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LETTER OF TRANSMITTAL

U.S. SENATE,
COMMITTEE ON FINANCE,
Washington, DC, March 31, 2001.

Hon. GARY SISCO,
Secretary, U.S. Senate,
Washington, DC.

DEAR MR. SISCO: In accordance with rule XXVI of the Standing Rules of the United States Senate and the pertinent unanimous consent order pertaining to this rule, I am transmitting herewith a report on the activities of the Committee on Finance of the United States Senate for the 106th Congress.

Sincerely,

CHARLES E. GRASSLEY, *Chairman.*

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Mr. GRASSLEY, from the Committee on Finance,
submitted the following

REPORT

This report reviews the legislative and oversight activities of the Committee on Finance during the 106th Congress. These activities parallel the broad scope of responsibilities vested in the Committee by the Legislative Reorganization Act of 1946, as amended, rule XXV(k) of the Standing Rules of the Senate, and additional authorizing resolutions.

COMMITTEE JURISDICTION

Rule XXV(i) of the Standing Rules of the Senate requires reference to this Committee of all proposed legislation, and other matters, dealing with (i) Committee on Finance, to which committee shall be referred all proposed legislation, messages, petitions, memorials, and other matters relating to the following subjects:

1. Bonded debt of the United States, except as provided in the Congressional Budget Act of 1974.
2. Customs, collection districts, and ports of entry and delivery.
3. Deposit of public moneys.
4. General revenue sharing.
5. Health programs under the Social Security Act and health programs financed by a specific tax or trust fund.
6. National social security.
7. Reciprocal trade agreements.
8. Revenue measures generally, except as provided in the Congressional Budget Act of 1974.
9. Revenue measures relating to the insular possessions.
10. Tariffs and import quotas, and matters related thereto.
11. Transportation of dutiable goods.

COMMITTEE RULES

I. RULES OF PROCEDURE

Rule 1. *Regular Meeting Days.*—The regular meeting day of the committee shall be the second and fourth Tuesday of each month, except that if there be no business before the committee the regular meeting shall be omitted.

Rule 2. *Committee Meetings.*—(a) Except as provided by paragraph 3 of Rule XXVI of the Standing Rules of the Senate (relating to special meetings called by a majority of the committee) and subsection (b) of this rule, committee meetings, for the conduct of business, for the purpose of holding hearings, or for any other purpose, shall be called by the chairman. Members will be notified of committee meetings at least 48 hours in advance, unless the chairman determines that an emergency situation requires a meeting on shorter notice. The notification will include a written agenda together with materials prepared by the staff relating to that agenda. After the agenda for a committee meeting is published and distributed, no nongermane items may be brought up during that meeting unless at least two-thirds of the members present agree to consider those items.

(b) In the absence of the chairman, meetings of the committee may be called by the ranking majority member of the committee who is present, provided authority to call meetings has been delegated to such member by the chairman.

Rule 3. *Presiding Officer.*—(a) The chairman shall preside at all meetings and hearings of the committee except that in his absence the ranking majority member who is present at the meeting shall preside.

(b) Notwithstanding the rule prescribed by subsection (a) any member of the committee may preside over the conduct of a hearing.

Rule 4. *Quorums.*—(a) Except as provided in subsection (b) one-third of the membership of the committee, including not less than one member of the majority party and one member of the minority party, shall constitute a quorum for the conduct of business.

(b) Notwithstanding the rule prescribed by subsection (a), one member shall constitute a quorum for the purpose of conducting a hearing.

Rule 5. *Reporting of Measures or Recommendations.*—No measure or recommendation shall be reported from the committee unless a majority of the committee is actually present and a majority of those present concur.

Rule 6. *Proxy Voting; Polling.*—(a) Except as provided by paragraph 7(a)(3) of Rule XXVI of the Standing Rules of the Senate (relating to limitation on use of proxy voting to report a measure or matter), members who are unable to be present may have their vote recorded by proxy.

(b) At the discretion of the committee, members who are unable to be present and whose vote has not been cast by proxy may be polled for the purpose of recording their vote on any rollcall taken by the committee.

Rule 7. *Order of Motions.*—When several motions are before the committee dealing with related or overlapping matters, the chairman may specify the order in which the motions shall be voted upon.

Rule 8. *Bringing a Matter to a Vote.*—If the chairman determines that a motion or amendment has been adequately debated, he may call for a vote on such motion or amendment, and the vote shall then be taken, unless the committee votes to continue debate on such motion or amendment, as the case may be. The vote on a motion to continue debate on any motion or amendment shall be taken without debate.

