

Postal Service. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the U.S. Postal Service, William J. Henderson, Postmaster General and CEO; Karla W. Corcoran, Inspector General; and Bernard L. Ungar, Director, Government Business Operations Issues, GAO.

GAO ASSESSMENT—U.S. JUDICIAL AND POLICE REFORM ASSISTANCE IN HAITI

Committee on International Relations: Held a hearing on GAO Assessment of U.S. Judicial and Police Reform Assistance in Haiti. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the GAO: Jess T. Ford, Associate Director; Virginia C. Hughes, Assistant Director; and Juan F. Tapia-Videla, Evaluator-In-Charge.

U.S. VIETNAM RELATIONS

Committee on International Relations: Subcommittee on Asia and the Pacific and the Subcommittee on International Economic Policy and Trade held a joint hearing on Prelude to New Directions in U.S. Vietnam Relations: The 2000 Bilateral Trade Agreement. Testimony was heard from Charlene Barshefsky, U.S. Trade Representative; Timothy J. Hauser, Deputy Under Secretary, International Trade, Department of Commerce; and Stanley O. Roth, Assistant Secretary, East Asian and Pacific Affairs, Department of State.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on the Judiciary: Ordered reported private bills.

The Committee also began markup of H.R. 4548, Agricultural Opportunities Act.

Will continue tomorrow.

SMALL BUSINESS COMPETITION PRESERVATION ACT

Committee on Rules: Granted, by voice vote, an open rule providing 1 hour of debate on H.R. 4945, Small Business Competition Preservation Act of 2000. The rule waives clause 4(a) of rule XIII (requiring a three-day layover of the committee report) against consideration of the bill. The rule provides that the bill shall be open for amendment at any point. The rule authorizes the Chair to accord priority in recognition to Members who have pre-printed their amendments in the Congressional Record. The rule allows 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 Talent.

CHANDLER PUMPING PLANT—WATER EXCHANGE IN LIEU OF ELECTRIFICATION

Committee on Rules: Granted, by voice vote, a closed rule providing 1 hour of debate on H.R. 3986, to provide for a study of the engineering feasibility of a water exchange in lieu of electrification of the Chandler Pumping Plant at Prosser Diversion Dam, Washington. The rule waives all points of order against consideration of the bill. The rule provides that the Committee on Resources amendment in the nature of a substitute, now printed in the bill, shall be considered as adopted. The rule waives all points of order against the committee amendment in the nature of a substitute. Finally, the rule provides one motion to recommit, with or without instructions. Testimony was heard from Representative Simpson.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 20, 2000

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry: to hold hearings to examine food safety issues, 9 a.m., SR-328A.

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, to hold hearings to examine the impact of antimicrobial resistance, 9:30 a.m., SD-124.

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: business meeting to consider pending calendar business, 9:30 a.m., SR-253.

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: business meeting to consider pending calendar business, 9:30 a.m., SD-366.

Subcommittee on Energy Research, Development, Production and Regulation, to hold hearings on S. 2933, to amend provisions of the Energy Policy Act of 1992 relating to remedial action of uranium and thorium processing sites, 2:30 p.m., SD-366.

Committee on Environment and Public Works: Subcommittee on Transportation and Infrastructure, to hold hearings to examine the GAO investigation of the Everglades and water quality issues, 9:30 a.m., SD-406.

Committee on Foreign Relations: to hold hearings to examine issues relating to Fidel Castro, 2:30 p.m., SD-419.

Committee on Governmental Affairs: business meeting to consider pending calendar business, 10 a.m., SD-342.

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: business meeting to consider pending calendar business, 9:30 a.m., SD-430.

Committee on Indian Affairs: business meeting to mark up S. 2920, to amend the Indian Gaming Regulatory Act; S. 1840, to provide for the transfer of public lands to certain California Indian Tribes; S. 2688, to amend the Native American Languages Act to provide for the support of Native American Language Survival Schools; and

S. 2615, to establish a program to promote child literacy by making books available through early learning and other child care programs, 2 p.m., SR-485.

Committee on the Judiciary: to hold hearings to examine antitrust law and entertainment industry efforts to restrict marketing and sales of violent entertainment to children, 10 a.m., SD-226.

