribes, Inc., Nashville, Tennessee.

INTELLIGENCE

Select Committee on Intelligence: Committee held closed hearings on intelligence matters, receiving testimony from officials of the intelligence community.

Committee will meet again on Wednesday, March 4.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Bills Introduced: 22 public bills, H.R. 3279–3300; 12 resolutions, H.J. Res. 111–112, H. Con. Res. 225–230, and H. Res. 370–373 were introduced.

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Reports Filed: No reports were filed today.

Speaker Pro Tempore: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he designated Representative Collins to act as Speaker pro tempore for today.

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Wireless Telephone Protection Act: The House passed H.R. 2460, to amend title 18, United States Code, with respect to scanning receivers and similar devices, by a yea and nay vote of 414 yeas to 1 nay, Roll No. 25. Pursuant to the rule, the House passed S. 493, a similar Senate-passed bill, after striking all after the enacting clause and inserting in lieu thereof

the text of H.R. 2460. Agreed to amend the title; and H.R. 2460 was then laid on the table.

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Agreed to the McCollum amendment in the nature of a substitute that clarifies that only devices that can insert or modify telecommunication identifying information are prohibited; includes an asset forfeiture provision; allows third parties who have a business relationship with a telecommunications carrier to possess the devices for legitimate business use; and creates an affirmative defense to prosecution for those engaged in research or development in connection with a lawful purpose.

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Earlier, agreed to H. Res. 368, the rule that provided for consideration of the bill by a voice vote.

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Committee Election: The House agreed to H. Res. 370, electing Representative Velazquez to the Committee on Small Business to rank immediately above Representative LaFalce. **Page H646**

Committee Election: The House agreed to H. Res. 371, electing Representative Graham to the Committee on the Judiciary. **Page H646**

Late Report: The Committee on Ways and Means received permission to have until midnight on Friday, February 27 to file a report on H.R. 3130, Child Support Performance and Incentive Act of 1998. **Page H646**

Legislative Program: The Majority Leader announced the legislative program for the week of March 2. **Page H646**

Meeting Hour—Monday, March 2: Agreed that when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet at 2:00 p.m. on Monday, March 2. **Page H646**

Meeting Hour—Tuesday, March 3: Agreed that when the House adjourns on Monday, it adjourn to meet at 12:30 p.m. on Tuesday, March 3, for Morning-Hour Debate. **Page H647**

Calendar Wednesday: Agreed that the business in order under the Calendar Wednesday rule be dispensed with on Wednesday, March 4. **Page H647**

Amendments: Amendments ordered printed pursuant to the rule appear on page H647.

Quorum Calls—Votes: One yea and nay vote developed during the proceedings of the House today and appears on page H644. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: Met at 10:00 a.m. and adjourned at 3:08 p.m.

Committee Meetings

AGRICULTURAL TRADE

Committee on Agriculture: Subcommittee on Livestock, Dairy, and Poultry held a hearing to review livestock, dairy, and poultry trade between the United States, Australia, and New Zealand. Testimony was heard from Lon Hatamiya, Administrator, Foreign Agricultural Service, USDA; and public witnesses.

AGRICULTURE, RURAL DEVELOPMENT, FDA, AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies held a hearing on Research, Education and Economics. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the USDA: I. Miley Gonzalez, Under Secretary, Eileen Kennedy, Acting Deputy Under Secretary and Bob Robinson,

Administrator, Cooperative State Research, all with Research, Education, and Economics; Donald Bay, Administrator, National Agricultural Statistics Service; Floyd P. Horn, Administrator, Agricultural Research Service; Susan Offutt, Administrator, Economic Research Service; and Stephen B. Dewhurst, Budget Officer.

COMMERCE, JUSTICE, STATE, AND JUDICIARY APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, State, and Judiciary held a hearing on the Attorney General and on the USIA. Testimony was heard from Janet Reno, Attorney General; and the following officials of the USIA: Joseph Duffy, Director; and David Burke, Chairman, Board of Broadcasters.

LABOR—HHS—EDUCATION APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education held a hearing on the Occupational Safety and Health Administration, and on GAO, Department of Health and Human Services oversight. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Labor: Charles N. Jeffress, Assistant Secretary, Occupational Safety and Health; J. Davitt McAteer, Assistant Secretary, Mine Safety and Health; and Richard L. Hembra, Assistant Comptroller General, Health, Education, and Human Services Division, GAO.

MILITARY CONSTRUCTION APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Military Construction continued appropriation hearings. Testimony was heard from Members of Congress and public witnesses.

NATIONAL SECURITY APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on National Security held a hearing on FY 1999 Army Budget Overview. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of the Army: Robert M. Walker, Under Secretary and Gen. Dennis J. Reimer, USA, Chief of Staff.

The Subcommittee also met in executive session to hold a hearing on FY 1999 Army Acquisition Program. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of the Army: Kenneth J. Oscar, Acting Assistant Secretary (Research, Development and Acquisition); Lt. Gen. Paul Kern, USA, Military Deputy to the Acting Secretary (Research, Development and Acquisition); and Lt. Gen. William Campbell, USA, Director, Information Systems