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Hearings continue Wednesday, April 5.

CAMPAIGN REFORM

Committee on Rules and Administration: Committee resumed oversight hearings to examine issues dealing with campaign finance reform, focusing on Presidential selection process and campaign contribution limits, after receiving testimony from Senators Thompson, Lieberman, and Gorton; Roger Pilon, CATO Institute Center for Constitutional Studies, and Derek Cressman, United States Public Interest Research Group, both of Washington, D.C.; Lamar Alexander, Nashville, Tennessee; and Herbert E. Alexander, Silver Spring, Maryland.

Hearings continue Friday, April 7.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Indian Affairs: Committee ordered favorably reported the following bills:

S. 1507, to authorize the integration and consolidation of alcohol and substance programs and services provided by Indian tribal governments, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute; and

S. 1509, to amend the Indian Employment, Training, and Related Services Demonstration Act of 1992, to emphasize the need for job creation on Indian reservations, with an amendment.

CHOCTAW INDIAN LAND TRUST

Committee on Indian Affairs: Committee concluded hearings on S. 1967, to make technical corrections to the status of certain land held in trust for the Mississippi Band of Choctaw Indians, to take certain land into trust for that Band, after receiving testimony from Kevin Gover, Assistant Secretary of the Interior for Indian Affairs; and Phillip Martin, Mississippi Band of Choctaw Indians, Philadelphia, Mississippi.

INTELLIGENCE

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

Committee will meet again tomorrow.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Bills Introduced: 20 public bills, H.R. 4109–4128; 2 private bills, H.R. 4129–4130; and 3 resolutions, H. Con. Res. 295 and H. Res. 451–452, were introduced. **Pages H1587–88**

Reports Filed: Reports were filed today as follows:

H.R. 3039, to amend the Federal Water Pollution Control Act to assist in the restoration of the Chesapeake Bay (Rept. 106–550);

H.R. 1359, to designate the Federal building and United States courthouse to be constructed at 10 East Commerce Street in Youngstown, Ohio, as the “Frank J. Battisti and Nathaniel R. Jones Federal Building and United States Courthouse” (H. Rept. 106–551);

S. 1567, to designate the United States courthouse located at 223 Broad Street in Albany, Georgia, as the “C.B. King United States Courthouse”, amended (H. Rept. 106–552); and

H.R. 1776, to expand home ownership in the United States, amended (H. Rept. 106–553).

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Speaker Pro Tempore: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he designated Representative Nussle to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. **Page H1481**

Journal: Agreed to the Speaker’s approval of the Journal of March 28 by a yea and nay vote of 356 yeas to 47 nays with 1 voting “present”, Roll No. 80. **Pages H1481, H1484–85**

Emergency Supplemental Appropriations: The House completed general debate and began considering amendments to H.R. 3908, making emergency supplemental appropriations for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2000. **Pages H1495–H1585**

Agreed To:

Toomey amendment, printed in H. Rept. 106–549, that appropriated \$4 billion from the on-budget surplus to reduce publicly held debt (agreed to by a recorded vote of 420 yeas with none voting “no” and 3 voting “present”, Roll No. 83);

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Hutchinson amendment, printed in H. Rept. 106–549, that allocates \$15 million of unobligated funding in the Community Oriented Policing Services program for initiatives to combat methamphetamine production and trafficking; **Pages H1540–41**

Sawyer amendment, printed in H. Rept. 106–549, that allocates \$50 million of funding for Plan Colombia and Andean Regional Counternarcotics Activities for assistance for internally displaced persons in Colombia; **Pages H1541–42**

Lewis of California amendment, printed in H. Rept. 106–549, that appropriates an additional \$4 billion for military health care, quality of life, recruitment and retention, and readiness and maintenance (agreed to by a recorded vote of 289 ayes to 130 noes, Roll No. 85); **Pages H1546–52, H1556**

Gilman amendment, printed in H. Rept. 106–549, that conditions military assistance for Colombia upon certification by the President that the Government of Colombia has implemented a strategy to eliminate coca and opium poppy production by 2005, grants the head of the Colombian Armed Forces the authority to dismiss personnel for gross violation of human rights, assures that the Armed Forces cooperate with civilian authorities in the investigation and prosecution in civilian courts of human rights, and develops a Judge Advocate General Corps for the Colombian armed forces (agreed to by a recorded vote of 380 ayes to 39 noes, Roll No. 87); **Pages H1543–46, H1557–58**

Fowler amendment that expresses the sense of the Congress that members of the Armed Forces and their dependents should not have to rely on the food stamp program; **Page H1563**

Hoekstra amendment, printed in H. Rept. 106–549, that transfers \$1 million to the Corporation for National and Community Service Inspector General to conduct reviews and audits of the State Commissions on National and Community Service; **Page H1576**

Largent amendment, printed in H. Rept. 106–549, that makes available \$750,000 to the Commission on Online Child Protection; **Page H1577**

Schaffer amendment, printed in H. Rept. 106–549, that requires the GAO conduct and complete a comprehensive fraud audit of the Department of Education; **Pages H1583–84**

Rejected:

Sanford amendment, printed in H. Rept. 106–549, that sought to reduce funding for various programs by \$1.6 billion; strike emergency designations to bring all spending on budget and subject to caps; and sequester all funding except defense and disaster relief as offsets (rejected by a recorded vote of 108 ayes to 315 noes, Roll No. 82); **Pages H1514–16**

Obey amendment, printed in H. Rept. 106–549, that sought to reduce funding for counternarcotics by \$552 million (rejected by a recorded vote of 186 ayes to 239 noes, Roll No. 84); **Pages H1520–24**

Pelosi amendment that sought to reduce funding for counter-drug activities for Push Into Southern Colombia program by \$51 million; **Pages H1524–40**

