

HIGHLIGHTS

- DOT announces 58 UMTA grants in March totaling \$64 million (8).
- Rep Simon (D-IL) introduces youth counseling and employment measure (17).
- Rep Cotter (D-CT) introduces tax credit for home insulation bill (21).
- Sen Durkin (D-NH) introduces bill to reform electric utility regulations (24).

ADMINISTRATIVE

Federal Register: April 20, 1977

- (1) **COMMUNITY SERVICES:** Community Services Administration issued final rules on new non-Federal share waiver criteria providing that grants made for disaster relief may provide 100% Federal funding. Comment period ends May 20, 1977. 45 CFR 1068 p. 20468-69.
- (2) **ENERGY/CONSERVATION:** FEA proposed rules correcting provisions of energy audit procedures (published in the *Federal Register*, April 15, 1977). 10 CFR 450 p. 20555-57.
- (3) **ENERGY/CONSERVATION:** FEA proposed rules correcting a formula (originally published on April 1, 1977) concerning allocations to the States of weatherization assistance for low-income persons. 10 CFR 440 p. 20476.
- (4) **ENVIRONMENT/AIR QUALITY:** EPA issued final rules revising the air quality implementation plan for Texas. 40 CFR 52 p. 2046-63.
- (5) **ENVIRONMENT/AIR QUALITY:** EPA proposed rules revising the air quality implementation plan for the state of North Dakota. Comment period ends May 20, 1977 40 CFR 52 p. 20480

Department News:

- (6) **TRANSPORTATION/AIRPORTS:** Because large numbers of illegal firearms and dangerous weapons are being detected at airport passenger screening stations, the Department of Transportation's Federal Aviation Administration is considering regulations to prohibit carrying such weapons into airport terminals. Present federal regulations only pertain to carrying weapons aboard aircraft.



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Department News:(6) **TRANSPORTATION/AIRPORTS: (Cont.)**

FAA also is considering changing the regulation that requires law enforcement officers to be stationed at passenger screening locations. The change would allow a "roving patrol" so that police presence might deter other crimes but still allow quick response, when needed, at the screening stations.

The contemplated actions are discussed in FAA's Fifth Semi-Annual Report to Congress on the "Effectiveness of the Civil Aviation Security Program." The report showed that 1,096 firearms, including 859 handguns, were detected at the screening stations in the last six months of 1976. 2900 firearms were detected the first six months of 1976. (FAA 77-33) April 15, 1977

(7) **TRANSPORTATION/AIRPORTS:** The Department of Transportation's Federal Aviation Administration issued its monitoring report covering 55 Concorde operations during March at Washington's Dulles International Airport.

Measurements of noise levels made at 17 sites on and around the airport show that the average Effective Perceived Noise Level in decibels (EPNdB) was 118.1 on takeoff and 114 on approach. This compares with an overall cumulative average for all Concorde operations from May through February of 119.5 EPNdB on departure and 117 on approach. These levels are approximately the same on arrival as those of older, four-engine jets--such as the Boeing 707 and DC-8--and approximately twice as loud on departure.

A total of 128 complaints were received during the month of March as compared to 90 for February. Of the total complaints received, 22 were related to arrival noise and 106 to departure noise. (FAA 77-34) April 14, 1977

(8) **TRANSPORTATION/UMTA:** During March 1977, the U.S. Department of Transportation's Urban Mass Transportation Administration (UMTA) announced the award of 58 grants totaling \$64,137,805.

A digest of the announced grants included a short description of capital improvement and research projects, their dollar amount, UMTA project number and date of announcement. Transit planning (technical studies), Section 5 apportioned funds for operating assistance, managerial training and university research and training grants were so noted. (UMTA 77-23) April 18, 1977

LEGISLATIVE

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- (9) **AGING:** Rep Miller (D-CA) introduced HR 6336 amending the Older Americans Act of 1965 to provide a national meals-on-wheels program for the elderly. Education and Labor.
- (10) **BUDGET-FY'78:** Senate Energy and Natural Resources Subcommittee on Energy Research and Development held hearings on proposed authorizations for FY'78 for ERDA.
- (11) **CONSUMER PROTECTION:** Rep Sarasin (R-CT) entered remarks on the Federal role on the legal problem of product liability. p. H3238-40.
- (12) **CONSUMER PROTECTION:** Senate Governmental Affairs began hearings on S 1262, establishing a nonregulatory agency in the executive branch to represent the interests of consumers in Federal agency and court proceedings.