Rule 9. *Public Announcement of Committee Votes.*—Pursuant to paragraph 7(b) of Rule XXVI of the Standing Rules of the Senate (relating to public announcement of votes), the results of rollcall votes taken by the committee on any measure (or amendment thereto) or matter shall be announced publicly not later than the day on which such measure or matter is ordered reported from the committee.

Rule 10. *Subpoenas.*—Subpoenas for attendance of witnesses and the production of memoranda, documents, and records shall be issued by the chairman, or by any other member of the committee designated by him.

Rule 11. *Nominations.*—In considering a nomination, the Committee may conduct an investigation or review of the nominee's experience, qualifications, and suit-

ability, to serve in the position to which he or she has been nominated. To aid in such investigation or review, each nominee may be required to submit a sworn detailed statement including biographical, financial, policy, and other information which the Committee may request. The Committee may specify which items in such statement are to be received on a confidential basis. Witnesses called to testify on the nomination may be required to testify under oath.

Rule 12. *Open Committee Hearings.*—To the extent required by paragraph 5 of Rule XXVI of the Standing Rules of the Senate (relating to limitations on open hearings), each hearing conducted by the committee shall be open to the public.

Rule 13. *Announcement of Hearings.*—The committee shall undertake consistent with the provisions of paragraph 4(a) of Rule XXVI of the Standing Rules of the Senate (relating to public notice of committee hearings) to issue public announcements of hearings it intends to hold at least one week prior to the commencement of such hearings.

Rule 14. *Witnesses at Hearings.*—(a) Each witness who is scheduled to testify at any hearing must submit his written testimony to the staff director not later than noon of the business day immediately before the last business day preceding the day on which he is scheduled to appear. Such written testimony shall be accompanied by a brief summary of the principal points covered in the written testimony. Having submitted his written testimony, the witness shall be allowed not more than ten minutes for oral presentation of his statement.

(b) Witnesses may not read their entire written testimony, but must confine their oral presentation to a summarization of their arguments.

(c) Witnesses shall observe proper standards of dignity, decorum and propriety while presenting their views to the committee. Any witness who violates this rule shall be dismissed, and his testimony (both oral and written) shall not appear in the record of the hearing.

(d) In scheduling witnesses for hearings, the staff shall attempt to schedule witnesses so as to attain a balance of views early in the hearings. Every member of the committee may designate witnesses who will appear before the committee to testify. To the extent that a witness designated by a member cannot be scheduled to testify during the time set aside for the hearing, a special time will be set aside for the witness to testify if the member designating that witness is available at that time to chair the hearing.

Rule 15. *Audiences.*—Persons admitted into the audience for open hearings of the committee shall conduct themselves with the dignity, decorum, courtesy and propriety traditionally observed by the Senate. Demonstrations of approval or disapproval of any statement or act by any member or witness are not allowed. Persons creating confusion or distractions or otherwise disrupting the orderly proceeding of the hearing shall be expelled from the hearing.

Rule 16. *Broadcasting of Hearings.*—(a) Broadcasting of open hearings by television or radio coverage shall be allowed upon approval by the chairman of a request filed with the staff director not later than noon of the day before the day on which such coverage is desired.

(b) If such approval is granted, broadcasting coverage of the hearing shall be conducted unobtrusively and in accordance with the standards of dignity, propriety, courtesy and decorum traditionally observed by the Senate.

(c) Equipment necessary for coverage by television and radio media shall not be installed in, or removed from, the hearing room while the committee is in session.

(d) Additional lighting may be installed in the hearing room by the media in order to raise the ambient lighting level to the lowest level necessary to provide adequate television coverage of the hearing at the then current state of the art of television coverage.

(e) The additional lighting authorized by subsection (d) of this rule shall not be directed into the eyes of any members of the committee or of any witness, and at the request of any such member or witness, offending lighting shall be extinguished.

(f) No witness shall be required to be photographed at any hearing or to give testimony while the broadcasting (or coverage) of that hearing is being conducted. At the request of any such witness who does not wish to be subjected to radio or television coverage, all equipment used for coverage shall be turned off.

Rule 17. *Subcommittees.*—(a) The chairman, subject to the approval of the committee, shall appoint legislative subcommittees. All legislation shall be kept on the full committee calendar unless a majority of the members present and voting agree to refer specific legislation to an appropriate subcommittee.

(b) The chairman may limit the period during which House-passed legislation referred to a subcommittee under paragraph (a) will remain in that subcommittee. At the end of that period, the legislation will be restored to the full committee cal-

endar. The period referred to in the preceding sentences should be 6 weeks, but may be extended in the event that adjournment or a long recess is imminent.

