

Issues, GAO; from the following officials of the Department of Transportation: Jennifer L. Dorn, Administrator, Federal Transit Administration; and Phil Mendelson, Vice-Chairman, National Capital Region, Transportation Planning Board; the following officials of the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority: Decatur Trotter, Chairman, Board of Directors; and Richard A. White, General Manager; and Donna Sorokin, member, Access Board. .

CREATING A NEW EPA DEPARTMENT

Committee on Government Reform: Subcommittee on Energy Policy, Natural Resources and Regulatory Affairs held a hearing on "Creating a New EPA Department." Testimony was heard from Representatives Boehlert, Horn, Ehlers; and public witnesses.

AIR TRANSPORTATION SAFETY AND SYSTEM STABILIZATION ACT

Committee on Rules: The Committee granted, by voice vote, a closed rule waiving all points of order against consideration of H.R. 2926, Air Transportation Safety and System Stabilization Act. The rule provides one hour of debate in the House equally divided and controlled by the chairman and ranking minority member of the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure. Finally, the rule provides one motion to recommit with or without instructions. Testimony was heard from Chairman Young and Representatives LaTourette, Graves, Tiahrt, DeFazio, Hastings of Florida, Jackson-Lee of Texas, Stupak, Sherman and Wu.

AVIATION SECURITY—FUTURE OF AVIATION INDUSTRY

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure: Subcommittee on Aviation held a hearing on Aviation Security and the Future of the Aviation Industry. Testimony was heard from Gerald L. Dillingham, Director, Physical Infrastructure Issues, GAO; the following officials of the Department of Transportation: Kenneth M. Mead, Inspector General; and Jane F. Garvey, Administrator, FAA; and public witnesses.

Hearings continue September 25.

Joint Meetings

AVIATION SECURITY

Joint Hearing: On Thursday, September 20, Senate Committee on Appropriations Subcommittee on Transportation concluded open and closed joint hearings with the House Committee on Appropriations' Subcommittee on Transportation to examine aviation security issues, focusing on aviation related computer systems, airport access controls, and passenger and carry-on baggage screening, including how the

United States and selected other countries differ in their screening practices, after receiving testimony from Norman Y. Mineta, Secretary, Jane F. Garvey, Administrator, Federal Aviation Administration, Kenneth M. Mead, Inspector General, and Michael P. Jackson, Deputy Secretary, all of the Department of Transportation; Gerald L. Dillingham, Director, Physical Infrastructure Issues, General Accounting Office; and Hank Queen, Boeing Company, Seattle, Washington.

CONGRESSIONAL PROGRAM AHEAD

Week of September 24 through 29, 2001

Senate Chamber

On *Monday*, at 12 noon, Senate will consider H.R. 2603, United States-Jordan Free Trade Area Implementation Act. Also, at 2 p.m., Senate will consider the nomination of Kirk Van Tine, of Virginia, to be General Counsel of the Department of Transportation, with a vote on confirmation of the nomination to occur thereon; following which, Senate will resume consideration of S. 1438, Department of Defense Authorization.

During the balance of the week, Senate may consider any other cleared legislative and executive business, including appropriation bills when available.

Senate Committees

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Special Committee on Aging: September 24, to hold hearings to examine long-term care challenges and solutions relating to the aging and disability communities, focusing on the relationships between public-private and local-state-federal relationships for new service models, 1 p.m., SD-106.

Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry: September 26, to hold hearings to examine Administration's perspective with regard to the new federal farm bill; immediately following, a hearing on the nominations of Elsa A. Murano, of Texas, to be Under Secretary for Food Safety, and Edward R. McPherson, of Texas, to be Chief Financial Officer, both of Department of Agriculture, 9 a.m., SD-106.

Committee on Appropriations: September 25, business meeting to mark up proposed legislation making appropriations for military construction, family housing, and base realignment and closure for the Department of Defense for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2002, and proposed legislation making appropriations for the government of the District of Columbia and other activities chargeable in whole or in part against the revenues of said District for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2002, 2 p.m., S-128, Capitol.