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- (13) DISASTER: Senate Commerce, Science, and Transportation Subcommittee on Science, Technology and Space concluded hearings on S 126, establishing and maintaining an effective earthquake hazard reduction program.
- (14) ECONOMY: Sen Schmitt (R-NM) entered remarks and an article by Sen Helms (R-NC) critical of the President's economic stimulus package. p. S5949-50.
- (15) EDUCATION: Senate Human Resources Subcommittee on Education, Arts and Humanities approved for full committee consideration the following bills:
S 602, revising and extending through fiscal year 1981 programs for library services and construction (amended); and S 701, authorizing \$500 million for each fiscal year through 1981 to assist educational institutions in meeting emergency energy costs (amended).
- (16) EMPLOYMENT/YOUTH: House Education and Labor Subcommittee on Employment opportunities held a hearing on youth employment and training proposals.
- (17) EMPLOYMENT/YOUTH: Rep Simon (D-IL) introduced HR 6349 providing meaningful and productive work for the Nation's youths, and to provide comprehensive job counseling and placement services for youths. Education and Labor.
- (18) ENERGY: Sen Baker (R-TN) entered remarks on the energy problem and the President's proposals. p. S5877-78.
- (19) ENERGY: Sen Anderson (D-MN) entered remarks and a report entitled, "Creating National Energy Policy," designed to describe the processes for developing a national energy policy. p. S5929-32.
- (20) ENERGY: Sen Kennedy (D-MA) entered remarks and a speech by Sen Johnston (D-LA) on the energy problem. p. S5935-38.
- (21) ENERGY/CONSERVATION: Rep Cotter (D-CT) introduced HR 6304 providing a tax credit for home insulation costs. Ways and Means.
- (22) ENERGY/CONSERVATION: Sen Hart (D-CO) entered remarks and an article by Les Gapay (*Wall Street Journal*, 4/15/77) on the President's proposal to offer incentives to industry to produce their own electricity. p. S5951-52.
- (23) ENERGY/CONSERVATION: Sen Brooke (R-MA) introduced S 1304 providing for low-interest loans of Federal funds for the insulation and retrofitting of residential and small commercial buildings. Housing and Urban Affairs. Remarks and text entered p. S5911-15.
- (24) ENERGY/ELECTRIC UTILITIES: Sen Durkin (D-NH) introduced S 1300 reforming electric utility rate regulation and to strengthen State electric utility regulatory agencies. Energy and Natural Resources. Remarks and text entered p. S5901-05.
- (25) ENVIRONMENT/AIR QUALITY: House Interstate and Foreign Commerce met for markup of HR 6161, the Clean Air Act Amendments of 1977.
- (26) ENVIRONMENT/NOISE: House Interstate and Foreign Commerce Subcommittee on Transportation and Commerce held a hearing on the extension of authorizations under the Noise Pollution Control Act of 1972.
- (27) FOOD STAMPS: House Agriculture Subcommittee on Domestic Marketing, Consumer Relations, and Nutrition met for markup of food stamp legislation.

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- (28) **FOOD STAMPS:** Rep Michel (R-IL) entered remarks on legislation designed to reform the Federal food stamp program. p. E2237.
- (29) **HISTORIC PRESERVATION/LWCF:** House Agriculture Subcommittee on Conservation and Credit met and approved for full committee action a clean bill, to be introduced, in lieu of HR 75, Land and Water Resources Conservation Act of 1977.
- (30) **HOUSING/COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT:** House Banking, Finance and Urban Affairs met for markup of HR 6112, Housing and Community Development Act of 1977.
- (31) **MUNICIPAL BONDS:** Sen Kennedy (D-MA) entered remarks and texts of letters from States and cities on S 261, that creates a taxable bond option for States and local governments. p. S5958-72.
- (32) **TAXATION:** Senate deleted \$50 rebate provision and continued consideration of HR 3477, proposed Tax Reduction and Simplification Act. p. S5974-56011
- (33) **TAXATION:** Senate Finance agreed to authorize its Chairman to modify committee amendments to HR 3477, the Tax Reduction and Simplification Act of 1977, by deleting Title I of the bill, which provides a \$50 tax rebate for each exemption, and to request unanimous consent that That Title be stricken from the bill. This action was subsequently taken by the Senate.
- (34) **WAGE-PRICE:** House Banking, Finance and Urban Affairs Subcommittee on Economic Stabilization held a hearing on HR 2094 and related bills, to repeal the Council on Wage and Price Stability Act.