(c) All decisions of the chairman are subject to approval or modification by a majority vote of the committee.

(d) The full committee may at any time by majority vote of those members present discharge a subcommittee from further consideration of a specific piece of legislation.

(e) Because the Senate is constitutionally prohibited from passing revenue legislation originating in the Senate, subcommittees may mark up legislation originating in the Senate and referred to them under Rule 16(a) to develop specific proposals for full committee consideration but may not report such legislation to the full committee. The preceding sentence does not apply to nonrevenue legislation originating in the Senate.

(f) The chairman and ranking minority members shall serve as nonvoting *ex officio* members of the subcommittees on which they do not serve as voting members.

(g) Any member of the committee may attend hearings held by any subcommittee and question witnesses testifying before that subcommittee.

(h) Subcommittee meeting times shall be coordinated by the staff director to insure that—

(1) no subcommittee meeting will be held when the committee is in executive session, except by unanimous consent;

(2) no more than one subcommittee will meet when the full committee is holding hearings; and

(3) not more than two subcommittees will meet at the same time.

Notwithstanding paragraphs (2) and (3), a subcommittee may meet when the full committee is holding hearings and two subcommittees may meet at the same time only upon the approval of the chairman and the ranking minority member of the committee and subcommittees involved.

(i) All nominations shall be considered by the full committee.

(j) The chairman will attempt to schedule reasonably frequent meetings of the full committee to permit consideration of legislation reported favorably to the committee by the subcommittees.

Rule 18. *Transcripts of Committee Meetings.*—An accurate record shall be kept of all markups of the committee, whether they be open or closed to the public. This record, marked as "uncorrected," shall be available for inspection by Members of the Senate, or members of the committee together with their staffs, at any time. This record shall not be published or made public in any way except:

(a) By majority vote of the committee after all members of the committee have had a reasonable opportunity to correct their remarks for grammatical errors or to accurately reflect statements made.

(b) Any member may release his own remarks made in any markup of the committee provided that every member or witness whose remarks are contained in the released portion is given a reasonable opportunity before release to correct their remarks.

Notwithstanding the above, in the case of the record of an executive session of the committee that is closed to the public pursuant to Rule XXVI of the Standing Rules of the Senate, the record shall not be published or made public in any way except by majority vote of the committee after all members of the committee have had a reasonable opportunity to correct their remarks for grammatical errors or to accurately reflect statements made.

Rule 19. *Amendment of Rules.*—The foregoing rules may be added to, modified, amended or suspended at any time.

BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS REFERRED AND CONSIDERED

There were 918 Senate bills and 17 House bills referred to the Committee for consideration during the 106th Congress. In addition, 28 Senate and House resolutions (joint, concurrent or simple resolutions) were referred to the Committee. Of the legislation received and/or debated on Floor, 25 bills were reported, 7 became public law, 3 were vetoed, and 2 resolutions were agreed to.

HEARINGS

During the 106th Congress, the Committee and its subcommittees held a total of 72 days of hearings on numerous nominations and a wide variety of legislative and oversight issues.

FULL COMMITTEE HEARINGS

Jan. 20, 1999 (S. Hrg. 106–11)

Nominations of Susan G. Esserman, Timothy F. Geithner, Gary S. Gensler, Edwin M. Truman, and David C. Williams

Jan. 26, 27, and 28, 1999 (S. Hrg. 106–45)

U.S. Trade Policy in the Era of Globalization

Feb. 2, 1999 (S. Hrg. 106–114)

President's Fiscal Year 2000 Budget and Tax Proposals

Feb. 4, 1999 (S. Hrg. 106–122)

S. 331—Work Incentives Improvement Act of 1999

Feb. 9, 1999 (S. Hrg. 106–642)

General Revenue Financing of Social Security

Feb. 23, 1999 (S. Hrg. 106–65)

Monitoring and Enforcement of International Trade Agreements

Feb. 24, 1999 (S. Hrg. 106–488)

Increasing Savings for Retirement

Mar. 3, 1999 (S. Hrg. 106–164)

Education Tax Proposals

Mar. 10 and 18, 1999 (S. Hrg. 106–400)

Financial Status of Medicare

Mar. 11, 1999 (S. Hrg. 106–121)

International Tax Issues Relating to Globalization

Mar. 16, 1999 (S. Hrg. 106–665)

Personal Retirement Accounts

Mar. 17, June 9 and 10, 1999 (S. Hrg. 106–109)

