

CIVILITY—HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Committee on Rules: Subcommittee on Rules and Organization of the House held a hearing on Civility in the House of Representatives. Testimony was heard from Kathleen Hall Jamieson, Dean, Annenberg School for Communication, University of Pennsylvania and Donald Wolfensberger, Guest Scholar, Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars.

FEDERAL AGENCY COMPLIANCE WITH REGULATORY FLEXIBILITY ACT

Committee on Small Business: Subcommittee on Government Programs and Oversight and Subcommittee on Regulatory Reform and Paperwork Reduction concluded joint hearings on Federal Agency Compliance with the Regulatory Flexibility Act: Are Federal Agencies Using "Good Science" In Their Making? Testimony was heard from Jere Glover, Chief Counsel for Advocacy, SBA; Thomas Kelly, Chair, Small Business Advocacy, EPA; Robert Burt, Office of Regulatory Analysis, Department of Labor; and public witnesses.

SEXUAL HARASSMENT WITHIN VA

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations held a hearing on sexual harassment issues involving senior career managers within the VA. Testimony was heard from Ronnie Blumenthal, Director, Office of Federal Operations, EEOC; the following officials of the Veterans Administration: Hershel Gober, Deputy Secretary; Eugene A. Brickhouse, Assistant Secretary, Human Resources and Management; Gerald K. Hinch, Deputy Assistant Secretary, Equal Opportunity; Mary Lou Keener, General Counsel; Jule D. Moravec, Chief Network Officer, Veterans Health Administration; Leroy P. Gross, M.D., Director, Veterans Integrated Service Network #6, Veterans Health Administration; and William T. Merriman, Deputy Inspector General; certain current or former women employees of the Veterans Affairs Medical Center, Fayetteville, NC; and public witnesses.

MEDICARE'S COVERAGE POLICY

Committee on Ways and Means: Subcommittee on Health held a hearing on Issues Relating to Medicare's Coverage Policy. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Health and Human Services: Bruce C. Vladeck, Administrator, Health Care Financing Administration; John M. Eisenberg, M.D., Administrator, Agency for Health Care Policy and Research; and Claude Lenfant, M.D., Director, National Heart, Blood and Lung Institute, NIH; and public witnesses.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR FRIDAY, APRIL 18, 1997

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Foreign Relations, to hold hearings on the nomination of Thomas R. Pickering, of New Jersey, to be Under Secretary of State for Political Affairs, 10 a.m., SD-419.

Committee on Labor and Human Resources, to hold hearings to examine proposals to improve the health status of children, 9:30 a.m., SD-430.

House

Committee on Government Reform and Oversight, Subcommittee on Government Management, Information, and Technology, hearing on "Oversight of the Debt Collection Improvement Act", 9:30 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

**CONGRESSIONAL PROGRAM AHEAD
Week of April 21 through 26, 1997****Senate Chamber**

On *Monday*, Senate will meet in pro forma session.

On *Tuesday*, no legislative business is scheduled.

On *Wednesday*, Senate will consider the Chemical Weapons Convention (Treaty Doc. 103-21), and S. Res. 75, to advise and consent to the ratification of the Chemical Weapons Convention, subject to certain conditions.

During the balance of the week, Senate may consider any cleared executive and legislative business.

(Senate will recess on Tuesday, April 22, 1997 from 12:30 p.m. until 2:15 p.m. for respective party conferences.)

Senate Committees

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry: April 24, to hold hearings on U.S. agricultural export issues, 9 a.m., SR-332.

Committee on Appropriations: April 22, Subcommittee on VA, HUD, and Independent Agencies, to hold hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 1998 for the National Science Foundation and the Office of Science and Technology Policy, 9:30 a.m., SD-192.

April 22 and 24, Subcommittee on Energy and Water Development, to hold hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 1998, Tuesday, for the Environmental Management Program of the Department of Energy, 9:30 a.m.; Thursday, for the Corp of Engineers and the Bureau of Reclamation, Department of the Interior, 9:30 a.m.; SD-124.

April 22, Subcommittee on Agriculture, Rural Development, and Related Agencies, to hold hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 1998 for the Agricultural Research Service, the Cooperative State Research, Education, and Extension Service, the Economic Research

Service, and the National Agricultural Statistics Service, all of the Department of Agriculture, 10 a.m., SD-138.

April 22, Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, to hold hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 1998 for the National Institutes of Health, Department of Health and Human Services, 2:15 p.m., SD-192.

April 23, Subcommittee on Defense, to hold hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 1998 for the Department of Defense, focusing on medical programs, 10 a.m., SD-192.

April 23, Subcommittee on District of Columbia, to hold hearings on an additional funding request for fiscal year 1997 by the District of Columbia Financial Responsibility and Management Assistance Authority for capital improvements to D.C. public schools and for public safety agencies, 10 a.m., SD-138.

April 24, Subcommittee on the Interior, to hold hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 1998 for the National Endowment for the Arts/National Endowment for the Humanities, 9:30 a.m., SD-192.

April 24, Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, State, and the Judiciary, to hold hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 1998 for the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, Department of Commerce, 2 p.m., S-146, Capitol.