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FEDL REGR: 4/21,22/77
4/25,26/77
CONG RECD: 4/20/77

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HIGHLIGHTS

- Department of Labor issued final rules on CETA disadvantaged youth program (4).
CSA issues final rules on income guidelines for Community Action Program (5).
Senate Human Resources Subcommittee on Employment holds hearings on the CETA extension and youth employment (15).

ADMINISTRATIVE

Federal Register: April 21, 1977

- (1) HEALTH/NATIONAL INSURANCE: HEW gave notice establishing an Advisory Committee on National Health Insurance Issues. The committee will hold hearings throughout the country on the critical issues behind NHI. p. 20675-76.

Federal Register: April 22, 1977

- (2) AGING: HEW gave notice announcing training projects grants and dissertation program grants for FY'77 under the Administration on Aging. p. 20860-62.
(3) CHILD CARE: HEW gave notice of proposed grant administration policies and procedures applicable to financial assistance for Head Start Programs. p. 21045-84.
(4) EMPLOYMENT/YOUTH: Department of Labor issued final rules implementing a CETA program for economically disadvantaged youth during the summer months. 29 CFR 94,97 p. 20905-12.

Federal Register: April 25, 1977

- (5) COMMUNITY SERVICES: CSA issued final rules revising the income poverty guidelines for the Community Action Programs. Comment period ends May 25, 1977. 45 CFR 1060 p. 21108-09.
(6) ENVIRONMENT/AIR QUALITY: EPA proposed rules revising the air quality implementation plan for the state of New York. Comment period ends May 25, 1977. 40 CFR 52 p. 21113.



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- (7) HOUSING: HUD proposed rules applicable to fair market rents for new construction and substantial rehabilitation under Section 8 housing. Comment period ends May 20, 1977. 24 CFR 888 p. 21205-65.

Federal Register: April 26, 1977

- (8) AGING: Federal Council on the Aging gave notice of meetings on May 18, 19 and 20. The agenda includes: development of national health policy for the elderly, HEW welfare reform recommendations, long term financing of Social Security and the impact of the severe winter on the elderly. p. 21322.
- (9) COMMUNITY SERVICES: CSA issued final rules correcting a table (published in *Federal Register*, April 7, 1977) concerning applications for grants under Title II, Sections 221, 222 (a) and 231 of the Economic Opportunity Act. 45 CFR 1067 p. 21292.

Department News:

- (10) TRANSPORTATION/UMTA: ... Secretary of Transportation Brock Adams has told Congress that the Carter Administration opposes any additional funding at this time of the federal capital grants program for urban mass transportation.

Transportation Secretary Adams testified before the Surface Transportation Subcommittee of the House Committee on Public Works and Transportation, which is considering a number of transportation bills, including the capital grant funding and the provision of fully accessible bus service for the elderly and the handicapped.

Mr. Adams said the Administration does not believe there is any "critical" need to increase capital grant funding.

He further opposed a provision in HR 5010, sponsored by Subcommittee Chairman James J. Howard of New Jersey, that would require states receiving federal capital grants for urban mass transportation to establish a bus safety inspection system. Adams said there is "no reasonable basis" for conditioning the grants-which include major rail construction and other non-bus programs-on such a system. In addition, he said the proposed authority would overlap authority already existing within the Federal Highway Administration (Committee on Public Works and Transportation News Release April 6, 1977).

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Congressional Record: April 20, 1977

- (11) AGING: Rep Wirth (D-CO) entered remarks on the Davis Institute's research on the problems of the Aged. p. E2282.
- (12) CONGRESS: Senate reported a Special Report of Banking, Housing and Urban Affairs covering its activities during the 94th Congress (S Rept. 95-95).
- (13) CONSUMER PROTECTION: Rep Rosenthal (D-NY) introduced HR 6437 establishing an Agency for Consumer Protection in order to secure within the Federal Government effective protection and representation of the interests of consumers. Government Operations.

