

2206, Veterans Health Programs Improvement Act of 1997.

#### VA MEDICAL FACILITY MANagements— REVIEW CONSOLIDATION

*Committee on Veterans' Affairs:* Subcommittee on Health and the Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations held a joint hearing to review the process by which VA is consolidating VA medical facility managements and their clinical and support services, and the results of such initiatives. Testimony was heard from Stephen Backhus, Director, Veterans' Affairs and Military Health Care Issues, Health, Education, and Human Services Division, GAO; the following officials of the Department of Veterans Affairs: Kenneth Kizer, M.D., Under Secretary, Health; Joan Cummings, M.D., Director, Veterans Integrated Service Network (VISN) 12; and Christopher Terrence, M.D., Chief of Staff, New Jersey Health Care System; and a public witness.

#### REPORT—NATIONAL COMMISSION ON RESTRUCTURING THE IRS

*Committee on Ways and Means:* Subcommittee on Oversight held a hearing on the Report of the National Commission on Restructuring the Internal Revenue Service. Testimony was heard from Senators Grassley and Kerry; Lawrence H. Summers, Deputy Secretary, Department of the Treasury; and the following Commissioners of the National Commission on Restructuring the Internal Revenue Service: Fred T. Goldberg Jr., Robert Tobias, Larry Irving, Jr., Assistant Secretary, Communications and Information, Department of Commerce; George Newstrom; Josh S. Weston and David Keating.

#### SOCIAL SECURITY DISABILITY RECIPIENTS—BARRIERS PREVENTING RETURNING TO WORK

*Committee on Ways and Means:* Subcommittee on Social Security concluded hearings on Barriers Preventing Social Security Disability Recipients from Returning to Work. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

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#### COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR FRIDAY, JULY 25, 1997

*(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)*

##### Senate

*Committee on Foreign Relations,* to hold hearings on the nominations of Maura Harty, of Florida, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Paraguay, and James F. Mack, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to the Co-operative Republic of Guyana, 9:30 a.m., SD-419.

*Committee on Governmental Affairs,* to continue hearings to examine certain matters with regard to the committee's special investigation on campaign financing, 10 a.m., SH-216.

*Committee on Veterans Affairs,* to hold hearings on pending legislation, 10 a.m., SR-418.

##### House

*Committee on Commerce,* Subcommittee on Finance and Hazardous Materials, to continue hearings on H.R. 10, Financial Services Competitiveness Act of 1997, 10 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

*Committee on Government Reform and Oversight,* Subcommittee on Government Management, Information, and Technology, hearing on Federal Measures of Race and Ethnicity and the Implications for the 2000 Census, 9:30 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

*Committee on Rules,* to consider a measure making appropriations for the Department of Defense for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1998, 11 a.m., H-313 Capitol.