

LAND CONVEYANCES

Committee on Resources: Held a hearing on H.R. 3061, to resolve certain conveyances under the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act related to Cape Fox Corporation. Testimony was heard from Gray F. Reynolds, Deputy Chief, National Forest System, USDA; and public witnesses.

OVERSIGHT

Committee on Resources: Subcommittee on National Parks, Forests and Lands held an oversight hearing on the Forest Service's implementation of the Administration's Forest Plan. Testimony was heard from Representatives Herger and Riggs; James Lyons, Under Secretary, Natural Resources and Environment, USDA; Nancy Hayes, Chief of Staff and Counselor to the Acting Director, Bureau of Land Management, Department of the Interior; and public witnesses.

EFFECTS OF A SIX-YEAR BUDGET ON CIVILIAN R&D

Committee on Science: Held a hearing on the Effects of a Six-Year Balanced Budget on Civilian Research and Development. Testimony was heard from James L. Blum, Deputy Director, CBO; and a public witness.

Hearings continue tomorrow.

ANTARCTIC RESEARCH

Committee on Science: Subcommittee on Basic Research held a hearing on the Future of Antarctic Research. Testimony was heard from Ernest Moniz, Assistant Director, Science, Office of Science and Technology Policy; Cornelius Sullivan, Director, Office of Polar Programs, NSF; R. Tucker Scully, Director, Office of Ocean Affairs, Department of State; Robin Pirie, Assistant Secretary, Navy, Infrastructure and the Environment, Department of Defense; and public witnesses.

COMMITTEE BUSINESS

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

MEDICARE PAYMENT POLICIES

Committee on Ways and Means: Subcommittee on Health held a hearing on Issues Related to Medicare Payment Policies for Home Health Agency and Skilled Nursing Facility Services. Testimony was heard from Bruce C. Vladeck, Administrator, Health Care Financing Administration, Department of Health and Human Services; from the following officials of the Prospective Payment Assessment Commission: Joseph P. Newhouse, Chairman; and Don Young, M.D., Executive Director; and public witnesses.

GUATEMALA

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

NEW PUBLIC LAWS

(For last listing of Public Laws, see DAILY DIGEST p. D784)

H.R. 3121, to amend the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961 and the Arms Control Act to make improvements to certain defense and security assistance provisions under those Acts, and to authorize the transfer of naval vessels to certain foreign countries. Signed July 21, 1996. (P.L. 104-164)

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR WEDNESDAY, JULY 24, 1996

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry, business meeting, to mark up S. 1166, to enhance public confidence in the safety of the American food supply, and facilitate the development and adoption of safe, effective pest control technologies, 9:30 a.m., SR-328A.

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs, Subcommittee on Financial Institutions and Regulatory Relief, to hold hearings to examine the condition of consumer credit, focusing on the risks of deteriorating credit quality on financial institutions and the economy, 10 a.m., SD-538.

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation, Subcommittee on Science, Technology, and Space, to hold oversight hearings on the National Aeronautics and Space Administration's (NASA) space station and space shuttle programs, 9:30 a.m., SR-253.

Committee on Environment and Public Works, business meeting, to consider pending calendar business; to be followed by a hearing on the nominations of Nils J. Diaz, of Florida, and Edward McGaffigan, Jr., of Virginia, each to be a Member of the Nuclear Regulatory Commission, 9:30 a.m., SD-406.

Committee on Foreign Relations, business meeting, to consider pending calendar business, 10 a.m., SD-419.

Committee on Governmental Affairs, Subcommittee on Financial Management and Accountability, to hold hearings on S. 1434, to amend the Congressional Budget Act of 1974 to provide for a two-year (biennial) budgeting cycle, 10 a.m., SD-342.

Full Committee, to continue hearings on the nomination of Franklin D. Raines, of the District of Columbia, to be Director of the Office of Management and Budget, 4 p.m., SD-342.

Committee on the Judiciary, Subcommittee on Constitution, Federalism, and Property Rights, to hold hearings on proposed legislation authorizing funds for the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights, 2 p.m., SD-226.

Committee on Rules and Administration, to resume hearings to examine the role of the Federal Depository Library Program of the Government Printing Office in ensuring public access to Government information, 9:30 a.m., SR-301.

Committee on Small Business, to hold oversight hearings on implementation of the Small Business Regulatory Enforcement Fairness Act, 3 p.m., SR-428A.