Implementation and Impact of Changes Made to Medicare by the 1997 Balanced Budget Act

Mar. 23, 1999 (S. Hrg. 106–187)

H.R. 975, H.R. 1120, S. 61, S. 395, S. 528—Steel Imports

Apr. 13, 1999 (S. Hrg. 106–286)

China's Application for Accession to the WTO

Apr. 14, 1999 (S. Hrg. 106–155)

Oversight on Restructuring and Reform of the IRS

Apr. 15, 1999 (S. Hrg. 106–165)

Complexity of the Individual Income Tax

Apr. 27, 1999 (S. Hrg. 106–85)

Revenue-Raising Proposals in the Administration's Fiscal Year 2000 Budget

Apr. 28, May 5, 12, 26, and 27, 1999 (S. Hrg. 106–325)

Medicare Reform

Apr. 29, 1999 (S. Hrg. 106–111)

Implementation of the State Children's Health Insurance Program

May 4, 1999 (S. Hrg. 106–411)

Medicare Subvention

June 17, 1999 (S. Hrg. 106–310)

Nomination of Lawrence Summers

June 17, 1999 (S. Hrg. 106–138)

Medicaid and School-Based Services

June 23, 1999 (S. Hrg. 106–211)

Medicare Prescription Drug Benefit

June 29, 1999 (S. Hrg. 106–312)

Nominations of Stuart Eizenstat, Jeffrey Rush, Jr., and Lewis Andrew Sachs

June 30, 1999 (S. Hrg. 106–333)

Pension Reform

July 22, 1999 (S. Hrg. 106–231)

President's Proposal to Reform Medicare

Sept. 15, 1999 (S. Hrg. 106–371)

Nominations of James G. Huse and Neal S. Wolin

Sept. 29, 1999 (S. Hrg. 106–368)

Upcoming WTO Ministerial Meeting

Oct. 26, 1999 (S. Hrg. 106–420)

Use of Seclusion and Restraints in Mental Hospitals

Oct. 26, 1999 (S. Hrg. 106–523)

Nomination of William Halter

Oct. 26, 1999 (S. Hrg. 106–369)

Nomination of Deanna T. Okun

Feb. 2, 2000 (S. Hrg. 106–439)

Status of Internal Revenue Service Reform

Feb. 3, 2000 (S. Hrg. 106–448)

Nominations of George L. Farr, Charles L. Kolbe, Nancy Killefer, Larry R. Levitan, Steve H. Nickles, Robert Tobias, and Karen Hastie Williams to be members of the Internal Revenue Service Oversight Board

Feb. 8, 2000 (S. Hrg. 106–114)

President's Fiscal Year 2001 Budget and Tax Proposals

Feb. 10, 2000 (S. Hrg. 106–628)

U.S. Trade Agenda After the Seattle Ministerial

Feb. 23, Mar. 23, and Apr. 6, 2000 (S. Hrg. 106–564)

U.S.-China Bilateral Trade Agreement on China's Accession to the WTO

Feb. 24, 2000 (S. Hrg. 106–309)

Medicare Reform: Issues and Options

Feb. 29, 2000 (S. Hrg. 106–786)

Competition in the Medicare Program

Mar. 8 and 9, 2000 (S. Hrg. 106–487)

Penalty and Interest Provisions in the Internal Revenue Code

Mar. 22 and 29, 2000 (S. Hrg. 106–842)

Prescription Drug Coverage for Medicare Beneficiaries

Mar. 29, 2000 (S. Hrg. 106–479)

Nomination of Michelle A. Smith

Apr. 5, 2000 (S. Hrg. 106–899)

School Medicaid Program

May 3, 2000 (JCS–4–00)

Joint Review of the Strategic Plans and Budget of the Internal Revenue Service, 2000 (Joint with the Senate Committees on Finance, Appropriations and Governmental Affairs; House Committees on Ways and Means, Appropriations, and Government Reform) (Prepared by the Joint Committee on Taxation)

May 4, 2000 (S. Hrg. 106–844)

HCFA's Role and Readiness in Medical Reform

July 26, 2000 (S. Hrg. 106–734)

Nominations of Robert S. LaRussa, Ruth M. Thomas, and Lisa G. Ross

Sept. 6, 2000 (S. Hrg. 106–445)

Federal Medicaid Spending for Non-Medicaid Purposes

SUBCOMMITTEE ON HEALTH CARE

July 27, 1999 (S. Hrg. 106–215)

S. 662—Providing Medical Assistance for Certain Women Found To Have Breast or Cervical Cancer

Oct. 13, 1999 (S. Hrg. 106–473)

