

Disorders and Stroke the National Institute of General Medical Services, the Office of AIDS Research; and the Office of the Director-NIH; Building and Facilities. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Health and Human Services: Audrey S. Penn, M.D., Acting Director, National Institute of Neurological Disorders and Stroke; Marvin Cassman, M.D., Director, National Institute of General Medical Services; Jack Whithscarver, M.D., Acting Director, Office of AIDS Research; and Harold Varmus, M.D., Director, NIH.

### **MORTGAGE FINANCE SYSTEM MORTGAGE BROKERS ROLE**

*Committee on Banking and Financial Services*; Subcommittee on Housing and Community Opportunity held a hearing on the Role of Mortgage Brokers in the Mortgage Finance System. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

### **MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES**

*Committee on Education and the Workforce*: Subcommittee on Workforce Protections held a hearing on the following bills: H.R. 2869, to amend the Occupational Safety and Health Act of 1970 to exempt safety and health assessments, audits, and reviews conducted by or for an employer from enforcement action under such Act; H.R. 2871, to amend the Occupational Safety and Health Act of 1970 to provide for the establishment of advisory panels for the Secretary of Labor; H.R. 2873, to amend the Occupational Safety and Health Act of 1970; H.R. 2879, to amend the Occupational Safety and Health Act of 1970; H.R. 2661, Sound Scientific Practices Act; and H.R. 3519, to require the Occupational Safety and Health Administration to recognize that electronic forms of providing MSDSs provide the same level of access to information as paper copies. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

### **MANDATES INFORMATION ACT**

*Committee on Rules*: Held a hearing on H.R. 3534, Mandates Information Act of 1998. Testimony was heard from Representatives Portman and Condit; and public witnesses.

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## **CONGRESSIONAL PROGRAM AHEAD**

**Week of March 30 through April 4, 1998**

### **Senate Chamber**

On *Monday*, Senate will resume consideration of S. Con. Res. 86, Congressional Budget.

During the week, Senate will continue consideration of S. Con. Res. 86, Congressional Budget, and may consider Emergency Supplemental Appropria-

tions Conference Report, when available, S. 270, Texas Low-Level Radioactive Waste Disposal Compact, S. 414, Ocean Shipping Reform Act, and any executive or legislative business cleared for action.

*(Senate will recess on Tuesday, March 31, 1998, 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 2, to hold hearings on S. 1323, to regulate concentrated animal feeding operations for the protection of the environment and public health, 9 a.m., SR-332.

*Committee on Appropriations*: March 31, Subcommittee on Agriculture, Rural Development, and Related Agencies, to hold hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 1999 for the Commodity Futures Trading Commission and the Food and Drug Administration, 10 a.m., SD-138.

March 31, Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, State, and the Judiciary, to hold hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 1999 for the Department of Justice's counterterrorism programs, 10 a.m., SD-192.

March 31, Subcommittee on Foreign Operations, to hold hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 1999 for foreign assistance programs, focusing on the Caspian energy program, 10:30 a.m., SD-124.

April 1, Subcommittee on Military Construction, to hold hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 1999 for military construction, focusing on the Department of Defense's Base Realignment and Closure Commission's (BRAC) environmental programs, 9 a.m., SD-138.

April 1, Subcommittee on Interior, to hold hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 1999 for the Department of the Interior, 9:30 a.m., SD-124.

April 1, Subcommittee on Defense, to hold hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 1999 for Department of Defense medical programs, 10 a.m., SD-192.

April 1, Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, to hold hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 1999 for the National Institutes of Health, Department of Health and Human Services, 2 p.m., SD-192.

April 2, Subcommittee on Treasury, Postal Service, and General Government, to hold hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 1999 for the Executive Office of the President, 9:30 a.m., SD-192.

*Committee on Armed Services*: March 31, Subcommittee on Strategic Forces, to resume hearings on proposed legislation authorizing funds for fiscal year 1999 for the Department of Defense and the future years defense program, focusing on strategic nuclear policy and related matters, 9:30 a.m., SR-222.

*Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs*: April 1, Subcommittee on Financial Services and Technology, to hold hearings to examine how identity theft contributes to electronic crime, 10 a.m., SD-538.