Ramstad amendment, printed in H. Rept. 106–549, that sought to strike Title I, Counternarcotics, and thereby reduce overall funding by \$1.7 billion (rejected by a recorded vote of 158 ayes to 262 noes, Roll No. 86); **Pages H1552–54, H1556–57**

Fowler amendment, printed in H. Rept. 106–549, that sought to prohibit the use of \$40 million for a referendum among the residents of Vieques, Puerto Rico regarding further use of the island range by the Navy and require that the President certify that all trespassing and other intrusions on the range have ceased and that comprehensive operational training has resumed before economic development funding of \$40 million is made available (rejected by a recorded vote of 183 ayes to 232 noes, Roll No. 88). **Pages H1561–63, H1584–85**

Points of Order Sustained Against:

Taylor of Mississippi amendment, no. 9 and printed in the Congressional Record, that sought to limit the number of military personnel in Colombia; **Pages H1542–43**

Farr amendment that sought to earmark Agency for International Development funding in Bolivia, Ecuador, Peru, and Colombia for alternative economic development activities to be managed by the United Nations Drug Control Program; **Pages H1554–56**

Section 3602 that specifies that the Executive Draft on Federal Transportation in the National Capital Region shall take effect on the date of enactment and requires a study on its implementation within 60 days of enactment; **Pages H1572–73**

Withdrawn:

The Clayton amendment was offered but subsequently withdrawn that sought to make \$1 million available for implementation of the Flood Water Mitigation and Stream Restoration Project in Princeville, North Carolina; **Page H1565**

Kaptur amendment was offered but subsequently withdrawn that sought to allocate \$130 million for grants and loans for equity capital to establish farmer-owned cooperatives for the processing and marketing of agricultural commodities, including livestock; **Pages H1565–66**

Kilpatrick amendment was offered but subsequently withdrawn that sought to provide an additional \$20 million in funding for flood recovery efforts in the Republic of Mozambique and surrounding affected countries; **Pages H1569–70**

Blagojevich amendment was offered but subsequently withdrawn that sought to provide an additional \$500 million for youth activities under the Workforce Investment Act; **Pages H1570–71**

Cardin amendment was offered but subsequently withdrawn that sought to increase the limit on Social Security Administration administrative expenses by \$336 million; **Pages H1571–72**

Isakson amendment was offered but subsequently withdrawn that sought to provide \$225,000 for the Web-Based Education Commission; **Page H1575**

Postponed proceedings:

Weldon of Pennsylvania amendment that provides \$10 million for the Volunteer Fire Assistance Program, \$80 million for a local government matching Fire Competitive Grant Program, and allow Community Development Block Grants to be used for local fire service use was offered and debated. The Chair postponed further proceedings on the amendment; **Pages H1577–83**

H. Res. 450, the rule that provided for consideration of the bill was agreed to by a yea and nay vote of 241 yeas to 182 nays, Roll No. 81. **Pages H1485–95**

Order of Business—Emergency Supplemental: Agreed that during further consideration of H.R. 3908, in the committee of the Whole pursuant to H. Res. 450, no further amendment shall be in order except for pro forma amendments offered by the Chairman or ranking member of the Committee on Appropriations for the purpose of debate; amendment printed in part B of H. Rept. 105–549 and numbered 12; and amendments offered by Representatives Paul, Stearns, Taylor of Mississippi, Traficant, Baldacci, Tancredo, and Kaptur. **Pages H1585–86**

Senate Messages: Messages received from the Senate today appears on page H1481.

Quorum Calls—Votes: Seven yea and nay votes and two recorded votes developed during the proceedings of the House today and appear on pages H1485, H1494–95, H1515–16, H1519, H1523–24, H1556, H1556–57, H1557–58, and H1584–85. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 10:00 a.m. and adjourned at 12:03 a.m. on Thursday, March 30.

Committee Meetings

FREEDOM TO E-FILE ACT; FEDERAL FARM POLICY REVIEW

Committee on Agriculture: Ordered reported, as amended, H.R. 852, Freedom to E-File Act.

The Committee also held a hearing to review federal farm policy. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

COMMERCE, JUSTICE, STATE AND JUDICIARY APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, State, and the Judiciary held a hearing on the FCC. Testimony was heard from William E. Kennard, Chairman, FCC.

DEFENSE APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Defense continued appropriation hearings. Testimony was heard from Representatives Kilpatrick, Baca, and Roemer; and public witnesses.

INTERIOR APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Interior held a hearing on the National Park Service. Testimony was heard from Robert Stanton, Director, National Park Service, Department of the Interior.

LABOR-HHS-EDUCATION APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education held a hearing on the Railroad Retirement Board, the Institute of Museum and Library Services, the National Education Goals Panel, and the Armed Forces Retirement Home. Testimony was heard from Cheryl T. Thomas, Chair, Railroad Retirement Board; Beverly Sheppard, Acting Director, Institute of Museum and Library Services, National Foundation on the Arts and the Humanities; Ken Nelson, Executive Director, National Education Goals Panel; and David F. Lacy, CEO/Chairman of the Board, Armed Forces Retirement Home.

TREASURY, POSTAL SERVICE, AND GENERAL GOVERNMENT APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Treasury, Postal Service, and General Government held a hearing on the GSA and the Administrative Office of the Courts. Testimony was heard from David Barram, Administrator, GSA; and Jane R. Roth, Judge, U.S. Court, Third District.

VA, HUD AND INDEPENDENT AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on VA, HUD and Independent Agencies held a hearing on the EPA. Testimony was heard from various Assistant Administrators of the EPA.

BUSINESS CHECKING MODERNIZATION ACT

Committee on Banking and Finance: Ordered reported, as amended, H.R. 4067, Business Checking Modernization Act.