

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

NOMINATION

Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry: Committee concluded hearings on the nomination of Thomas J. Erickson, of the District of Columbia, to be a Commissioner of the Commodity Futures Trading Commission after the nominee, who was introduced by Senator Daschle, testified and answered questions in his own behalf.

COMMODITY EXCHANGE ACT

Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry: Committee concluded hearings on proposed legislation authorizing funds for programs of the Commodity Exchange Act, focusing on the Commodity Futures Trading Commission's pilot program for agricultural trade options, after receiving testimony from David D. Spears, Commissioner, Commodity Futures Trading Commission; Kenneth Ackerman, Administrator, Risk Management Agency, Department of Agriculture; Jerry Slocum, North Mississippi Grain Company, Cold Water; Dan Dye, Cargill, Inc., Minneapolis Minnesota; Scott W. Stewart, Stewart-Peterson Group, Inc., West Bend, Wisconsin, on behalf of the National Introducing Brokers Association; Steven Manaster, Virginia Tech University Pamplin College of Business, Falls Church; David Rempe, Kansas State University Department of Agricultural Economics, Manhattan.

INTELLIGENCE PROGRAMS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Defense concluded closed hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2000 for defense related intelligence programs, after receiving testimony from George J. Tenet, Director, Central Intelligence Agency.

FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS INSOLVENCY IMPROVEMENT ACT

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: Subcommittee on Financial Institutions concluded hearings on S. 958, to amend certain banking and securities laws with respect to financial contract, after receiving testimony from William F. Kroener, III, General Counsel, Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation; and Paul G. Scheufele, Credit Suisse First Boston, on behalf of the Bond Market Association, Don Thompson, J.P. Morgan and Company, Inc., on behalf of the American Bankers Association and the ABA Securities Association, and Marjorie E. Gross, Chase Manhattan Bank, on behalf of the Financial Services Roundtable, all of New York, New York.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Committee ordered favorably reported the following business items:

S. 376, to amend the Communications Satellite Act of 1962 to promote competition and privatization in satellite communications, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 305, to reform unfair and anticompetitive practices in the professional boxing industry, with amendments;

S. 296, to provide for continuation of the Federal research investment in a fiscally sustainable way, with amendments;

S. 342, to authorize appropriations for the National Aeronautics and Space Administration for fiscal years 2000, 2001, and 2002, with amendments;

S. 795, to amend the Fastener Quality Act to strengthen the protection against the sale of mismarked, misrepresented, and counterfeit fasteners and eliminate unnecessary requirements, with amendments;

S. 920, to authorize appropriations for the Federal Maritime Commission for fiscal years 2000 and 2001, with an amendment;

H.R. 1034, to declare a portion of the James River and Kanawha Canal in Richmond, Virginia, to be nonnavigable waters of the United States for purposes of title 46, United States Code, and the other maritime laws of the United States; and

The nominations of Rear Adm. John E. Shkor of the United States Coast Guard to be Commander, Atlantic Area, with the Grade of Vice Admiral, Capt. Evelyn J. Fields of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration to be Director, Office of NOAA Corp Operations, with the Grade of Rear Admiral; Capt. Nicholas A. Prahl of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration to be Director, Atlantic and Pacific Marine Centers, with the Grade of Rear Admiral, and nominations for promotion in the United States Coast Guard.

CHINESE ESPIONAGE AT DOE LABORATORIES

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Committee resumed hearings to examine the damage to the national security from alleged Chinese espionage at Department of Energy nuclear weapons laboratories, receiving testimony from John C. Browne, Director, Los Alamos National Laboratory, C. Paul Robinson, Director, Sandia National Laboratories, and C. Bruce Tarter, Director, Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory, all of the Department of Energy.

Hearings recessed subject to call.

NOMINATION

Committee on Environment and Public Works: Committee concluded hearings on the nomination of Timothy Fields, Jr., of Virginia, to be Assistant Administrator, Office of Solid Waste, Environmental Protection Agency, after the nominee testified and answered questions in his own behalf.

MEDICARE REFORM

Committee on Finance: Committee concluded hearings on Medicare reform issues, focusing on the financial outlook for the Medicare program, including implications of Medicare financing for the Federal budget and the United States economy, and the role of Medicare in meeting the health needs of the elderly and disabled Americans, after receiving testimony from Dan L. Crippen, Director, Congressional Budget Office; Richard Foster, Chief Actuary, Health Care Financing Administration, Department of Health and Human Services; Massachusetts Governor Argeo Paul Cellucci, Boston, on behalf of the National Governors' Association; H.E. Frech III, University of California, Santa Barbara; and Diane Rowland, Henry J. Kaiser Family Foundation/Kaiser Commission on Medicaid and the Uninsured, Washington, D.C.

ANTIBALLISTIC MISSILE TREATY

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee resumed hearings on issues relating to the 1972 Antiballistic Missile Treaty, focusing on the United States strategic and arms control objectives, receiving testimony from Ronald F. Lehman, former Director of the U.S. Arms Control and Disarmament Agency; R. James Woolsey, former Director of the Central Intelligence Agency; Keith B. Payne, National Institute for Public Policy/Georgetown University School of

Foreign Service, Washington, D.C.; and Gen. Eugene E. Habiger, Omaha, Nebraska, former Commander-in-Chief, U.S. Strategic Command.

Hearings recessed subject to call.

STATE OF FEDERALISM

Committee on Governmental Affairs: Committee concluded hearings on the current state of Federal and State relations, after receiving testimony from Utah Governor Michael O. Leavitt, Salt Lake City, on behalf of the National Governors' Association; Wisconsin Governor Tommy G. Thompson, Madison, on behalf of the Council of State Governments; Mayor Clarence E. Anthony, South Bay, Florida, on behalf of the National League of Cities; North Carolina State Representative Daniel T. Blue, Jr., Raleigh, on behalf of the National Conference of State Legislatures; William A. Galston, University of Maryland at College Park; and John O. McGinnis, Yeshiva University Cardozo School of Law, New York, New York.

DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Committee on the Judiciary: Committee concluded oversight hearings on activities of the Department of Justice, after receiving testimony from Janet Reno, Attorney General, Department of Justice.

AUTHORIZATION—INTELLIGENCE

Select Committee on Intelligence: Committee ordered favorably reported an original bill authorizing funds for fiscal year 2000 for intelligence and intelligence-related activities of the United States Government, the Community Management Account, and the Central Intelligence Agency Retirement and Disability System.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Bills Introduced: 30 public bills, H.R. 1684–1713; and 6 resolutions, H.J. Res. 51, H. Con. Res. 96–99, and H. Res. 160, were introduced.

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Reports Filed: One report was filed today as follows:

H. Res. 159, providing for consideration of H.R. 1664, making emergency supplemental appropriations for military operations, refugee relief, and humanitarian assistance relating to the conflict in Kosovo, and for military operations in Southwest

Asia for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1999 (H.Rept. 106–127).

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Journal Vote: Agreed to the Speaker's approval of the Journal of Tuesday, May 4, by a yea and nay vote of 356 yeas to 39 nays, Roll No. 108.

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Late Report: Committee on the Judiciary received permission to have until midnight on Friday, May 7, to file a report on H.R. 775, to establish certain procedures for civil actions brought for damages relating to the failure of any device or system to process or