Congressional Record: April 20, 1977

- (14) CONSUMER PROTECTION: House Government Operations Subcommittee on Legislation and National Security held a hearing on HR 6118, establishing an Agency for Consumer Protection.
- (15) EMPLOYMENT/CETA: Senate Human Resources Subcommittee on Employment, Poverty and Migratory Labor began hearings on HR 2992, amending and extending CETA, and S 1242, providing employment and training opportunities for youth.
- (16) ENVIRONMENT: Rep Brown (D-CA) introduced HR 6379 establishing a nonprofit center for long-term environmental research. Science and Technology.
- (17) ENVIRONMENT/AIR QUALITY: Rep Robinson (R-VA) entered remarks and an article by S. Fred Singer (*Miami Herald*, 6/13/76) on the Clean Air Act amendments. p. E2293-94.
- (18) ENVIRONMENT/WATER QUALITY: Rep McKay (D-UT) entered remarks on the navigable waters section of HR 3194, the Federal Water Pollution Control Act Amendment. p. E2289-90.
- (19) HOUSING: Senate insisted on its amendment to HR 3843, authorizing additional funds for housing assistance for lower income Americans in fiscal year 1977, extending Federal riot reinsurance and crime insurance programs, and agreeing to conference with the House; appointed as conferees: Senators Proxmire, Sparkman, Williams, Brooke, and Garn. p. S6102
- (20) HISTORIC PRESERVATION/MUSEUMS: Rep Koch (D-NY) introduced HR 6402 making appropriations to carry out the grant program established in the Museum Services Act during fiscal year 1978. Appropriations.
- (21) HOUSING/COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT: Sen Proxmire (D-WI) entered remarks critical of the Senate Budget's cuts that will be harmful to housing and community development. p. S6057.
- (22) HOUSING/NEIGHBORHOOD: House Post Office and Civil Service Subcommittee on Census and Population held a hearing on HR 3789, neighborhood statistics.
- (23) LOBBYING: Rep Fisher (D-VA) entered remarks and an article by Roy H. Millenson on lobbying input in the legislative process. p. E2314.
- (24) NOMINATIONS: Senate confirmed David J. Bardin, of New Jersey, to be a Deputy Administrator of the FEA, and Chester C. McGuire, Jr., of California, to be an Assistant Secretary of HUD.
- (25) NOMINATIONS: Senate Energy and Natural Resources ordered favorably reported the nominations of Chester Davenport, of Maryland to be an Assistant Secretary of Transportation.
- (26) REGIONALISM: Rep Harrington (D-MA) entered remarks and an article by Amitai Etzioni on the massive regional redistribution of income that is occurring as energy-poor New England imports its energy supplies from producing States in the South and West. p. E2305-06.

Congressional Record: (Cont)

(27) ADDENDUM: Following is a continuation of the list of committees and their members.

HOUSE
AD HOC ENERGY COMMITTEE

Committee Assignments

Thomas L. Ashley (Ohio), Chairman

Richard Bolling (Mo.)	John B. Anderson (Ill.)
Harley O. Staggers (W. Va.)	Clarence J. Brown (Ohio)
John E. Moss (Calif.)	Frank Horton (N.Y.)
Henry S. Reuss (Wis.)	John W. Wydler (N.Y.)
Charles A. Vanik (Ohio)	Garry Brown (Mich.)
Paul G. Rogers (Fla.)	William A. Steiger (Wis.)
John D. Dingell (Mich.)	James M. Collins (Texas)
Al Ullman (Ore.)	Bill Archer (Texas)
John Young (Texas)	James G. Martin (N.C.)
Dan Rostenkowski (Ill.)	Carlos J. Moorhead (Calif.)
James C. Corman (Calif.)	Mikey Edwards (Okla.)
Morris K. Udall (Ariz.)	Newton I. Steers Jr. (Md.)
Joe D. Waggoner Jr. (La.)	Barry M. Goldwater Jr. (Calif.)
Jonathan B. Bingham (N.Y.)	
Thomas S. Foley (Wash.)	
Bob Eckhardt (Texas)	
Mike McCormack (Wash.)	
Charles B. Rangel (N.Y.)	
Charles Wilson (Texas)	
Joseph L. Fisher (Va.)	
Toby Moffett (Conn.)	
Phil Sharp (Ind.)	
Paul E. Tsongas (Mass.)	
Barbara A. Mikulski (Md.)	
Walter Flowers (Ala.)	
Austin J. Murphy (Pa.)	

