

LOSING PANAMA: THE IMPACT ON REGIONAL COUNTERDRUG CAPABILITIES

Committee on Government Reform: Subcommittee on Criminal Justice, Drug Policy, and Human Resources held a hearing on Losing Panama: The Impact on Regional Counterdrug Capabilities. Testimony was heard from Peter F. Romero, Acting Assistant Secretary, Bureau of Western Hemisphere Affairs, Department of State; Ana Maria Salazar, Deputy Assistant Secretary, Drug Enforcement Policy and Support, Department of Defense; and public witnesses.

OVERSIGHT—DOD FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT PRACTICES

Committee on Government Reform: Subcommittee on Government Management, Information, and Technology held an oversight hearing on Financial Management Practices at the Department of Defense. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Defense: Donald Mancuso, Acting Inspector General; and William Lynn, Under Secretary, Chief Financial Officer; and Gene Dodaro, Assistant Comptroller General, Accounting and Information Management, GAO.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on the Judiciary: Ordered reported the following bills: H.R. 775, amended, Year 2000 Readiness and Responsibility Act; and H.R. 916, to make technical amendments to section 10 of title 9, United States Code.

BANKRUPTCY REFORM ACT

Committee on Rules: The Committee granted, by voice vote, a structured rule on H.R. 833, Bankruptcy Reform Act of 1999, providing one hour of general debate to be equally divided between the chairman and ranking minority member of the Committee on the Judiciary. The rule waives points of order against consideration of the bill for failure to comply with section 302 (prohibiting consideration of legislation which exceeds a committee's allocation of new spending authority) or section 311 (prohibiting consideration of legislation that would cause the total level of new budget authority or outlays in the most recent budget resolution to be exceeded or cause revenues to be less) of the Congressional Budget Act. The rule provides that it shall be in order to consider as an original bill for the purpose of amendment under the five-minute rule the amendment in the nature of a substitute recommended by the Committee on the Judiciary now printed in the bill. The rule waives all points of order against the committee amendment in the nature of a substitute and amendments thereto. The rule makes in order only those amendments printed in the Rules Committee report

accompanying the resolution. The rule provides that amendments made in order may be offered only in the order printed in the report, may be offered only by a Member designated in the report, shall be considered as read, shall be debatable for the time specified in the report equally divided and controlled by the proponent and an opponent, shall not be subject to amendment, and shall not be subject to a demand for a division of the question in the House or in the Committee of the Whole. The rule allows for the Chairman of the Committee of the Whole to postpone votes during consideration of the bill, and to reduce voting time to five minutes on a postponed question if the vote follows a fifteen minute vote. Finally, the rule provides one motion to recommit, with or without instructions. Testimony was heard from Chairman Hyde; and Representatives Gekas, Graham, Morella, Conyers, Nadler, Watt of North Carolina, Jackson-Lee of Texas, Delahunt, Rothman, Dooley of California, Moran of Virginia, Barrett of Wisconsin and Velázquez.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR WEDNESDAY, MAY 5, 1999

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry: to hold hearings on proposed legislation authorizing funds for programs of the Commodity Exchange Act, 9 a.m., SR-328A.

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Defense, to hold closed hearings on certain intelligence programs, 9:30 a.m., S-407, Capitol.

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: Subcommittee on Financial Institutions, to hold hearings on the proposed Financial Institutions Insolvency Improvement Act of 1999, 9:30 a.m., SD-538.

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: business meeting to mark up S. 305, to reform unfair and anticompetitive practices in the professional boxing industry; S. 795, to amend the Fastener Quality Act to strengthen the protection against the sale of mismatched, misrepresented, and counterfeit fasteners and eliminate unnecessary requirements; S. 296, to provide for continuation of the Federal research investment in a fiscally sustainable way; S. 342, to authorize appropriations for the National Aeronautics and Space Administration for fiscal years 2000, 2001, and 2002; and S. 376, to amend the Communications Satellite Act of 1962 to promote competition and privatization in satellite communications, 9:30 a.m., SR-253.

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: to resume hearings to examine damage to the national security from alleged Chinese espionage at the Department of Energy nuclear weapons laboratories. (Hearings may go into a closed session), 9:30 a.m., SH-216.

Committee on Environment and Public Works: to hold hearings on the nomination of Timothy Fields, Jr., of Virginia, to be Assistant Administrator, Office of Solid Waste, Environmental Protection Agency, 9 a.m., SD-406.

Committee on Finance: to resume hearings on Medicare reform issues, focusing on financial obligations of taxpayers and beneficiaries, 10 a.m., SD-215.

Committee on Foreign Relations: to hold hearings on issues relating to the ABM Treaty, focusing on United States strategic and arms control objectives, 10 a.m., SD-562.

Committee on Governmental Affairs: to hold hearings on the current state of Federal and State relations, 9 a.m., SD-342.

Select Committee on Intelligence: closed business meeting to mark up proposed legislation authorizing funds for fiscal year 2000 for intelligence related programs, 3 p.m., SH-219.

Committee on the Judiciary: to hold oversight hearings on the programs of the Department of Justice, 9:30 a.m., SD-226.

House

Committee on Agriculture, Subcommittee on Livestock and Horticulture, hearing to review the USDA's final rule for Federal Milk Marketing Order reform, 1 p.m., 1300 Longworth.

Committee on Commerce, Subcommittee on Finance and Hazardous Materials, to continue hearings on H.R. 10, Financial Services Act of 1999, 10 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

Committee on Education and the Workforce, Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations, hearing on Fiscal Year 1998 Audit of the Corporation for National Service, 10:15 a.m., 2261 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Postsecondary Education, Training, and Life-Long Learning, hearing on Flexibility for Quality Programs and Innovative Ideas for High Quality Teachers, 10:30 a.m., 2175 Rayburn.

Committee on the Judiciary, oversight hearing on Antitrust Aspects of the Ocean Shipping Reform Act of 1998, 10 a.m., 2141 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on the Constitution, oversight hearing on First Amendment and Restrictions on Political Speech, 2 p.m., 2237 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Courts and Intellectual Property, hearing on H.R. 1565, Trademark Amendments Act of 1999, 2 p.m., 2226 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Immigration and Claims, oversight hearing on nonimmigrant visa fraud, 10 a.m., 2237 Rayburn.

Committee on Resources, to consider the following bills: H.R. 359, Emigrant Wilderness Preservation Act of 1999; H.R. 747, Arizona Statehood and Enabling Act Amendments of 1999; H.R. 883, American Land Sovereignty Protection Act; H.R. 898, Spanish Peaks Wilderness; H.R. 1104, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to transfer administrative jurisdiction over land within the boundaries of the Home of Franklin D. Roosevelt National Historic Site to the Archivist of the United States for the construction of a visitor center; H.R. 1523, Forests Roads-Community Right-To-Know Act; and H.R. 1524, Public Forests Emergency Act of 1999, 11 a.m., 1324 Longworth.

Committee on Rules, to consider the Kosovo Emergency Supplemental Appropriations for Fiscal Year 1999, 1:30 p.m., H-313 Capitol.