

**MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES**

*Committee on the Judiciary:* On February 17, the Subcommittee on Immigration and Claims held a hearing on the following bills: H.R. 3058, Anti-Atrocity Alien Deportation Act; and H.R. 2883, Adopted Orphans Citizenship Act. Testimony was heard from Representative Foley; the following officials of the Department of Justice: Gerri Ratliff, Director, Business Process and Re-engineering Services and Acting Director, Office of Congressional Relations, Immigration and Naturalization Service; and James Castello, Associate Deputy Attorney General; Edward A. Betancourt, Director, Office of Policy Review and Interagency Liaison, Bureau of Consular Affairs, Department of State; and public witnesses.

**DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS  
BUDGET**

*Committee on Veterans' Affairs:* On February 17, the Committee held a hearing on the Fiscal Year 2001 budget for the Department of Veterans Affairs. Testimony was heard from Togo D. West, Jr., Secretary, Department of Veterans Affairs; and representatives of veterans organizations.

**PATIENT RECORDS CONFIDENTIALITY**

*Committee on Ways and Means:* On February 17, the Subcommittee on Health held a hearing on the Confidentiality of Patient Records. Testimony was heard from Margaret Hamburg, M.D., Assistant Secretary, Planning and Evaluation, Department of Health and Human Services; and public witnesses.

**CHILD PROTECTION REVIEW SYSTEM**

*Committee on Ways and Means:* On February 17, the Subcommittee on Human Resources held a hearing on Child Protection Review System. Testimony was heard from Representative Greenwood; Olivia A. Golden, Assistant Secretary, Children and Families, Department of Health and Human Services; and public witnesses.

***Joint Meetings*****RUSSIA RELIGIOUS FREEDOM**

*Commission on Security and Cooperation in Europe (Helsinki Commission):* On Thursday, February 17, commission concluded hearings to examine the current status of religious liberty in Russia, focusing on minority religious group harassment, after receiving testimony from Robert Seiple, Ambassador-at-Large for International Religious Freedom, Department of State; Anatoly Krasikov, International Religious Liberty Association, Moscow, Russia; Pastor Igor Nikitin, Union of Christians, St. Petersburg, Russia; Rabbi Levi Shemtov, American Friends of Lubavitch,

Washington, D.C.; and Father Leonid Kishkovsky, Seacliff, New Jersey.

**NEW PUBLIC LAWS**

(For last listing of Public Laws, see DAILY DIGEST, p. D100)

H.R. 2130, to amend the Controlled Substances Act to direct the emergency scheduling of gamma hydroxybutyric acid, to provide for a national awareness campaign. Signed February 18, 2000. (P.L. 106-172)

**CONGRESSIONAL PROGRAM AHEAD**

**Week of February 23 through February 26, 2000**

**Senate Chamber**

To be announced.

**Senate Committees**

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

*Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry:* February 23, to hold hearings to examine issues dealing with water quality, 9 a.m., SD-106.

*Committee on Appropriations:* February 23, Subcommittee on Defense, to hold hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2001 for the Department of Defense, 9:30 a.m., SD-192.

February 24, Subcommittee on Foreign Operations, to hold hearings on proposed supplemental appropriations for fiscal year ending September 30, 2000 for foreign assistance to Colombia, 10:30 a.m., SD-192.

February 24, Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, State, and the Judiciary, to hold hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2001 for the Department of Commerce, 11 a.m., SD-138.

February 24, Subcommittee on Transportation, to hold hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2001 for the Department of Defense, focusing on safety initiatives, 11 a.m., SD-124.

*Committee on Armed Services:* February 23, to hold closed hearings on issues dealing with the situation in Kosovo, 9:30 a.m., SR-222.

February 24, Subcommittee on Personnel, to hold hearings on proposed legislation authorizing funds for fiscal year 2001 for the Department of Defense and the future years defense program, focusing on recruiting and retention within DOD and the Military Services, 2:30 p.m., SR-222.

*Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs:* February 23, to hold oversight hearings on the Monetary Policy Report to Congress pursuant to the Full Employment and Balanced Growth Act of 1978, 10 a.m., SH-216.

February 24, Subcommittee on Housing and Transportation, to hold oversight hearings on HUD's Community Builders' Program, 9:30 a.m., SD-628.