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HIGHLIGHTS

House agrees to create ad hoc committee on Energy (14).

Rep Richmond (D-NY) introduces food stamp bill (17).

Senate Human Resources subcommittee on Employment continues hearings on CETA Extension and Youth Employment (13).

ADMINISTRATIVE

Federal Register: April 27, 1977

- (1) AGING: HEW/Administration on Aging gave notice announcing grants for FY'77 covering model projects on aging. p. 21522-23.
- (2) COMMUNITY SERVICES: CSA issued final rules on the waiver criteria for non-federal share contribution of CSA grantees. 45 CFR 1068 p. 21485-86.
- (3) ENERGY/CONSERVATION: FEA proposed rules on testing procedures and public hearings under their energy conservation program for the following appliances: water heaters, television receivers, refrigerators, freezers and clothes dryers. Comment period ends June 15, 1977. 10 CFR 430 p. 21575-93.
- (4) ENVIRONMENT/AIR QUALITY: EPA issued final rules revising the air quality implementation plan for Utah. 40 CFR 52 p. 21471-74.
- (5) ENVIRONMENT/AIR QUALITY: EPA proposed rules concerning approval of compliance schedules (under the Clean Air Act) for California. Comment period ends May 27, 1977. 40 CFR 52 p. 21488-89.
- (6) GRANTS: Justice Department issued final rules revoking certain regulations governing relocation assistance and land acquisition policies under the Uniform Relocation Assistance and Real Property Acquisition Policies Act of 1970. 28 CFR 52 p. 21470-71.
- (7) GRANTS: Justice Department issued final rules incorporating GSA changes under Federal Management Circular 74-8 governing relocation assistance and land acquisition policies under the Uniform Relocation Assistance and Real Property Acquisition Policies Act of 1970. 41 CFR 128-18 p. 21474-84.



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Department News:

- (8) **DISASTER:** Payment of insured claims and rates charged under the National Flood Insurance Program have not been affected by difficulties that a private insurance association has had with its financial recordkeeping system, Patricia R. Harris, Secretary of Housing and Urban Development announced.

Secretary Harris was commenting on a recent report by the General Accounting Office (GAO) on the financial controls that the National Flood Insurers Association (NFIA) exercises in relation to the Federally-subsidized flood insurance program. The GAO report states that the NFIA "has been unable to generate accurate financial and statistical data" which is needed by the Federal Insurance Administration (FIA).

"The program is a success because the low rates and a program available to all people who need it was the Congressional intent and because the enacted legislation has been carried out by strong Federal management. (HUD No 77-102) April 6, 1977.

- (9) **EMPLOYMENT:** Of the 46 States that reported in February 1977, unemployment (not seasonally adjusted) was less severe than a year before in all except 10, according to data released by the Bureau of Labor Statistics of the U.S. Department of Labor. The sharpest decreases occurred in Massachusetts, Michigan, Florida, Arizona, Nevada, and California, where rates dropped by at least 2 percentage points. The decline in joblessness occurred despite the extreme cold weather and energy-related layoffs this winter that affected many of the northeastern and north central States and despite the drought conditions that reduced agricultural and resort activity in the West.

The lowest unemployment rates in the nation continued to be toward the geographic center, although Nebraska was the only State with an unemployment rate lower than 4.5 percent. The highest rates were in the West and the northeastern States. Although four of the most populous States continued to have above-average unemployment, only one large State, New York, reported unemployment of 10.0 percent or more. The national unadjusted unemployment rate was 8.5 percent in February.

Most metropolitan areas continued to show improvement compared with February last year. The lowest metropolitan area rates were reported in Texas, Iowa, and North Carolina, each of which had at least two areas with less than 5.0 percent unemployment. However, of the areas with above-average unemployment rates, 21 and 10.0 percent or more unemployment. Five of these very high unemployment areas were in New York State, four in Pennsylvania, and three in California. No other State had more than two such areas. (USDLS 77-298) April 11, 1977.

- (10) **SOCIAL SERVICES:** Don Wortman, Acting Administrator of the Health Care Financing Administration, reported results of a new survey that shows \$9 of every \$100 paid by states for Medicaid services to the "medically needy" is spent in error--primarily because of ineligibility of recipients.