Committee on Armed Services: April 22, Subcommittee on SeaPower, to resume hearings on S. 450, the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Years 1998 and 1999, focusing on the Department of the Navy's shipbuilding development and procurement programs, 2:30 p.m., SR-222.

April 23, Full Committee, to hold hearings on the Administration's proposal on NATO enlargement, 10 a.m., SH-216.

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: April 23, Subcommittee on Manufacturing and Competitiveness, to hold hearings to examine the current state of manufacturing in the United States, 10 a.m., SR-253.

Committee on Environment and Public Works: April 24, Subcommittee on Clean Air, Wetlands, Private Property, and Nuclear Safety, to hold hearings on ozone and particulate matter standards proposed by the Environmental Protection Agency, 9:30 a.m., SD-406.

Committee on Foreign Relations: April 24, Subcommittee on East Asian and Pacific Affairs, to hold hearings to examine U.S. policy toward Hong Kong, 2 p.m., SD-419.

Committee on Governmental Affairs: April 23, to hold hearings on S. 261, to provide for a biennial budget process and a biennial appropriations process and to enhance oversight and the performance of the Federal Government, 10 a.m., SD-342.

Committee on the Judiciary: April 22, Subcommittee on Antitrust, Business Rights, and Competition, to hold hearings to examine the antitrust implications of the British Airways and American Airlines Alliance, 2 p.m., SD-226.

April 23, Full Committee, to hold hearings on the national crisis of gangs, 10 a.m., SD-226.

Committee on Labor and Human Resources: April 23, to resume hearings on proposed legislation authorizing funds

for programs of the Higher Education Act, 9:30 a.m., SD-430.

April 24, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine issues relating to vocational education, 10 a.m., SD-430.

April 25, Subcommittee on Public Health and Safety, to hold hearings to examine how the United States' health care workforce must evolve to meet future needs, 9:30 a.m., SD-430.

Committee on Rules and Administration: April 24, to hold hearings to discuss revisions to Title 44, relating to the operations of the Government Printing Office, 9:30 a.m., SR-301.

Committee on Small Business: April 24, to hold hearings to review the Small Business Administration's non-credit programs, 9:30 a.m., SR-428A.

Committee on Indian Affairs: April 22, to hold hearings on S. 459, to authorize funds for and extend the Native American Programs Act of 1974, 9:30 a.m., SR-485.

Select Committee on Intelligence: April 23 and 24, to hold closed hearings on intelligence matters, Wednesday at 2:30 p.m. and Thursday at 2 p.m., SH-219.

House Chamber

Monday, No Legislative Business.

Tuesday, The House will not be in session.

Wednesday and Thursday, Consideration of H. Res. 117, providing for consideration of motions to suspend the rules;

Consideration of 6 Suspensions:

1. H. Con. Res. 8, Expressing the Sense of Congress with Respect to the Significance of Maintaining the Health and Stability of Coral Reef Ecosystems;

2. H.R. 39, African Elephant Conservation Reauthorization Act of 1997;

3. H.R. 449, Southern Nevada Public Land Management Act of 1997;

4. H.R. 688, Leaking Underground Storage Tank Trust Fund Amendments Act of 1997;

5. H.R. 1276, Environmental Research, Development, and Demonstration Authorization Act;

6. H.R. 1272, Fire Administration Authorization Act of 1997;

Complete consideration of H.R. 400, 21st Century Patent Improvement Act;

Consideration of H.R. 1271, FAA Research, Engineering, and Development Authorization Act of 1997 (subject to a rule);

Consideration of H.R. 1273, National Science Foundation Authorization Act of 1997 (subject to a rule);

Consideration of H.R. 1274, National Institute of Standards and Technology Authorization Act of 1997 (subject to a rule);

Consideration of H.R. 1277, Department of Energy Civilian Research and Development Act of 1997 (subject to a rule); and

Consideration of H.R. 1278, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration Authorization Act of 1997 (subject to a rule).

Friday, No Votes Are Expected.

House Committees

Committee on Agriculture, April 23, Subcommittee on Forestry, Resource Conservation, and Research, hearing on EPA's proposed air quality standard of PM 2.5 and its implications for agriculture, 9:30 a.m., 1300 Longworth.

April 24, Subcommittee on General Farm Commodities and the Subcommittee on Risk Management and Specialty Crops, hearing on the effectiveness of Agricultural Export Programs, 9:30 a.m., 1300 Longworth.

Committee on Appropriations, April 23, Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, State, and the Judiciary, on Department of State Global Affairs, 10 a.m., on American Institute in Taiwan, 11 a.m., and on Members of Congress, 2 p.m., H-309 the Capitol.

April 23 and 24, Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, on Congressional and public witnesses, 10 a.m. and 2 p.m., 2358 Rayburn.

April 23 and 24, Subcommittee on VA, HUD, and Independent Agencies, on Department of Veterans Affairs, 10 a.m. and 2 p.m., 2360 Rayburn.

April 24, Subcommittee on Foreign Operations, Export Financing and Related Programs, on Congressional and public witnesses, 9:30 a.m., H-144 Capitol.

