

Committee Meetings

ENERGY POLICY AND CONSERVATION ACT AMENDMENTS

Committee on Commerce: Subcommittee on Energy and Power held a hearing on H.R. 623, to amend the Energy Policy and Conservation Act to eliminate certain regulation of plumbing supplies. Testimony was from Representative Knollenberg; and public witnesses.

SECURITIES TRANSACTION FEES—IMPACT OF MARKET VOLATILITY

Committee on Commerce: Subcommittee on Finance and Hazardous Materials held a hearing on the Impact of Market Volatility in Securities Transaction Fees. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Commerce: Subcommittee on Health and Environment approved for full Committee action the following bills: H.R. 2130, amended, Hillory J. Farias Date-Rape Prevention Drug Act of 1999; and H.R. 2506, Health Research and Quality Act of 1999.

SCHOOL DISTRICT AND SCHOOL BUILDING LEVEL

Committee on Education and the Workforce: Held a hearing on Title I: What's Happening at the School District and School Building Level. Testimony was heard from Reid Lyon, Child Development and Behavior Branch, National Institute of Child Health and Human Development, NIH, Department of Health and Human Services; and public witnesses.

OVERSIGHT—2000 YEAR CENSUS

Committee on Government Reform: Subcommittee on Census held a hearing on Oversight of the 2000 Census: Examining the Bureau's Paid Advertising Campaign. Testimony was heard from Kenneth J. Prewitt, Director, Bureau of the Census, Department of Commerce; and public witnesses.

ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGES PAY ADJUSTMENT; LIFE INSURANCE—FEDERAL EMPLOYEES

Committee on Government Reform: Subcommittee on Civil Service approved for full Committee action H.R. 915, to authorize a cost of living adjustment in the pay of administrative law judges.

The Subcommittee also held a hearing on Life Insurance: New Options for Federal Employees. Testimony was heard from William E. Flynn, III, Associate Director, Retirement and Insurance Services, OPM; and public witnesses.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on the Judiciary: Ordered reported, amended, the following bills: H.R. 1752, Federal Courts Improvement Act of 1999; and H.R. 2112, Multi-district, Multiparty, Multiforum Trial Jurisdiction Act of 1999.

The Committee also began mark up of H.R. 1875, Interstate Class Action Jurisdiction Act of 1999.

Will continue August 3.

FOREIGN OPERATIONS, EXPORT FINANCING, AND RELATED PROGRAMS APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Rules: Granted, by voice vote, an open rule on H.R. 2606, making appropriations for foreign operations, export financing, and related programs for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2000, providing one hour of general debate equally divided and controlled by the chairman and ranking minority member of the Committee on Appropriations. The rule allows that the bill be open to amendment by paragraph. The rule waives points of order against provisions in the bill for failure to comply with clause 2 of rule XXI (prohibiting unauthorized or legislative provisions or transfers of funds in a general appropriations bill). The rule provides that before consideration of any other amendment it shall be in order to consider the amendments printed in part A of the Rules Committee report which shall be considered only in the order printed in the report. The rule provides that the amendment printed in part B of the report may be offered only at the appropriate point in the reading of the bill. The rule provides that the amendments printed in the report may be offered only by a Member designated in the report, shall be considered as read, shall be debatable for the time specified in the report equally divided and controlled by the proponent and an opponent, and shall not be subject to amendment. The rule waives all points of order against the amendments printed in the report. The rule allows the chairman of the Committee of the Whole to accord priority in recognition to Members who have pre-printed their amendments in the Congressional Record. The rule further allows the chairman of the Committee of the Whole to postpone votes during consideration of the bill and to reduce voting time to five minutes on a postponed question if the vote follows a fifteen minute vote. Finally, the rule provides one motion to recommit, with or without instructions. Testimony was heard from Representatives Callahan, Gilman, Smith of New Jersey, Campbell, Deal of Georgia, Greenwood, Pitts and Pelosi.