April 2, Full Committee, to resume hearings to examine implications of the recent Supreme Court decision concerning credit union membership, 9:30 a.m., SD-538.

*Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation:* April 1, business meeting, to mark up proposed legislation to reform and restructure the process by which tobacco products are manufactured, marketed, and distributed, to prevent the use of tobacco products by minors, and to redress the adverse health effects of tobacco use, 9:30 a.m., SR-253.

*Committee on Energy and Natural Resources:* March 31, to hold hearings on S. 1100, to amend the Covenant to Establish a Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands in Political Union with the United States of America, the legislation approving such covenant, and S. 1275, to implement further the Act (Public Law 94-241) approving the Covenant to Establish a Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands in Political Union with the United States of America, 9:30 a.m., SH-216.

April 1, Subcommittee on National Parks, Historic Preservation, and Recreation, to hold hearings on titles I, II, III, and V of S. 1693, to renew, reform, reinvigorate, and protect the National Park System, 2 p.m., SD-366.

April 2, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine the status of Puerto Rico, 9:30 a.m., SH-216.

*Committee on Environment and Public Works:* April 1, to hold hearings to examine how tobacco smoke affects environmental air, 1:30 p.m., SD-406.

*Committee on Finance:* March 31, business meeting, to mark up proposed legislation to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to restructure and reform the Internal Revenue Service, 10 a.m., SD-215.

*Committee on Foreign Relations:* April 2, Subcommittee on Near Eastern and South Asian Affairs, to hold hearings to examine the economic and political situation in India, 10 a.m., SD-419.

*Committee on Governmental Affairs:* March 30, to hold hearings on the nominations of Elaine D. Kaplan, of the District of Columbia, to be Special Counsel, Office of Special Counsel, and Ruth Y. Goldway, of California, to be a Commissioner of the Postal Rate Commission, 2 p.m., SD-342.

April 1, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine the Year 2000 computer transition, 10 a.m., SD-342.

April 1, Full Committee, to hold hearings on the nomination of Emilio W. Civitanes, to be an Associate Judge of the District of Columbia Court of Appeals, 2:30 p.m., SD-342.

*Committee on the Judiciary:* April 1, Subcommittee on Antitrust, Business Rights, and Competition, to hold hearings to examine airline competition and pricing, 10 a.m., SD-226.

April 2, Full Committee, business meeting, to consider pending calendar business, 10 a.m., SD-226.

April 2, Subcommittee on Administrative Oversight and the Courts, business meeting, to consider pending calendar business, 2 p.m., SD-226.

*Committee on Labor and Human Resources:* March 31, to hold hearings to examine issues relating to charter schools, 10 a.m., SD-430.

April 1, Full Committee, business meeting, to mark up S. 1754, to consolidate and authorize funds for health professions and minority and disadvantaged health professions and disadvantaged health education programs, proposed legislation authorizing funds for programs of the Higher Education Act, and to consider pending nominations, 8:30 a.m., SD-430.

April 2, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine the extent of chlorofluorocarbon in the atmosphere, 10 a.m., SD-430.

*Committee on Small Business:* April 2, to resume hearings on the President's proposed budget request for fiscal year 1999 for the Small Business Administration, 9:30 a.m., SR-428A.

*Committee on Veterans' Affairs:* March 31, to hold hearings to examine tobacco-related compensation and associated issues, 10 a.m., SD-106.

*Committee on Indian Affairs:* April 1, business meeting, to mark up S. 1797, to reduce tobacco use by Native Americans and to make the proposed tobacco settlement applicable to tobacco-related activities on Indian lands, and S. 1279, proposed Indian Employment Training and Related Services Demonstration Act, and to consider the nomination of Katherine L. Archuleta, of Colorado, to be a Member of the Institute of American Indian and Alaska Native Culture and Arts Development; to be followed by hearings on proposed legislation to revise the Indian Gaming Regulatory Act of 1988, 9:30 a.m., SH-216.

*Select Committee on Intelligence:* April 1, to hold closed hearings on intelligence matters, 2:30 p.m., SH-219.