The nationwide survey--the first ever made under the Medicaid Eligibility Quality Control program--reveals that errors by State agencies or recipients related to Medicaid eligibility or payments total some \$980 million in misspent Federal and State dollars.

Federal Register: April 27, 1977

(10) **SOCIAL SERVICES: (Cont)**

The survey was undertaken as the first major step in the new Federal-State Medicaid Eligibility Quality Control Program that calls for aggressive action by the States to reduce errors in eligibility and payments.

The "medically needy" are a Medicaid-eligible group comprising low-income families and individuals who are not qualified either for Aid to Families with Dependent Children (AFDC)--the largest Medicaid-eligible group--or for Supplemental Security Income (SSI). The HEW sampling of error rates encompassed the 5.8 million medically needy and 3.5 million of the SSI recipients whose eligibility is determined by the States. The survey showed misspent dollars for this 9.3 million person group totalled \$715 million (\$393 million in Federal funds) in Fiscal Year 1976--far higher than the dollar loss for the other 14 million Medicaid eligibles.

Separate samplings of agency and recipient error among AFDC and other SSI-related recipients show a combined misspent Federal-State dollar loss of \$265 million in FY 1976. Thus the total dollar loss due to ineligibility and other agency or recipient errors in Medicaid for FY 1976 is an estimated \$980 million (\$639 million in Federal funds) of the \$15 billion in Federal-State expenditures. The Federal government pays an average of 55 percent of State Medicaid expenditures. (HEW-H84) April 29, 1977.

LEGISLATIVE

Congressional Record: April 27, 1977

- (11) **AGING:** Sen Chiles (D-FL) entered remarks and an article by Ralph Blumenthal (*New York Times*, 3/28/77) on the transportation needs of the rural elderly. p. S6193-94.
- (12) **APPROPRIATIONS/SUPPLEMENTAL:** House voted 264 to 142 agreeing to the conference report on HR 4877, making supplemental appropriations for FY'77. p. H3355-86.
- (13) **EMPLOYMENT/CETA:** Senate Human Resources Subcommittee on Employment, Poverty and Migratory Labor continued hearings on HR 2992, amending and extending CETA, and S 1242, providing employment and training opportunities for youth. Mayor Kenneth Gibson, of Newark, New Jersey, representing the U.S. Conference of Mayors and Phyllis Lamphere, Seattle, Washington, representing the National League of Cities, testified.
- (14) **ENERGY:** House, by voice vote, agreed to H Res 508, establishing an Ad Hoc Committee on Energy. p. H3349-55.
- (15) **ENERGY:** Rep Rudd (R-AZ), Wilson (D-CA), Harrington (D-MA), and Shuster (R-PA) entered remarks on the President's energy message. p. E2329, E2352-53, and E2359.
- (16) **ENERGY:** Sens Curtis (R-NE), Byrd (D-WA), Domenici (R-NM), and Abourezk (D-SD) entered remarks on the energy problem and the President's energy message. p. S6103-05, S6105-06, S6163-64, and S6159-60.
- (17) **FOOD STAMPS:** Rep Richmond (D-NY) introduced HR 6539 amending the Food Stamp Act of 1964, as amended, by simplifying administration, encouraging participation, and eliminating fraud. Agriculture.

Congressional Record: April 21, 1977

- (18) HOUSING: Conferees met to resolve the differences between the Senate-and House-passed versions of HR 3843, authorizing additional funds for housing assistance for low income Americans in fiscal year 1977, and to extend the Federal riot reinsurance and crime insurance programs.
- (19) HOUSING/COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT: Sen Proxmire (D-WI) entered remarks critical of the Budget Committee's cut of \$500 million in community development block grant funds. p. S6170-74.
- (20) LOBBYING: House Judiciary Subcommittee on Administrative Law and Governmental Relations held a hearing on HR 1180 and related bills, to regulate lobbying and related activities.

NOTE: Underlining indicates floor or committee action.
No page number indicates announcement only.

HIGHLIGHTS

HEW announces Aid to Families with Dependant Children increased slightly in December 1976 (6).

Senate agrees to conference report on HR 4877, supplemental appropriations for FY'77.

House Interstate and Foreign Commerce subcommittee on Health and Environment held hearings on Safe Drinking Water Act of 1977 (12).

