

MARITIME ADMINISTRATION AND PANAMA CANAL COMMISSION AUTHORIZATIONS

Committee on National Security: Special Oversight Panel on the Merchant Marine approved for full Committee action recommendations regarding the following bills: H.R. 3281, Maritime Administration Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 1997; and H.R. 3282, Panama Canal Commission Authorization Act, Fiscal Year 1997.

DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION

Committee on National Security: Special Oversight Panel on Morale, Welfare and Recreation approved for full Committee action recommendations regarding H.R. 3230, National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 1997.

OVERSIGHT—DEPARTMENT OF INTERIOR

Committee on Resources: Held an oversight hearing on the Department of Interior activities, programs, and fiscal year 1997 budget. Testimony was heard from Bruce Babbitt, Secretary of the Interior.

PROVIDING EXPEDITED PROCEDURES

Committee on Rules: Ordered reported, by voice vote, a resolution waiving clause 4(b) of rule XI (requiring a $\frac{2}{3}$ vote to consider a rule on the same day it is reported from the Committee on Rules) against certain resolutions reported by the Committee on Rules before April 27, 1996. The waiver applies to special rules providing for consideration or disposition of any measures, amendments thereto, conference reports thereon, or amendments reported in disagreement from a conference that: (1) make general appropriations for the fiscal year 1996; or (2) include provisions making further continuing appropriations for fiscal year 1996.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Science: Ordered reported the following: H.R. 3060, Antarctic Environmental Protection Act of 1996; and, as amended the Omnibus Civilian Science Authorization Act of 1996.

COMMITTEE BUSINESS

Committee on Standards of Official Conduct: Met in executive session to consider pending business.

FEDERAL BUILDING SECURITY

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure: Subcommittee on Public Buildings and Economic Development held a hearing on Federal Building Security. Testimony was heard from David Barram, Acting Administrator, GSA; the following officials of the Department of Justice; Eugene Coon, Jr., Associate Director, Operations, U.S. Marshals Service; Wil-

liam O'Hanlon, Section Chief, Facilities, Management, and Security Section and Robert Opfer, Section Chief, Security Counter Measures Section, both with the FBI; and Bruce Bowen, Deputy Assistant Director, Office of Investigations, U.S. Secret Service, Department of the Treasury.

COMMUNITY CARE CLINICS

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: Subcommittee on Hospitals and Health Care held an oversight hearing concerning the effectiveness of community care clinics. Testimony was heard from the following officials with the Health Care Delivery and Quality Issues, Health, Education, and Human Services Division, GAO; David P. Baine, Director; and Paul Reynolds, Assistant Director; and the following officials of the Department of Veterans Affairs: Kenneth Kizer, M.D., Under Secretary, Health, Veterans Health Administration; Jule D. Moravec, Chief Network Officer; Denis J. Fitzgerald, M.D., Director, Veterans Integrated Service Network #1; Sanford M. Garfunkel, Director, VA Medical Center, Washington, D.C.; and Y.C. Parris, Director, VA Medical Center, Amarillo, Texas.

REPLACING THE FEDERAL INCOME TAX—IMPACT ON SMALL BUSINESS

Committee on Ways and Means: Held a hearing on the impact on small business of replacing the Federal Income Tax. Testimony was heard from Representatives Sam Johnson of Texas and Meyers of Kansas; public witnesses.

Joint Meetings

OMNIBUS APPROPRIATIONS

Conferees agreed to file a conference report on the differences between the Senate- and House-passed versions of H.R. 3019, making appropriations for fiscal year 1996 to make a further downpayment toward a balanced budget.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR THURSDAY, APRIL 25, 1996

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Appropriations, Subcommittee on Agriculture, Rural Development, and Related Agencies, to hold hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 1997 for rural development programs, 10 a.m., SD-138.

Subcommittee on Transportation, to hold hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 1997 for the Department of Transportation, 10 a.m., SD-192.

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation, to hold hearings on domestic air service in the wake of airline deregulation, focusing on challenges faced by small communities, 9:30 a.m., SR-253.

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources, Subcommittee on Parks, Historic Preservation and Recreation, to hold hearings on S. 902, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to assist in the construction of a building to be used jointly by the Secretary for park purposes and by the city of Natchez as an intermodal transportation center, S. 951, to commemorate the service of First Ladies Jacqueline Kennedy and Patricia Nixon to improving and maintaining the Executive Residence of the President and to authorize grants to the White House Endowment Fund in their memory to continue their work, S. 1098, to establish the Midway Islands as a National Memorial, H.R. 826, to extend the deadline for the completion of certain land exchanges involving the Big Thicket National Preserve in Texas, and H.R. 1163, to authorize the exchange of National Park Service land in the Fire Island National Seashore in the State of New York for land in the Village of Patchogue, Suffolk County, New York, 9:30 a.m., SD-366.

Committee on Foreign Relations, business meeting, to consider pending calendar business, 2 p.m., SD-419.

Committee on the Judiciary, business meeting, to consider pending calendar business, 10 a.m., SD-226.

Committee on Indian Affairs, to hold joint hearings with the House Committee on Resources on S. 1264, to provide for certain benefits of the Missouri River Basin Pick-Sloan Project to the Crow Creek Sioux Tribe, 9 a.m., SR-485.