*Special Committee on Aging:* March 31, to hold hearings to examine the effect on seniors of policy changes to home health care provisions under Medicare, focusing on the Interim Payment System, venipuncture, and surety bonds, 10 a.m., SD-628.

### House Chamber

*Monday,* the House will meet at 12:30 p.m. for morning hour and at 2:00 p.m. for consideration of 9 suspensions:

1. H. Res. 398, urging the President to procure and provide Blackhawk Helicopters to Colombian National Police to reduce and eliminate the production of illicit drugs.

2. H.R. 2186, to provide assistance to the National Historic Trails Interpretive Center in Casper, Wyoming;

3. H.R. 3113, to reauthorize the Rhinoceros and Tiger Conservation Act of 1994.

4. H.R. 2574, to consolidate certain mineral interests in the National Grasslands in Billings County, North Dakota;

5. H.R. 2786, Iran Missile Protection Act of 1997;

6. H.R. 3485, Campaign Reform and Election Integrity Act of 1998;

7. Illegal Foreign Contribution Act;

8. Paycheck Protection Act; and

9. Campaign Reporting and Disclosure Act.

NOTE: No recorded votes are expected before 6:00 p.m.

*Tuesday and Wednesday*, Consideration of Emergency Supplemental Appropriations for FY 1998 (subject to a rule);

Consideration of H.R. 10, Financial Services Act of 1997 (subject to a rule); and

Consideration of H.R. 2400, Building Efficient Surface Transportation and Equity Act of 1998 (subject to a rule).

*Thursday, and Friday*, the House is not in session.

### House Committees

*Committee on Agriculture*, April 1, Subcommittee on Risk Management and Specialty Crops, hearing to review the 1999 World Trade Organization Multilateral Trade Negotiations, 9 a.m., 1300 Longworth.

*Committee on Appropriations*, March 31, Subcommittee on Commerce Justice, State, and Judiciary, on Immigration and Naturalization Service, 10 a.m., 2358 Rayburn, on the U.S. Trade Representative, 2 p.m., and the International Trade Administration, 3 p.m., H-309 Capitol.

March 31, Subcommittee on Foreign Operations, on Congressional and Public Witnesses, 9:30 a.m., H-144 Capitol.

March 31, Subcommittee on Interior, on National Park Service, 10 a.m., and on National Forest Service, 1:30 p.m., B-308 Rayburn.

March 31, Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, on Vocational and Adult Education, Special Education and Rehabilitative Services, 10 a.m., and on Educational Research and Improvements and the Office of Inspector General, 2 p.m., 2358 Rayburn.

March 31, Subcommittee on VA-HUD and Independent Agencies, on NASA, 10 a.m., 2359 Rayburn.

April 1, Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, State, and Judiciary, on the EEOC, 10 a.m., and public witnesses, 11 a.m., and 2 p.m., H-309 Capitol.

April 1, Subcommittee on Foreign Operations, on Human Rights, 10 a.m., H-140 Capitol.

April 1, Subcommittee on Interior, on Members on Congress, 10 a.m., B-308, Rayburn.

April 1, Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, on Postsecondary Education, 10 a.m., on the Office for Civil Rights; and the Institute of Museum and Library Services, 2 p.m., 2358 Rayburn.

April 1, Subcommittee on VA-HUD and Independent Agencies, on NSF, 9:30 a.m., 2359 Rayburn.

*Committee on Banking and Financial Services*, March 31, Subcommittee on Domestic and International Monetary Policy, hearing to examine the increase in counterfeiting using personal computers, 10 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.

April 1, Subcommittee on General Oversight and Investigations, hearing on the Operations of the Department of the Treasury's Financial Crimes Enforcement "Network," ("FinCEN"), 1 p.m., 2128 Rayburn.

April 1, Subcommittee on Housing and Community Opportunity, hearing on FHA-Single Family Property Disposition, 10 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.

*Committee on Commerce*, March 31, Subcommittee on Telecommunications, Trade, and Consumer Protection, hearing on reauthorization of the FCC, 10 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

April 1, Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations, hearing on Food and Drug Administration (FDA) Management Concerns, 10:30 a.m., 2322 Rayburn.

