

Research Institute, NIH, Department of Health and Human Services; and public witnesses.

### VA HEALTH CARE SYSTEM REVIEW

*Committee on Veterans' Affairs:* Subcommittee on Health held a hearing on the Future of the VA Health Care System. Testimony was heard from Kenneth W. Kizer, M.D., Under Secretary, Health, Department of Veterans Affairs; Stephen P. Backhus, Director, Veterans' Affairs and Military Health Care Issues, Health, Education, and Human Services Division, GAO; representatives of veterans organizations; and public witnesses.

### U.S.-CHINA TRADE RELATIONS—RENEWAL OF MFN STATUS

*Committee on Ways and Means:* Subcommittee on Trade held a hearing on U.S.-China trade relations and renewal of China's most-favored (MFN) status. Testimony was heard from Representatives Stark, Solomon, Smith of New Jersey, Weldon of Pennsylvania, Pelosi and Dooley; Susan Esserman, General Counsel, Office of the U.S. Trade Representative; Stanley Roth, Assistant Secretary, East Asian and Pacific Affairs, Department of State; and public witnesses.

### U.S. ELECTORAL PROCESS—ALLEGED EFFORTS BY PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA TO INFLUENCE

*Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence:* Met in executive session to hold a hearing on Update on Alleged Efforts by People's Republic of China to influence U.S. Electoral Process. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Justice: Janet Reno, Attorney General; and Louis J. Freeh, Director, FBI.

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### NEW PUBLIC LAWS

(For last listing of Public Laws, see DAILY DIGEST, p. D615)

H.R. 824, to redesignate the Federal building located at 717 Madison Place, NW., in the District of Columbia, as the "Howard T. Markey National Courts Building". Signed June 16, 1998. (P.L. 105-179)

H.R. 3565, to amend Part L of the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968. Signed June 16, 1998. (P.L. 105-180)

S. 1605, to establish a matching grant program to help State and local jurisdictions purchase armor vests for use by law enforcement departments. Signed June 16, 1998. (P.L. 105-181)

### COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR THURSDAY, JUNE 18, 1998

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

#### Senate

*Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs,* to continue hearings on H.R. 10, to enhance competition in the financial services industry by providing a prudential framework for the affiliation of banks, securities firms, and other financial service providers, 9:30 a.m., SD-538.

*Committee on Energy and Natural Resources,* Subcommittee on National Parks, Historic Preservation, and Recreation, to hold hearings on S. 469, to designate a portion of the Sudbury, Assabet, and Concord Rivers as a component of the National Wild and Scenic Rivers System, S. 1016, to authorize appropriations for the Coastal Heritage Trail Route in New Jersey, S. 1665, to reauthorize the Delaware and Lehigh Navigation Canal National Heritage Corridor Act, S. 2039, to designate El Camino Real de Tierra Adentro as a National Historic Trail, and H.R. 2186, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to provide assistance to the National Historic Trails Interpretive Center in Casper, Wyoming, 2 p.m., SD-366.

*Committee on Foreign Relations,* Subcommittee on East Asian and Pacific Affairs, to hold hearings to examine recent changes in congressional views of the bilateral relationship between the United States and the People's Republic of China, 10 a.m., SD-419.

*Committee on Governmental Affairs,* Subcommittee on International Security, Proliferation and Federal Services, to hold hearings to examine the adequacy of the Department of Commerce's satellite export controls, 2 p.m., SD-342.

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

Full Committee, to hold hearings on John D. Kelly, of North Dakota, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Eighth Circuit, Kim McLean Wardlaw, of California, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Ninth Circuit, Raner Christercunean Collins, to be United States District Judge for the District of Arizona, Robert G. James, to be United States District Judge for the Western District of Louisiana, Dan A. Polster, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of Ohio, and Ralph E. Tyson, to be United States District Judge for the Middle District of Louisiana, 2 p.m., SD-226.

*Committee on Labor and Human Resources,* to hold joint hearings with the House Commerce Committee's Subcommittee on Health and Environment to examine organ donation allocation, 9:30 a.m., 2123 Rayburn Building.

*United States Senate Caucus on International Narcotics Control,* to hold hearings to examine United States efforts to combat drugs, focusing on international demand reduction programs, 2 p.m., SD-628.

#### NOTICE

For a listing of Senate committee meetings scheduled ahead, see page E1156 in today's Record.