ADMINISTRATIVE

Department News:

- (1) HOUSING: A total of \$8.5 billion of home mortgage loans were closed in January, 40 percent more than in January 1976, the Department of Housing and Urban Development reported. Savings and loan associations accounted for 53 percent of the home loan originations, compared to a market share of 51 percent a year ago. Over the same period commercial banks reduced their market share from 24 to 19 percent and mortgage companies from 16 to 13 percent.

Originations of apartment house loans at \$.8 billion were up 4 percent over last year.

Construction loans for homes at \$1.8 billion were 48 percent higher than last year, while multifamily construction loans increased by 21 percent compared to a year ago. For home construction loans savings and loans accounted for 49 percent and commercial banks for 39 percent. For apartment house construction commercial banks accounted for 40 percent of the loans and savings and loans for 30 percent. (HUD No 77-90) March 30, 1977

- (2) HOUSING: HUD Secretary Harris outlined the administration's goals for housing in a speech during a Consumer Forum in Washington, D.C. Harris emphasized that, "First, we have requested \$35 million for modernization of public housing. This is a 700 percent increase over the Ford budget request. Second, we have requested that operating subsidies be increased to \$596 million for 1977 and \$665 million for FY 1978. Third, we have sought \$15 million for the urban homesteading program, a 300 percent increase over the previous Administration's request. Fourth, we are looking for \$508 million supplemental appropriation in Section 8 contract authority bringing the program level for Section 8 to 400,000 units for this year. Fifth, we are requesting \$1.2 billion in contract authority to provide an additional 400,000 units for both Section 8 and public housing for 1978."



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(2) HOUSING: (Cont.)

Secretary Harris closed her remarks with an assurance that action for low income people will soon be introduced. (HUD News Release) April 5, 1977.

(3) SOCIAL SERVICES: HEW Secretary Joseph A. Califano, Jr., has told Congress that handicapped children accounted for 32,671, or 12.2 percent, of all children enrolled in full-year Head Start programs throughout the Nation during 1976.

In an annual year-end report to Congress compiled by the Office of Child Development, the Secretary noted that last year's figures represent a two percent increase over 1975 enrollments, exceeding a 1972 Congressional mandate requiring that at least 10 percent of Head Start's national enrollment consist of handicapped children.

The report--based on responses to a written survey questionnaire from 87 percent of Head Start grantees and delegate agencies--also noted that the Head Start program is nearing fulfillment of a modified mandate in the Head Start legislation, passed by Congress in 1974, which applied the 10 percent enrollment requirement to individual States. The report said that in 1976, 45 out of 50 States met or exceeded the 10 percent minimum, compared with only 27 States in 1975. (HEW-H83) April 28, 1977.

(4) TRANSPORTATION/AIRPORTS: Secretary of Transportation Brock Adams announced that the Federal Aviation Administration is responding to the U.S. District Court order that a draft environmental impact statement (EIS) on the issuance of noise rules for civil supersonic aircraft, including the British-French Concorde be filed with the Court.

The draft EIS addresses a full range of regulatory options, from a ban on all civil SST operations to unconstrained and completely developed SST operations.

The 12 airports for which noise impact of potential SST flights were analyzed are: Anchorage, Boston, Dallas/Forth Worth, Honolulu, Los Angeles, Miami, Houston, Chicago, Seattle, San Francisco, Washington and New York. (DOT 50-77) April 15, 1977.

(5) TRANSPORTATION/HIGHWAYS: A total of 6,775 Federal-aid highways and bridge construction contracts were awarded by State highway departments during 1976, involving a total cost of approximately \$5.2 billion, the U.S. Department of Transportation's Federal Highway Administration announced.

The figures indicate an increase of 6 percent in the number of contracts, and an 11 percent decrease in the total dollar amount of contracts, as compared with 1975.

It is estimated the 6,775 contracts will provide employment for more than 544,000 persons. Included are 113,000 onsite jobs, 114,000 offsite jobs, and 317,000 induced jobs. Onsite labor represents the contractors' and subcontractors' employees working at the project site; offsite labor, the contractors' and subcontractors' home office employees and workers producing construction materials and equipment; and induced labor, employment created by the respending of wages and profits (services, housing, food, transportation, utilities, etc.). (FHWA 23-77) April 20, 1977.

