

ROGUE REGIMES

Committee on International Relations: Subcommittee on International Operations and Human Rights held a hearing on Attempts by Rogue Regimes to Influence U.S. Policy. Testimony was heard from Representative Barr; and public witnesses.

DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION

Committee on National Security: Subcommittee on Military Installations and Facilities held a hearing on fiscal year 1997 national defense authorization, with emphasis on the military construction budget request. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Defense: Robert E. Bayer, Deputy Assistant Secretary, Installations; Paul Johnson, Deputy Assistant Secretary, Installations and Housing; Maj. Gen. Frank L. Miller, Jr., USA, Assistant Chief of Staff, Installation Management; Maj. Gen. William A. Navas, Jr., USA, Director, Army National Guard; and Brig. Gen. James Helmly, USA, Deputy Chief, Army Reserve, all with the Department of the Army.

Hearings continue March 21.

DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION

Committee on National Security: Subcommittee on Military Procurement and the Subcommittee on Military Research and Development continued joint hearings on the fiscal year 1997 national defense authorization, with emphasis on the Army modernization request. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of the Army: Gilbert F. Decker, Assistant Secretary, Research, Development and Acquisition; and Lt. Gen. Ronald V. Hite, USA, Military Deputy to the Assistant Secretary, Research, Development and Acquisition.

Hearings continue March 22.

DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION

Committee on National Security: Subcommittee on Military Readiness held a hearing on the fiscal year 1997 national defense authorization, with emphasis on force readiness. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Defense: Lt. Gen. Paul Blackwell, USA, Deputy Chief of Staff, Operations and Plans, Department of the Army; VAdm. Thomas J. Lopez, USN, Deputy Chief of Naval Operations, Resources, Warfare Requirements and Assessments, Department of the Navy; Lt. Gen. Arthur C. Blades, USMC, Deputy Chief of Staff, Plans, Policies and Operations, U.S. Marine Corps; Lt. Gen. Ralph E. Eberhart, USAF, Deputy Chief of Staff, Plans and Operations, Department of the Air Force; Maj. Gen. Clinton V. Horn, USAF, Director of Operations, U.S. Special Operations Command; and Maj. Gen. William J. Begert, USAF, Director,

Operations and Logistics, U.S. Transportation Command.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Resources: Held a hearing on the following bills: H.R. 2505, to amend the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act to make certain clarifications to the land bank protection provisions; and H.R. 1786, to regulate fishing in certain waters of Alaska. Testimony was heard from Deborah L. Williams, Special Assistant to the Secretary for Alaska, Department of the Interior; and public witnesses.

OVERSIGHT

Committee on Resources: Subcommittee on Water and Power Resources held an oversight hearing on Western Area Power Administration Construction and Maintenance Activities and Bureau of Reclamation Power Facilities Management. Testimony was heard from J.M. Shafer, Administrator, Western Area Power Administration, Department of Energy; Patricia J. Beneke, Assistant Secretary, Water and Science, Department of the Interior; Janet Frasier-Rogers, Chairman, Colorado River Commission; and a public witness.

NSF'S PARTNERSHIP FOR ADVANCED COMPUTATION INFRASTRUCTURE PROGRAM

Committee on Science: Subcommittee on Basic Research held a hearing on NSF's Partnership for Advanced Computational Infrastructure Program. Testimony was heard from Paul Young, Assistant Director for Computer and Information Science and Engineering, NSF; Edward Hayes, Chairman, Report on the Task Force on the Future of NSF Supercomputing Centers Program; and public witnesses.

HEALTH COVERAGE AVAILABILITY AND AFFORDABILITY ACT

Committee on Ways and Means: Ordered reported amended H.R. 3103, Health Coverage Availability and Affordability Act of 1996.

COLLECTION

Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence: Met in executive session to hold a hearing on Collection. Testimony was heard from departmental witnesses.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR WEDNESDAY, MARCH 20, 1996

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Appropriations, Subcommittee on Defense, to hold hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal

year 1997 for the Department of Defense, focusing on the ballistic missile defense program, 10 a.m., SD-192.

Subcommittee on Foreign Operations, to hold hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 1997 for foreign assistance programs, 10 a.m., SD-138.

Committee on Armed Services, Subcommittee on Strategic Forces, to resume hearings on proposed legislation authorizing funds for fiscal year 1997 for the Department of Defense and the future years defense program, focusing on Department of Defense space programs and issues, 9:30 a.m., SD-562.