House

Committee on Agriculture, Subcommittee on Department Operations, Oversight, Nutrition, and Forestry, hearing to review the Inspector General's report on USDA's Office of the Under Secretary for Natural Resources and Environment and the Urban Partnership Programs, 10 a.m., 1300 Longworth.

Committee on Commerce, hearing on H.R. 5122, Patient Protection Act of 2000, 10 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

Committee on Government Reform, hearing on Potential Energy Crisis in the Winter of 2000, 1 p.m., 2154 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on the District of Columbia, hearing on the Best Interests of the Child? A Reexamination of the District of Columbia's Child and Family Services Receivership, Part 1, 10 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on National Security, Veterans' Affairs and International Relations, hearing on Oversight of the Defense Security Service: How Big is the Backlog of Personnel Security Investigations, 10 a.m., 2247 Rayburn.

Committee on International Relations, hearing on the Fight Against Corruption: The Unfinished Agenda, 2 p.m., 2172 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on International Operations and Human Rights, hearing on United Nations Peacekeeping, 10:30 a.m., 2172 Rayburn.

Committee on the Judiciary, to continue markup of H.R. 4548, Agricultural Opportunities Act and to mark up the following bills: H.R. 604, to amend the charter of the AMVETS organization; H.R. 5136, to make permanent the authority of the Marshal of the Supreme Court and the Supreme Court Police to provide security beyond the Supreme Court building and grounds; H.R. 4827, Enhanced Federal Security Act of 2000; H.R. 3484, Child Sex Crimes Wiretapping Act of 1999; H.R. 3312, Merit Systems Protection Board Administrative Dispute Resolution Act of 1999; H.R. 1924, Federal Agency Compliance Act; H.R. 1293, Transportation Employee Fair Taxation Act of 1999; and H.R. 5018, Electronic Commu-

nications Privacy Act of 2000, 10:15 a.m., 2141 Rayburn.

Committee on Resources, to consider the following bills: S. 1653, National Fish and Wildlife Foundation Establishment Act Amendments of 1999; S. 1936, Bend Pine Nursery Land Conveyance Act; H.R. 2570, Lincoln Highway Study Act of 1999; H.R. 2710, National Law Enforcement Museum Act; H.R. 2799, to amend the Clear Creek County, Colorado, Public Lands Transfer Act of 1993 to provide additional time for Clear Creek County to dispose of certain lands transferred to the county under the Act; H.R. 2941, Las Cienegas National Conservation Area Establishment Act of 1999; H.R. 3118, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to issue regulations under the Migratory Bird Treaty Act that authorize States to establish hunting seasons for double-crested cormorants; H.R. 4070, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to correct a map relating to the Coastal Barrier Resources System Unit P31, located near the city of Mexico Beach, Florida; H.R. 4126, Palace of the Governors Expansion Act; H.R. 4187, to assist in the establishment of an interpretive center and museum in the vicinity of the Diamond Valley Lake in southern California to ensure the protection and interpretation of the paleontology discoveries made at the lake and to develop a trail system for the lake for use by pedestrians and nonmotorized vehicles; H.R. 4503, Historically Women's Public Colleges or Universities Historic Building Restoration and Preservation Act; H.R. 4721, to provide for all right, title, and interest in and to certain property in Washington County, Utah, to be vested in the United States; H.R. 4828, Steens Mountain Wilderness Act of 2000; H.R. 4835, to authorize the exchange of land between the Secretary of the Interior and the Director of Central Intelligence at the George Washington Memorial Parkway in McLean, Virginia; H.R. 4904, to express the policy of the United States regarding the United States relationship with Native Hawaiians; H.R. 5036, Dayton Aviation Heritage Preservation Amendments Act of 2000; H.R. 5130, CALFED Extension Act of 2000; and H.R. 361, Indian Federal Recognition Administrative Procedures Act of 1998, 11 a.m., 1334 Longworth.

Committee on Rules, to consider the following: Conference Report to accompany H.R. 3244, Trafficking Victims Protection Act of 1999; and the Conference Report to accompany H.R. 4919, Security Assistance Act of 2000, 4 p.m., H-313 Capitol.