Department News:

- (6) **WELFARE:** HEW announced the number of recipients of the Nation's largest cash assistance program--Aid to Families with Dependent Children (AFDC)--increased slightly in December 1976 the latest month for which figures are available.

Figures for December indicated a rise to 11,180,966 recipients from 11,129,959 in the previous month. The December rolls also included 150,041 unemployed fathers in those 28 States which include them in their AFDC programs. That figure compared with 140,866 fathers in the previous month.

Federal-State AFDC payments in December were \$843,940,000, up from November's \$830,361,000. Payments in December 1975 were \$816,380,000.

The non-Federally aided program of General Assistance totaled 903,312 recipients in December 1976, up from 893,444 in November, but down from 977,423 in December 1975. (General Assistance programs operate under a variety of names in the 42 States which report and provides cash assistance to those not eligible for AFDC or other Federally-supported programs.) (HEW-H82) April 28, 1977.

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- (7) **AGING:** House Select Committee on Aging Subcommittee on Health and Long-Term Care held a hearing on medicaid cut backs and the elderly.
- (8) **APPROPRIATIONS/SUPPLEMENTAL:** Senate agreed to the conference report on HR 4877, making supplemental appropriations for FY'77. p. S6237-42.
- (9) **ENERGY:** Senate Governmental Affairs began consideration of S 862, establishing a Department of Energy in the Federal Government to direct a coordinated national energy policy.
- (10) **ENERGY/CONSERVATION:** Sen Byrd (D-WV) entered remarks suggesting caution in any criticism of Carter's energy proposals prior to the receipt of the energy legislative package. p. S6235-36.
- (11) **ENVIRONMENT/NOISE:** Sen Goldwater (R-AZ) entered remarks and text of legislation designed to reduce aircraft noise. p. H3467-68.
- (12) **ENVIRONMENT/WATER QUALITY:** House Interstate and Foreign Commerce Subcommittee on Health and the Environment held a hearing on HR 6159, and 6160, Safe Drinking Water Act of 1977.
- (13) **ENVIRONMENT/WATER RESOURCES:** House Appropriations Subcommittee on Public Works heard testimony from the Secretary of Interior on the Administration's proposal to eliminate certain water resources projects from the FY'78 budget requests.
- (14) **HOUSING:** Sen Morgan (D-NC) introduced S 1359 amending the House Act of 1949. Banking, Housing and Urban Affairs. Remarks entered p. S6261.

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- (15) JUVENILE DELINQUENCY: House Education and Labor Subcommittee on Economic Opportunity held hearings on HR 6111, the Juvenile Justice Prevention and Delinquency Amendments of 1977, and HR 1137, establishing a National Conference on Learning Disabilities and Juvenile Delinquency.
- (16) NEIGHBORHOODS: Rep Ashley (D-OH) entered remarks and news articles describing the accomplishments of HUD Assistant Secretary Geno Baroni. p. H3469-72.
- (17) NOMINATIONS: Senate Commerce, Science, and Transportation concluded hearings on the nominations of Jordan J. Baruch, of New Hampshire, and Elsa Allgood Porter, of Virginia, each to be an Assistant Secretary of Commerce.
- (18) NOMINATIONS: Senate Human Resources held hearings on the nomination of Graciela Olivarez, of New Mexico, to be Director of the Community Services Administration.
- (19) ADDENDUM: The President has appointed the following persons to be members and adviser-members of the Council on Wage and Price Stability:

Members:

Cyrus Vance, Secretary of State
W. Michael Blumenthal, Secretary of the Treasury
Juanita M. Kreps, Secretary of Commerce
Ray Marshall, Secretary of Labor
Patricia R. Harris, Secretary of Housing and Urban Development
Thomas Bertram Lance, Director of the Office of Management and Budget
Charles Schultze, Chairman of the Council of Economic Advisers
Stuart Eizenstat, Assistant to the President for Domestic Affairs and Policy

Adviser-Members:

Griffin B. Bell, Attorney General
Cecil D. Andrus, Secretary of the Interior
Joseph A. Califano, Jr., Secretary of Health, Education, and Welfare
Robert S. Strauss, Special Representative for Trade Negotiations

In addition, the President designated W. Michael Blumenthal as chairman of the Council on Wage and Price Stability.

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