Subcommittee on Acquisition and Technology, to resume hearings on proposed legislation authorizing funds for fiscal year 1997 for the Department of Defense and the future years defense plan, focusing on technology base programs, 9:30 a.m., SR-232A.

Subcommittee on Personnel, to resume hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 1997 for the Department of Defense and the future years defense plan, focusing on manpower, personnel, and compensation programs, 10 a.m., SR-222.

Committee on the Budget, to hold hearings on the President's fiscal year 1997 budget proposals, 10 a.m., SD-608.

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources, Subcommittee on Energy Research and Development, to hold hearings on S. 1077, to authorize research, development, and demonstration of hydrogen as an energy carrier, S. 1153, to authorize research, development, and demonstration of hydrogen as an energy carrier, and a demonstration-commercialization project which produces hydrogen as an energy source produced from solid and complex waste for on-site use fuel cells, and H.R. 655, to authorize the hydrogen research, development, and demonstration programs of the Department of Energy, 2 p.m., SD-366.

Committee on Foreign Relations, Subcommittee on International Economic Policy, Export and Trade Promotion, to hold hearings to examine foreign policy implications of a balanced budget, 10 a.m., SD-419.

Subcommittee on Near Eastern and South Asian Affairs, to hold hearings to examine economic developments in the West Bank and Gaza, 2 p.m., SD-419.

Committee on Governmental Affairs, Permanent Subcommittee on Investigations, to resume hearings to examine global proliferation of weapons of mass destruction, 9:30 a.m., SD-342.

Committee on the Judiciary, business meeting, to resume markup of S. 269 and S. 1394, bills to reform the immigration system, 2 p.m., SH-216.

Committee on Rules and Administration, to hold hearings on proposed legislation authorizing funds for fiscal year 1997 for the Congressional Research Service, 9:30 a.m., SR-301.

Committee on Veterans' Affairs, to resume hearings to examine the reform of health care priorities, 10 a.m., SR-418.

House

Committee on Appropriations, Subcommittee on Agriculture, Rural Development, FDA, and Related Agencies, on Research, Education and Economics, 1 p.m., 2362A Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Interior, on Geological Survey, 10 a.m. and on National Park Service, 1:30 p.m., B-308 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on National Security, on fiscal year 1997 Navy/Marine Corps Posture, 10 a.m., 2212 Rayburn and Navy/Marine Corps Acquisition Programs, 1:30 p.m., H-140 Capitol.

Subcommittee on Transportation, on Federal Highway Administration, 10 a.m., 2358 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Veterans' Affairs, HUD and Independent Agencies, on NASA, 9 a.m., 2360 Rayburn.

Committee on Banking and Financial Services, hearing on Recent Developments in Banking and Finance in the People's Republic of China, Hong Kong, and Taiwan, 10 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.

Committee on Commerce, to mark up H.R. 3070, Health Coverage Availability and Affordability Act of 1996, 10 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

Committee on National Security, hearing on security challenges posed by China, 9:30 a.m., 2118 Rayburn.

Committee on Resources, Oversight hearing on Endangered Species Act of 1973, 11 a.m., 1324 Longworth.

Subcommittee on National Parks, Forests and Lands, oversight hearing on Historic Preservation and hearing on the following: H.R. 563, to amend the National Historic Preservation Act to prohibit the inclusion of certain sites on the National Register of Historic Places; H.R. 1179, Historical Black Colleges and University Historic Building Restoration and Preservation Act; and H.R. 3031, to amend the act of October 15, 1966 (80 Stat. 915), as amended, establishing a program for the preservation of additional historic property throughout the Nation, 9 a.m., 1334 Longworth.

Committee on Standards of Official Conduct, executive, to consider pending business, 2:30 p.m., HT-2M Capitol.

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, hearing to determine the impact of the Administration's Budget on the highway and aviation trust funds, 1:45 p.m., 2167 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Aviation, to continue hearings on the airport improvement program, with emphasis on FAA views and miscellaneous issues, 9:15 a.m., 2167 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Public Buildings and Economic Development, hearing on GSA Courthouse Construction Program, 8:30 a.m., 2253 Rayburn.

Committee on Ways and Means, hearing on Replacing the Federal Income Tax, 10 a.m., 1100 Longworth.

Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence, executive, hearing on Processing/Exploitation 2 p.m., H-405 Capitol.

Joint Meetings

Conferees, on H.R. 2854, to modify the operation of certain agricultural programs, 9 a.m., SR-332.