

SECURITY AND FREEDOM THROUGH ENCRYPTION ACT

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Courts and Intellectual Property held a hearing on H.R. 850, Security and Freedom Through Encryption (SAFE) Act. Testimony was heard from William Reinsch, Under Secretary, Export Administration, Department of Commerce; Barbara McNamara, Deputy Director, NSA, Department of Defense; and public witnesses.

OVERSIGHT; COMMITTEE BUSINESS

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Immigration and Claims held an oversight hearing on issues arising from past designations of temporary protected status and fraud in prior amnesty programs. Testimony was heard from Paul Virtue, General Counsel, Immigration and Naturalization Service, Department of Justice; and public witnesses.

The Subcommittee also considered other pending business.

OVERSIGHT—U.S. FISH AND WILDLIFE SERVICE BUDGET REQUEST

Committee on Resources: Subcommittee on Fisheries Conservation, Wildlife and Oceans held an oversight hearing on fiscal year 2000 budget request of the United States Fish and Wildlife Service. Testimony was heard from Jamie Clark, Director, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Department of the Interior.

OVERSIGHT—FOREST SERVICE ROADS MORATORIUM

Committee on Resources: Subcommittee on Forests and Forest Health held an oversight hearing on Forest Service Roads Moratorium. Testimony was heard from Representative Stupak; Ron Stewart, Deputy Chief, Forest Service, USDA; and public witnesses.

OVERSIGHT—FAA R&D FUNDING REQUIREMENTS

Committee on Science: Subcommittee on Technology held an oversight hearing on Soaring into the Future? Funding Requirements for FAA Research and Development. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Transportation: Steven Zaidman, Associate Administrator, Research and Acquisitions, FAA; and Alexis M. Stefani, Deputy Assistant Inspector General, Aviation; and public witnesses.

FIGHTING FOREIGN PROTECTIONISM—IMPORTANCE OF TRADE NEGOTIATIONS

Committee on Ways and Means: Subcommittee on Trade continued hearings on the Importance of Trade Negotiations in Fighting Foreign Protectionism. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

FISCAL YEAR 2000 BUDGET; DCI'S PERSPECTIVE

Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence: Met in executive session to hold a hearing on Fiscal Year 2000 Budget: The DCI's Perspective. Testimony was heard from departmental witnesses.

Joint Meetings

TAX CUT PROPOSALS

Joint Economic Committee: Committee concluded hearings on issues relating to economic growth through tax cuts, focusing on the federal budget surplus, small businesses, income tax, capital gains tax, tax rates, tax system reform, retail sales tax, and the trade deficit, after receiving testimony from Mayor Stephen Goldsmith, Indianapolis, Indiana; Rebecca C. Matthias, Mothers Work, Inc., Philadelphia, Pennsylvania; George Gilder, Gilder Technology Group, Inc., Tyngham, Massachusetts; Wendell Primus, Center on Budget and Policy Priorities, John G. Wilkins, PricewaterhouseCoopers, and William G. Gale, Brookings Institution, all of Washington, D.C.; Wayne D. Angell, Bear Stearns, New York, New York; and James C. Miller III, Citizens for a Sound Economy, McLean, Virginia, former Director, Office of Management and Budget.

VETERANS PROGRAMS

Joint Hearing: Senate Committee on Veterans' Affairs and the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs concluded joint hearings to review the legislative recommendations of certain veterans organizations, after receiving testimony from Roger W. Putnam, Non Commissioned Officers Association of the USA, Homer S. Townsend, Jr., Paralyzed Veterans of America, Michael B. Berman, Jewish War Veterans of the USA, and Elizabeth R. Carr, Blinded Veterans of America, all of Washington, D.C.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR FRIDAY, MARCH 5, 1999

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Emerging Threats and Capabilities, to hold hearings on emerging threats to vital United States national security interests, 9:30 a.m., SR-222.

Special Committee on the Year 2000 Technology Problem: to hold hearings on international Y2K computer problem issues, 9:30 a.m., SD-192.

House

No committee meetings are scheduled.

Joint Meetings

Joint Economic Committee: to hold joint hearings on the employment-unemployment situation for February, 9:30 a.m., SD-562.