Committee on Armed Services: September 25, to hold hearings to examine the nomination of the following named officer for appointment in the United States Air Force to

the grade indicated while assigned to a position of importance and responsibility under title 10, U.S.C., section 601: Gen. John W. Handy, to be General; the nomination of The following named officer for appointment in the United States Navy to the grade indicated while assigned to a position of importance and responsibility under title 10, U.S.C., section 601: Adm. James O. Ellis, Jr., to be Admiral; and the nomination of the following named officer for appointment as the Vice Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff and appointment to the grade indicated while assigned to a position of importance and responsibility under title 10, U.S.C., sections 601 and 152: Gen. Peter Pace, to be General, 10 a.m., SH-216.

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: September 26, to hold oversight hearings to examine the Administration's national money laundering strategy for 2001, 9:30 a.m., SD-538.

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: September 26, Subcommittee on Surface Transportation and Merchant Marine, to hold hearings to examine surface transportation security issues, 9:30 a.m., SR-253.

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: September 25, Subcommittee on Public Lands and Forests, to hold oversight hearings to examine the effectiveness of the National Fire Plan in the 2001 fire season, including fuel reduction initiatives, and to examine the 10-Year Comprehensive Strategy for Reducing Wildland Fire Risks to Communities and the Environment, 2:30 p.m., SD-366.

September 26, Full Committee, to hold closed hearings to examine critical energy infrastructure security and the energy industry's response to the events of September 11, 2001, 9:30 a.m., Room to be announced.

Committee on Environment and Public Works: September 25, business meeting to consider S. 950, to amend the Clean Air Act to address problems concerning methyl tertiary butyl ether; S. 1206, to reauthorize the Appalachian Regional Development Act of 1965; S. 1270, to designate the United States courthouse to be constructed at 8th Avenue and Mill Street in Eugene, Oregon, as the "Wayne Lyman Morse United States Courthouse"; and pending nominations, 9:30 a.m., SD-406.

Committee on Foreign Relations: September 24, to hold hearings on the nomination of Charlotte L. Beers, of Texas, to be Under Secretary of State for Public Diplomacy; the nomination of Patricia de Stacy Harrison, of Virginia, to be Assistant Secretary of State for Educational and Cultural Affairs; the nomination of John Stern Wolf, of Maryland, to be Assistant Secretary of State for Non-proliferation; the nomination of Kevin E. Moley, of Arizona, to be Representative of the United States of America to the European Office of the United Nations, with the rank of Ambassador; the nomination of Kenneth C. Brill, of Maryland, to be Representative of the United States of America to the Vienna Office of the United Nations, and to be Representative of the United States of America to the International Atomic Energy Agency, with the rank of Ambassador; and the nomination of Michael E. Malinowski, of the District of Columbia, to be Ambassador to the Kingdom of Nepal, 3:30 p.m., SD-419.

September 25, Full Committee, to hold hearings on the nomination of Dennis L. Schornack, of Michigan, to be Commissioner on the part of the United States on the International Joint Commission, United States and Canada; the nomination of John J. Danilovich, of California, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Costa Rica; and the nomination of Roy L. Austin, of Pennsylvania, to be Ambassador to Trinidad and Tobago, 11 a.m., SD-419.

Committee on Governmental Affairs: September 25, with the Subcommittee on Oversight of Government Management, Restructuring and the District of Columbia, to hold hearings to examine federal government management, focusing on airline passenger and baggage screening, 2:30 p.m., SD-342.

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September 26, Full Committee, to resume hearings to examine the security of critical governmental infrastructure, 9:30 a.m., SD-342.

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: September 26, to hold hearings to examine psychological trauma and terrorism, focusing on assurance that Americans receive the support they need, 10 a.m., SD-430.

Select Committee on Intelligence: September 24, to hold hearings to examine the Department of Justice counterterrorism proposal, 3 p.m., SH-216.

Committee on the Judiciary: September 25, to hold hearings to examine homeland defense matters, 10 a.m., SD-226.

House Chamber

Monday, Consideration of Suspensions:

- (1) H. Con. Res. 204, Establishment of National Character Counts Week;
- (2) H.R. 1583, Designation of the Lee H. Hamilton Federal Building and United States Courthouse Designation;
- (3) H.R. 1860, Small Business Technology Transfer Program;
- (4) S. 248, Payment of Arrearages to the United Nations;
- (5) H.R. 1850, Senior Housing Commission Extension Act;
- (6) H.R. 2589, Multifamily Housing Assistance Restructuring Extension;
- (7) H.R. 2869, Small Business Liability Relief and Brownfields Revitalization Act; and
- (8) H.R. 717, Duchenne Muscular Dystrophy Childhood Assistance, Research and Education Amendments.