April 1, Subcommittee on Telecommunications, Trade, and Consumer Protection, hearing on Video Competition: Multichannel Programming, focusing on the following bills: H.R. 2921, Multichannel Video Competition and Consumer Protection Act of 1997; and H.R. 3210, Copyright Compulsory License Improvement Act, 10:30 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

*Committee on Education and the Workforce*, March 31, Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations, hearing on American Work Project: Workplace Competitive Issues, 2 p.m., 2175 Rayburn.

April 1, full Committee, to mark up the following: H.R. 2888, Sales Incentive Compensation Act; H.R. 2327, Drive for Teen Employment Act; and a resolution making funding of the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act a priority, 10:30 a.m., 2175 Rayburn.

*Committee on Government Reform and Oversight*, March 30, Subcommittee on Government Management, Information, and Technology, oversight hearing on USDA Debt Collection, 10 a.m., 2247 Rayburn.

March 31, full Committee, hearing on FEC Enforcement Actions: Foreign Campaign Contributions and Other FECA Violations, 10 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

April 1, Subcommittee on Government Management, Information, and Technology, hearing on Federal Consolidated Financial Statements: Can the Federal Government Balance Its Books, 9:30 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

April 3, Subcommittee on the District of Columbia, hearing on Academic Plan for the District of Columbia Public Schools, 9:30 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

*Committee on International Relations*, March 30, Subcommittee on International Economic Policy and Trade, hearing on WTO-Dispute Settlement Body, 12:30 p.m., 2172 Rayburn.

March 31, full Committee, hearing on U.S. Counter-Narcotics Policy Towards Colombia, 2 p.m., 2172 Rayburn.

March 31, Subcommittee on International Operations and Human Rights, hearing on the Betrayal of Srebrenica: Why did the Massacre Happen? Will It Happen Again?, 10 a.m., 2172 Rayburn.

*Committee on National Security*, April 1, Subcommittee on Military Procurement, hearing on the results of the Long Range Airpower Panel, 10 a.m., 2118 Rayburn.

*Committee on Rules*, March 30, to consider the following: Emergency Supplemental Appropriations for fiscal year 1998; H.R. 10, Financial Services Act of 1997; and H.R. 2400, Building Efficient Surface Transportation and Equity Act of 1998, 6 p.m., H-313 Capitol.

*Committee on Science*, March 31, Subcommittee on Basic Research and the Subcommittee on Technology, joint oversight hearing on Domain Names Systems: Where Do We Go From Here? 2 p.m., 2318 Rayburn.

March 31, Subcommittee on Energy and Environment, oversight hearing on Electricity Deregulation: Implications for Research and Development and Renewable Energy, 10 a.m., 2325 Rayburn.

April 1, full Committee, to continue oversight hearings on Math and Science Education II, Attracting and Graduating Scientists and Engineers Prepared to Succeed in Academia and Industry, 10 a.m., 2318 Rayburn.

*Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure*, March 31, Subcommittee on Water Resources and Environment, hearing on Proposals for a Water Resources Development Act of 1998, 9:30 a.m., 2318 Rayburn.

April 1, Subcommittee on Public Buildings and Economic Development, hearing on GSA FY 1999 Budget and related Issues, 10:30 a.m., 2253 Rayburn.

April 1, Subcommittee on Railroads, hearing on Federal Railroad Administration Reauthorization: Safety Hardware Issues, 10:30 a.m., 2167 Rayburn.

*Committee on Veterans' Affairs*, April 1, to mark up the FY '99 Construction Authorization legislation for the Department of Veterans Affairs, 10 a.m., 334 Cannon.

*Committee on Ways and Means*, March 31, Subcommittee on Oversight, on the 1998 Tax Return Filing Season and the IRS Budget for Fiscal Year 1999, 2 p.m., 1100 Longworth.

March 31, Subcommittee on Trade, hearing on Free Trade Area of the Americas, 2:30 p.m., B-318 Rayburn.

April 1, full Committee, hearing on the use of an Expert Panel to Design Long-Range Social Security Reform, 10 a.m., 1100 Longworth.

*Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence*, March 31, executive, hearing on Human Intelligence and Covert Action, 6 p.m., H-405, Capitol.

April 1, executive, hearing on DCI Wrap-up, 10 a.m., H-405, Capitol.