

ASSOCIATION HEALTH PLANS

Committee on Small Business: Held a hearing on Association Health Plans: Giving Small Businesses the Benefits They Need. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

RECYCLE AMERICA'S LAND ACT

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure: Subcommittee on Water Resources and Environment approved for full Committee action amended H.R. 1300, Recycle America's Land Act of 1999.

VETERAN'S MEASURES

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: Subcommittee on Benefits held a hearing on the following bills: H.R. 605, Court of Appeals For Veterans Claims Act of 1999; H.R. 690, to amend title 38, United States Code, to add bronchiolo-alveolar carcinoma to the list of diseases presumed to be service-connected for certain radiation-exposed veterans; H.R. 708, to amend title 38, United States Code, to provide for reinstatement of certain benefits administered by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs for remarried surviving spouses of veterans upon termination of their remarriage; H.R. 784, to amend title 38, United States Code, to authorize the payment of dependency and indemnity compensation to the surviving spouses of certain former prisoners of war dying with a service-connected disability rated totally disabling at the time of death; H.R. 1214, Veterans' Claims Adjudication Improvement Act of 1999; and H.R. 1765, Veterans' Compensation Cost-of-Living Adjustment Act of 1999. Testimony was heard from Representatives Bilirakis and Smith of New Jersey; Joseph Thompson, Under Secretary, Benefits, Veterans Benefits Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs; and representatives of veterans organizations.

CARIBBEAN AND CENTRAL AMERICA RELIEF AND STABILIZATION ACT; AFRICAN GROWTH AND OPPORTUNITY ACT

Committee on Ways and Means: Ordered reported amended the following bills: H.R. 984, Caribbean and Central America Relief and Economic Stabilization Act; and H.R. 434, African Growth and Opportunity Act.

SOCIAL SECURITY—PROPOSALS TO STRENGTHEN

Committee on Ways and Means: Concluded hearings on proposals to strengthen Social Security. Testimony was heard from Representatives Archer and Shaw; and Stephen C. Goss, Deputy Chief Actuary, SSA.

INTELLIGENCE ISSUES BRIEFING

Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence: Met in executive session to hold a briefing on pending Intelligence issues. The Committee was briefed by departmental witnesses.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR FRIDAY, JUNE 11, 1999**Senate**

No meetings/hearings scheduled.

House

Committee on Education and the Workforce, Subcommittee on Employer-Employee Relations, hearing on the Relationship Between Health Care Costs and America's Uninsured, 9:30 a.m., 2175 Rayburn.

Committee on the Judiciary, Subcommittee on Commercial and Administrative Law, hearing on the reauthorization of the Independent Counsel Statute, 11 a.m., 2141 Rayburn.

CONGRESSIONAL PROGRAM AHEAD**Week of June 14 through June 19, 1999****Senate Chamber**

On *Monday*, Senate will begin consideration of S. 1186, Energy and Water Development Appropriations, 2000.

On *Tuesday*, Senate will resume consideration of S. 96 Y2K Act, with a vote to occur on final passage of H.R. 775, House companion measure. Also, Senate will vote on a motion to close further debate on Amendment No. 297 to S. 557, Budget Process Reform, and vote on a motion to close further debate on a motion to proceed to the consideration of H.R. 1664, Steel, Oil and Gas Loan Guarantee Program.

During the balance of the week, Senate will consider any other cleared legislative and executive business.

(On *Tuesday*, Senate will recess from 12:30 p.m. until 2:15 p.m., for their respective party conferences.)

Senate Committees

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Special Committee on Aging: June 17, to hold hearings on issues relating to income security, 2 p.m., SD-106.

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: June 15, Subcommittee on Forests and Public Land Management, to hold oversight hearings on issues related to vacating the record of decision and denial of a plan of operations for the Crown Jewel Mine in Okanogan County, Washington, 2:30 p.m., SD-366.

June 16, Full Committee, business meeting to consider pending calendar business, 9:30 a.m., SD-366.