Committee on Veterans' Affairs, business meeting, to mark up S. 1791, to increase, effective as of December 1, 1996, the rates of disability compensation for veterans with service-connected disabilities and the rates of dependency and indemnity compensation for survivors of such veterans, and other pending committee business, 10 a.m., SR-418.

Committee on Indian Affairs, business meeting, to mark up S. 199, Trading with Indian Act Repeal, S. 1893, the Torres-Martinez Desert Cahuilla Indians Claims Settlement Act, S. 1962, the Indian Child Welfare Act Amendments, H.R. 2464, to add additional land to the Goshute Indian Reservation in Utah, H.R. 3068, to revoke the Charter of the Prairie Island Indian Community, S. 1970, the National Museum of the American Indian Act Amendments, S. 1972, the Older Americans Indian Technical Amendments Act, and S. 1973, the Navajo/Hopi Land Dispute Settlement Act, 9:30 a.m., SR-485.

Select Committee on Intelligence, to hold hearings on the status of the Dayton Peace Accord, 9:30 a.m., SH-216.

House

Committee on Agriculture, Subcommittee on Risk Management and Specialty Crops and the Subcommittee on General Farm Commodities, joint hearing to review cash market forward contracts between producers and merchants, commonly known as hedge-to-arrive contracts, 9:30 a.m., 1300 Longworth.

Committee on Banking and Financial Services, Subcommittee on Capital Markets, Securities and Government Sponsored Enterprises, oversight hearing on Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac, 10 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.

Committee on Commerce, to mark up the following bills: H.R. 3553, Federal Trade Commission Reauthorization Act of 1996; H.R. 447, to establish a toll free number in the Department of Commerce to assist consumers in determining if products are American-made; H.R. 2579, United States National Tourism Organization Act of 1996; H.R. 2976, Patient Right to Know Act of 1996; a measure to waive temporarily the Medicaid enrollment composition rule for certain health maintenance organizations; H.R. 3056, to permit county-operated health insuring organization to qualify as an organization exempt from certain requirements otherwise applicable to health insuring organizations under the Medicaid program not-

withstanding that the organization enrolls Medicaid beneficiaries residing in another county; the Developmental Disabilities Assistance and Bill of Rights Act of 1996; and a measure to extend certain programs under the Energy Policy and Conservation Act through September 30, 1996, 10 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

Committee on Economic and Educational Opportunities, to mark up H.R. 123, Language of Government Act of 1995, 10:30 a.m., 2175 Rayburn.

Committee on International Relations, to mark up the following: H.R. 3846, to amend the Foreign Assistant Act of 1961 to authorize the provision of assistance for micro-enterprises; a measure to provide severance payments to employees of the Agency for International Development who voluntarily resign; and H.R. 3735, to amend the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961 to reauthorize the Development Fund for Africa under chapter 10 of part I of that Act, 10 a.m., 2172 Rayburn.

Committee on the Judiciary, Subcommittee on Commercial and Administrative Law, oversight hearing on the U.S. Trustee Program, 10 a.m., 2226 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on the Constitution, oversight hearing on the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights, 10 a.m., 2237 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Crime, hearing on the Administration's efforts against the influence of organized crime in the Laborer's International Union of North America, 9:30 a.m., 2141 Rayburn.

Committee on Resources, to hold an oversight hearing on implementation of the Endangered Species Act with regard to Section 10(a) permits (Habit Conservation Plan) and other incentives, 2 p.m., 1324 Longworth.

Subcommittee on Native American and Insular Affairs, oversight hearing on territorial technical matters, and to discuss H.R. 3721, Omnibus Territories Act, 2 p.m., 1334 Longworth.

Committee on Rules, to Consider H.R. 2391, Working Families Flexibility Act of 1996, 2:30 p.m., H-313 Capitol.

Subcommittee on Rules and Organization of the House and the Subcommittee on Legislative and Budget Process, joint hearing on Building on Change: Preparing for the 105th Congress, 9:30 a.m., H-313 Capitol.

Committee on Science, to continue hearings on the Effects of a Six-Year Balanced Budget on Civilian Research and Development, Part II, 10 a.m., 2318 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Space and Aeronautics, hearing on Space Commercialization Promotion Act of 1996, 2 p.m., 2325 Rayburn.

Committee on Small Business, Subcommittee on Government Programs, hearing on the FDA's compliance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, 10 a.m., 2359 Rayburn.