February 24, Full Committee, to hold hearings on the nomination of Kathryn Shaw, of Pennsylvania, to be a

Member of the Council of Economic Advisers; and Jay Johnson, of Wisconsin, to be Director of the Mint, 2 p.m., SD-628.

*Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation:* February 23, Subcommittee on Surface Transportation and Merchant Marine, to hold oversight hearings on activities of the National Railroad Passenger Corporation (AMTRAK), 10 a.m., SR-253.

*Committee on Energy and Natural Resources:* February 23, business meeting to consider pending calendar business, 10 a.m., SD-366.

February 23, Subcommittee on Forests and Public Land Management, to hold oversight hearings on the White River National Forest Plan, 2:30 p.m., SD-366.

February 24, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine the high cost and low supply of home heating oil, crude oil, and transportation fuels, 9:30 a.m., SH-216.

February 24, Subcommittee on Forests and Public Land Management, to hold hearings on S. 1722, to amend the Mineral Leasing Act to increase the maximum acreage of Federal leases for sodium that may be held by an entity in any 1 State; H.R. 3063, to amend the Mineral Leasing Act to increase the maximum acreage of Federal leases for sodium that may be held by an entity in any one State; and S. 1950, to amend the Mineral Leasing Act of 1920 to ensure the orderly development of coal, coalbed methane, natural gas, and oil in the Powder River Basin, Wyoming and Montana, 2:30 p.m., SD-366.

*Committee on Environment and Public Works:* February 23, to hold oversight hearings on the President's proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2001 for the Environmental Protection Agency, 10:30 a.m., SD-406.

February 24, Subcommittee on Transportation and Infrastructure, to hold hearings on proposed legislation authorizing funds for fiscal year 2001 for the Army Corps of Engineers, 10 a.m., SD-406.

*Committee on Finance:* February 23, to hold hearings on the U.S.-China Bilateral Trade Agreement on China's accession to the World Trade Organization, 9:30 a.m., SD-215.

February 24, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine Medicare reform, focusing on prescription drug costs for seniors, 10 a.m., SD-215.

*Committee on Foreign Relations:* February 24, to hold hearings to examine the AIDS crisis in Africa, 2:30 p.m., SD-419.

February 25, Subcommittee on Western Hemisphere, Peace Corps, Narcotics and Terrorism, to hold hearings

on the proposed emergency anti-drug assistance to Colombia, 10 a.m., SD-419.

*Committee on Governmental Affairs:* February 24, Permanent Subcommittee on Investigations, to hold hearings to examine the day trading industry and its practices, 9:30 a.m., SD-342.

February 25, Permanent Subcommittee on Investigations, to continue hearings to examine the day trading industry and its practices, 9:30 a.m., SD-342.

*Committee on Indian Affairs:* February 23, to hold oversight hearings on the President's proposed budget request for fiscal year 2001 for Indian programs, 9:30 a.m., SR-485.

*Select Committee on Intelligence:* February 23, to hold closed hearings on pending intelligence matters, 2 p.m., SH-219.

February 24, Full Committee, to hold closed hearings on pending intelligence matters, 2 p.m., SH-219.

*Committee on the Judiciary:* February 23, to hold hearings on S.1673, to amend titles 10 and 18, United States Code, to protect unborn victims of violence, 10 a.m., SD-226.

February 24, Full Committee, business meeting to consider H.R. 1658, to provide a more just and uniform procedure for Federal civil forfeitures; S. 2042, to reform the process by which the Office of the Pardon Attorney investigates and reviews potential exercises of executive clemency; S. 577, to provide for injunctive relief in Federal district court to enforce State laws relating to the interstate transportation of intoxicating liquor; and other pending calendar business, 10 a.m., SD-226.

*Committee on Small Business:* February 24, to hold hearings on the President's proposed budget request for fiscal year 2001 for the Small Business Administration, 9 a.m., SR-428A.

### House Chamber

The House was not in session today.

### House Committees

No committee meetings are scheduled.

### Joint Meetings

*Joint Economic Committee:* February 23, to hold hearings to examine cyber-threats to the U.S. economy, 9:30 a.m., SD-562.