Committee on Banking and Financial Services, April 23, to continue mark up of H.R. 2, Housing Opportunity and Responsibility Act of 1997, 1 p.m., 2128 Rayburn.

Committee on Commerce, April 23, Subcommittee on Health and Environment, hearing on Reauthorization of the Prescription Drug User Fee Act and FDA Reform, 2:30 p.m., 2123 Rayburn.

April 24, Subcommittee on Health and Environment and the Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations, to continue joint hearings on EPA's Proposed Ozone and Particulate Matter NAAQS Revisions, 10 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

April 24, Subcommittee on Telecommunications, Trade, and Consumer Protection, hearing on Reauthorization of the National Telecommunications and Information Administration, 10 a.m., 2322 Rayburn.

Committee on Education and the Workforce, April 23, Subcommittee on Postsecondary Education, Training and Life-Long Learning, hearing on the Rising Price of a College Education, 1 p.m., 2175 Rayburn.

April 24, Subcommittee on Postsecondary Education, Training and Life-Long Learning, to mark up the Employment, Training and Literacy Enhancement Act of 1997, 9:30 a.m., 2175 Rayburn.

Committee on Government Reform and Oversight, April 23, Subcommittee on Government Management, Information, and Technology, hearing on "Census 2000: How Should the Federal Government Measure Race and Ethnicity", 9:30 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

April 23, Subcommittee on National Economic Growth, National Resources, and Regulatory Affairs, to continue hearings on "EPA's Particulate Matter and

Ozone Rulemaking: Is EPA Above the Law", 10:30 a.m., 2247 Rayburn.

April 24, Subcommittee on Civil Service, hearing on Federal Hiring from the Welfare Rolls, 9:30 a.m., 311 Cannon.

April 24, Subcommittee on Human Resources and Intergovernmental Relations, to continue hearings on Status of Efforts to Identify Gulf War Syndrome, Part VIII, 10 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

April 24, Subcommittee on National Security, International Affairs and Criminal Justice, hearing on Department of Justice Retaliation Against Whistleblowers, 1 p.m., 2203 Rayburn.

April 24, Subcommittee on Postal Service, oversight hearing of the U.S Postal Service, 1 p.m., 2247 Rayburn.

April 25, Subcommittee on the District of Columbia, hearing on Medicaid and Treasury Borrowing Sections of the Administration's National Capital Revitalization and Self-Government Improvement Plan, 2 p.m., 2154 Rayburn.

Committee on the Judiciary, April 23, hearing on the following bills: H.R. 911, Volunteer Protection Act of 1997 and H.R. 1167, Volunteer Protection Act of 1997, 9:30 a.m., 2141 Rayburn.

April 23, Subcommittee on Immigration and Claims, oversight hearing on regarding border security and deterring illegal entry into the United States, 9:30 a.m., 2237 Rayburn.

Committee on Resources, April 24, Subcommittee on Energy and Mineral Resources, oversight hearing on the Administration's proposed buyouts of timber and mining lands (i.e. Headwaters Forest, CA and New World Mine Project, MT) using Mineral Leasing Act revenues, 1:30 p.m., 1324 Longworth.

April 24, Subcommittee on Fisheries Conservation, Wildlife and Oceans, oversight hearing on the future of hydrography, 2 p.m., 1334 Longworth.

April 24, Subcommittee on Forests and Forests Health, to mark up H.R. 858, Quincy Library Group Forest Recovery and Economic Stability Act of 1997, 10 a.m., 1324 Longworth.

Committee on Science, April 23, Subcommittee on Technology, hearing on Surface Transportation Research and Development, Part II, 1 p.m., 2318 Rayburn.

April 24, Subcommittee on Basic Research, hearing on fiscal year 1998 budget request for the National Earthquake Hazards Reduction Program, 1 p.m., 2325 Rayburn.

Committee on Small Business, April 24, Subcommittee on Government Programs and Oversight, hearing on the Importance of Patent Term and Patent Application Disclosure Issues to Small Businesses: What Impact Will Proposed Changes in the Patent Laws Have on Small Businesses? 10:30 a.m., 2359 Rayburn.

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, April 23, Subcommittee on Water Resources and Environment, hearing on Meeting Clean Water and Drinking Water Infrastructure Needs, 2 p.m., 2167 Rayburn.

Committee on Ways and Means, April 23, to mark up the following bills: H.R. 867, Adoption Promotion Act of

1997, and H.R. 1048, Welfare Reform Technical Corrections Act of 1997, 10 a.m., 1100 Longworth.

April 23, Subcommittee on Oversight, hearing on the low-income housing tax credit, 1:30 p.m., B-318 Rayburn.

April 24, Subcommittee on Health, hearing on Medicare Provider-Sponsored Organizations, 1 p.m., 1310 Longworth.

April 24, Subcommittee on Human Resources, hearing on Unemployment Insurance Issues, 10:30 a.m., B-318 Rayburn.

April 24, Subcommittee on Social Security, oversight hearing on the Disability Appeals Process, 9 a.m., 1100 Longworth.

Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence, April 23, executive briefing on DEA regarding Mexico, 2 p.m., H-495 Capitol.