Consideration of Joint Resolution making continuing appropriations for fiscal year 2002 (subject to unanimous consent).

Tuesday and Wednesday, Consideration of FY 2002 District of Columbia Appropriations Act (subject to a rule); and

Complete Consideration of H.R. 2586, FY 2002 National Defense Authorization Act (subject to a rule).

Thursday and Friday, no votes.

House Committees

Committee on Education and the Workforce, September 25, hearing on "The Nursing Shortage: Causes, Impact and Innovate Remedies," 10 a.m., 2175 Rayburn.

Committee on Financial Services, September 26, hearing entitled "America's Insurance Industry: Keeping the Promise," 9:30 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.

Committee on Government Reform, September 26, Subcommittee on Government Efficiency, Financial Management and Intergovernmental Relations, hearing on "Information Technology—Essential Yet Vulnerable: How Prepared Are We for Attack?" 10 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

Committee on International Relations, September 25, hearing on U.S. Policy in the Fight Against International Terrorism Originating in South Asia, 10 a.m., 2172 Rayburn.

September 25, Subcommittee on the Middle East and South Asia, to continue hearings on U.S. Policy Towards the Palestinians, Part II, 2 p.m., 2172 Rayburn.

Committee on the Judiciary, September 24, hearing on the Administration's proposed Anti-Terrorism Act of 2001, 2 p.m., 2141 Rayburn.

September 24, briefing on Concerns with the Administration's Anti-Terrorism Act of 2001, 4:30 p.m., 2141 Rayburn.

Committee on Resources, September 25, Subcommittee on Forests and Forest Health, oversight hearing on Permanent Extension of the Forest Service Recreation Fee Demonstration Program, 3 p.m., 1334 Longworth.

September 25, Subcommittee on National Parks, Recreation and Public Lands, to mark up the following bills: H.R. 980, to establish the Moccasin Bend National Historic Site in the State of Tennessee as a unit of the National Park System; and H.R. 1776, Buffalo Bayou

National Heritage Area Study Act, 10 a.m., 1334 Longworth.

Committee on Rules, September 24, to consider the District of Columbia Appropriations Act, 2002, 5 p.m., H-313 Capitol.

Committee on Science, September 25, Subcommittee on Research, hearing on Strengthening NSF Sponsored Agricultural Biotechnology Research, focusing on H.R. 2051, to provide for the establishment of regional plant genome and gene expression research and development centers, and other proposals, 2 p.m., 2318 Rayburn.

Committee on Small Business, September 25, Subcommittee on Regulatory Reform and Oversight, hearing titled "Removing Red Tape from the Department of Labor's Apprenticeship Approval Process," 10 a.m., 2360 Rayburn.

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, September 25, Subcommittee on Aviation, to continue hearings on Aviation Security and the Future of the Aviation Industry, 10:30 a.m., 2167 Rayburn.

September 26, Subcommittee on Coast Guard and Maritime Transportation, hearing on H.R. 2228, Maritime Disaster Family Assistance Act of 2001, 10 a.m., 2253 Rayburn.

September 26, Subcommittee on Highways and Transit, hearing on Improving the Delivery of Transit Services by Easing Regulatory Burdens, 10 a.m., 2167 Rayburn.

Committee on Ways and Means, September 25, Subcommittee on Health, hearing on H.R. 2768, Medicare Regulatory and Contracting Reform Act of 2001, 10 a.m., 1100 Longworth.

Joint Meetings

Conference: September 25, meeting of conferees on H.R. 1, to close the achievement gap with accountability, flexibility, and choice, so that no child is left behind, 2:30 p.m., 2175 Rayburn Building.

Commission on Security and Cooperation in Europe: September 25, to hold hearings to examine the situation in Moldova, focusing on developments in the Transdnistria region and the promised withdrawal of Russian military forces as well as armaments and ammunition from Moldova, 2 p.m., 334 Cannon Building.