CONFERENCE REPORT ON MILITARY CONSTRUCTION, FAMILY HOUSING, AND BASE REALIGNMENT, FY 2000

Committee on Rules Granted, by voice vote, a rule waiving all points of order against the conference report on H.R. 2465, making appropriations for military construction, family housing, and base realignment and closure for the Department of Defense for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2000, and against its consideration. The rule provides that the conference report shall be considered as read.

DIGITAL DIVIDE: BRIDGING THE TECHNOLOGICAL GAP

Committee on Small Business: Subcommittee on Empowerment held a hearing to discuss the "The Digital Divide: Bridging The Technological Gap". Testimony was heard from Larry Irving, Assistant Secretary, Communications and Information, Department of Commerce; and public witnesses.

ENFORCEMENT OF REGULATIONS—NEEDLESS REGULATIONS

Committee on Small Business: Subcommittee on Government Programs and Oversight held a hearing on the burden that needless regulations and lack of common sense in enforcement of regulations place upon Small Businesses. Testimony was heard from Alan Hartman, Architect of the Capitol; Jay Gullo, Mayor, New Windsor, Maryland; and public witnesses.

NATURAL GAS AND HAZARDOUS LIQUID PIPELINE SAFETY PROGRAM

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure: Subcommittee on Economic Development, Public Buildings, Hazardous Materials and Pipeline Transportation held a hearing on reauthorization of the Natural Gas and Hazardous Liquid Pipeline Safety Program. Testimony was heard from Representative Metcalf; Kelley Coyner, Administrator, Research and Special Programs Administration, Department of Transportation; James E. Hall, Chairman, National Transportation Safety Board; and public witnesses.

TEA 21 ENVIRONMENTAL STREAMLINING PROVISIONS

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure: Subcommittee on Ground Transportation held a hearing on TEA 21 Environmental Streamlining Provisions. Testimony was heard from Eugene Conti, Jr., Assistant Secretary, Transportation Policy, Department of Transportation; Steven A. Herman, Assistant Administrator, Enforcement and Compliance Assurance, EPA; Michael L. Davis, Deputy Assistant Secretary, Army (Civil Works), Policy and Legislation, Corps of Engineers; and public witnesses.

Y2K

Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence: Subcommittee on Technical and Tactical Intelligence met in executive session to hold a hearing on Y2K. Testimony was heard from departmental witnesses.

Joint Meetings

APPROPRIATIONS—MILITARY CONSTRUCTION

Conferees agreed to file a conference report on the differences between the Senate and House passed versions of H.R. 2465, making appropriations for military construction, family housing, and base realignment and closure for the Department of Defense for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2000.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR WEDNESDAY, JULY 28, 1999

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: to hold oversight hearings on the Monetary Policy Report to Congress pursuant to the Full Employment and Balanced Growth Act of 1978, 10 a.m., SH-216.

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: business meeting to mark up S. 25, to provide Coastal Impact Assistance to State and local governments, to amend the Outer Continental Shelf Lands Act Amendments of 1978, the Land and Water Conservation Fund Act of 1965, the Urban Park and Recreation Recovery Act, and the Federal Aid in Wildlife Restoration Act (commonly referred to as the Pittman-Robertson Act) to establish a fund to meet the outdoor conservation and recreation needs of the American people; S. 244, to authorize the construction of the Lewis and Clark Rural Water System and to authorize assistance to the Lewis and Clark Rural Water System, Inc., a nonprofit corporation, for the planning and construction of the water supply system; S. 1330, to give the city of Mesquite, Nevada, the right to purchase at fair market value certain parcels of public land in the city; and S. 1329, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to convey certain land to Nye County, Nevada, 10 a.m., SD-366.

Subcommittee on Water and Power, to hold hearings on S. 624, to authorize construction of the Fort Peck Reservation Rural Water System in the State of Montana; S. 1211, to amend the Colorado River Basin Salinity Control Act to authorize additional measures to carry out the control of salinity upstream of Imperial Dam in a cost-effective manner; S. 1275, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to produce and sell products and to sell publications relating to the Hoover Dam, and to deposit revenues generated from the sales into the Colorado River Dam fund; S. 1236, to extend the deadline under the Federal Power Act for commencement of the construction of the Arrowrock Dam Hydroelectric Project in the State