Special Committee To Investigate Whitewater Development Corporation and Related Matters, to continue hearings to examine issues relating to the Whitewater Development Corporation, 10 a.m., SH-216.

NOTICE

For a Listing of Senate Committee Meetings scheduled ahead, see pages E620-21 in today's Record.

House

Committee on Appropriations, Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, State and the Judiciary, on Federal Maritime Commission and Maritime Administration, 10 a.m., on Equal Employment Opportunity Commission, 11 a.m., on Commerce Department Inspector General and on Commerce Department Under Secretary for Technology; National Institute of Standards and Technology; and Patent and Trademark Office, 3 p.m., H-310 Capitol.

Subcommittee on Foreign Operations, Export Financing and Related Agencies, on congressional and public witnesses, 10 a.m., H-144 Capitol.

Subcommittee on Interior, on Secretary of Energy, 10 a.m., and on Forest Service, 1:30 p.m., B-308 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, on National Institute of Child Health and Human Development, the National Institute of General

Medical Sciences, 10 a.m., and on Buildings and Facilities, and Office of the Director, 2 p.m., 2358 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Treasury, Postal Service and General Government, on Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, and Firearms Operations, 10 a.m., 2360 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Veterans' Affairs, Housing and Urban Development, and Independent Agencies, on NASA, 9:30 a.m., H-143 Capitol.

Committee on Banking and Financial Services, Subcommittee on Domestic and International Monetary Policy, hearing on the Administration's authorization requests for International Financial Institutions, 1 p.m., 2222 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Financial Institutions and Consumer Credit, to continue hearings on ATM Surcharges, 10 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.

Committee on Economic and Educational Opportunities, Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations, hearing on the Abuse of Power at the Department of Labor, 9:30 a.m., 2175 Rayburn.

Committee on Government Reform and Oversight, Subcommittee on Government Management, Information, and Technology, hearing on Financial Management and Accounting Reform, 9:30 a.m., 311 Cannon.

Committee on International Relations, hearing on the Administration's Foreign Assistance Budget Request for Fiscal Year 1997, 2 p.m., 2172 Rayburn.

Committee on the Judiciary, to mark up H.R. 2740, Fan Freedom and Community Protection Act of 1995, 9:30 a.m., 2141 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Crime, hearing on H.R. 1202, Captive Exotic Animal Protection Act of 1995, 1 p.m., 2237 Rayburn.

Committee on National Security, Subcommittee on Military Personnel, to mark up H.R. 3230, National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 1997, 2 p.m., 2212 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Military Readiness, to mark up H.R. 3230, National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 1997, 10 a.m., 2118 Rayburn.

Committee on Resources, to mark up the following: H.R. 3275, to amend the Indian Child Welfare Act to exempt from coverage of the act child custody proceedings involving a child whose parents do not maintain significant social, cultural, or political affiliation with the tribe of which the parents are members; omnibus adoption measure; H.R. 2982, Carbon Hill National Fish Hatchery Conveyance Act; H.R. 2464, to amend Public Law 103-93 to provide additional lands within the State of Utah for the Goshute Indian Reservation; H.R. 2560, to provide for conveyances of certain lands in Alaska to Chickaloon-Moose Creek Native Association, Inc., Niniichik Native Association, Inc., Seldovia Native Association, Inc., Tyonek Native Corp., and Knikatu, Inc. under the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act; S. 1459, Public Rangelands Management Act of 1996; and a measure to establish guidelines for the designation of National Heritage Areas; and to consider a motion to authorize the issuance of a subpoena to compel the appearance of a witness, 11 a.m., 1324 Longworth.

Committee on Small Business, hearing on intellectual property issues of importance to small business, with emphasis on examining different approaches to pressing patent term and patent disclosure issues that are contained in pending legislation (H.R. 359 and H.R. 1733), 10 a.m., 2359 Rayburn.

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

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, Subcommittee on Coast Guard and Maritime Transportation, hearing on the Coast Guard Budget Authorization for Fiscal Year 1997 and the Federal Maritime Commission Budget Authorization for Fiscal Year 1997, 10 a.m., 2253 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Surface Transportation, hearing to review unauthorized Transit Projects and Legislative requests for fiscal year 1997, 10 a.m., 2167 Rayburn.

Committee on Ways and Means, Subcommittee on Oversight, hearing on Tax Debt Collection Issues, 9:30 a.m., 1100 Longworth.

Subcommittee on Trade, hearing on H.R. 2795, to amend the Trade Act of 1974 and the Tariff Act of 1930 to clarify the definitions of domestic industry and like articles in certain investigations involving perishable agricultural products, 2 p.m., B-318 Rayburn.

Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence, executive, hearing on Bosnia Arms, 10 a.m., and, executive, a briefing on Unwarned Sensors, 1 p.m., H-405 Capitol.

Joint Meetings

Joint Hearing: Senate Committee on Indian Affairs, to hold joint hearings with the House Committee on Resources on S. 1264, to provide for certain benefits of the Missouri River Basin Pick-Sloan Project to the Crow Creek Sioux Tribe, 9 a.m., SR-485.