S. 1327—Health Needs of Children in the Foster Care System

SUBCOMMITTEE ON INTERNATIONAL TRADE

Mar. 15, 1999 (S. Hrg. 106–489)

Agriculture Trade Issues and Negotiations With China and the European Union

July 14, 1999 (S. Hrg. 106–346)

Managing Global & Regional Trade Policy Without Fast Track Negotiating Authority

Oct. 7, 1999 (S. Hrg. 106–408)

Upcoming WTO Ministerial Meeting (Agricultural Issues)

Oct. 21, 1999 (S. Hrg. 106–354)

U.S. Trade Negotiating Objectives for Services at the Seattle WTO Ministerial Meeting

Mar. 7, 2000 (S. Hrg. 106–510)

Agriculture Negotiations in the WTO After Seattle

June 20, 2000 (S. Hrg. 106–629)
Dispute Settlement and the WTO

Oct. 5, 2000 (S. Hrg. 106–760)
Trade Challenges in 2001

SUBCOMMITTEE ON TAXATION AND IRS OVERSIGHT

July 18, 2000 (S. Hrg. 106–711)
Energy Tax Issues

July 25, 2000 (S. Hrg. 106–431)
Land Conservation Tax Issues

SUBCOMMITTEE ON SOCIAL SECURITY AND FAMILY POLICY

July 25, 2000 (S. Hrg. 106–424)
Fatherhood Initiatives

SUBCOMMITTEE ON LONG-TERM GROWTH AND DEBT REDUCTION

Oct. 19, 1999 (S. Hrg. 106–435)
Federal Income Tax Issues Relating to Restructuring of the Electric Power Industry

EXECUTIVE SESSIONS HELD BY THE COMMITTEE

January 22, 1999

The Committee held an organizational meeting where it took the following action:

Adoption of subcommittees;

Designation of Committee members to serve on the Joint Committee on Taxation;

Designation of Committee members to serve as Congressional Advisors on Trade Policy and Negotiations; and

Favorably reported the Miscellaneous Trade and Technical Corrections Act of 1999

In addition, the Committee favorably reported the following nominations:

Susan G. Esserman to the Rank of Ambassador during her tenure of service as Special Envoy for Conventional Forces in Europe, Executive Office of the President;

Timothy F. Geithner, to be an Under Secretary, Department of the Treasury;

Gary S. Gensler, to be an Under Secretary, Department of the Treasury;

Edwin M. Truman, to be Deputy Under Secretary of Treasury, Department of Treasury; and

David C. Williams, to be Inspector General, Tax Administration, Department of the Treasury

March 4, 1999

The Committee ordered favorably reported the following business items:

The Work Incentives Improvement Act; and

The Nursing Home Residential Security Act of 1999

May 19, 1999

The Committee ordered favorably reported the following legislation:

The Affordable Education Act of 1999

June 16, 1999

The Committee ordered favorably reported the following business items:

H.R. 1833—Customs Authorization Act of 1999; and

The Steel Trade Enforcement Act

June 22, 1999

The Committee ordered favorably reported the following business items:

The General System of Preferences Extension Act;
The Trade Adjustment Assistance Authorization Act;
The U.S. Caribbean Basin Trade Enhancement Act;
The Sub-Saharan African Growth and Opportunity Act; and
The nomination of Lawrence H. Summers to be Secretary of the Treasury, Department of the Treasury

June 24, 1999

The Committee ordered favorably reported the following business item:

The Medicare Subvention Demonstration for Veterans Act

July 1, 1999

The Committee ordered favorably reported the following nominations:

Stuart Eizenstat to be Deputy Secretary of Treasury, Department of Treasury;
Jeffrey Rush, Jr., to be Inspector General, Department of the Treasury; and
Lewis Andrew Sachs, to be Assistant Secretary of the Treasury, Department of the Treasury

July 20 and 21, 1999

The Committee ordered favorably reported the following business item:

The Taxpayer Refund Act of 1999

October 13, 1999

The Committee ordered favorably reported the following nominations:

James G. Huse, Jr., to be Inspector General, Social Security Administration; and
Neal S. Wolin, to be General Counsel for the Department of Treasury

October 20, 1999

The Committee ordered favorably reported the following business item:

The Tax Extenders Bill

October 21, 1999

The Committee ordered favorably reported the following business item:

The Budget Adjustment Act of 1999

November 8, 1999

The Committee ordered favorably reported the following business items:

Nomination of William A. Halter, to be Deputy Commissioner of Social Security, Social Security Administration; and

Confirmed appointment of Senator Coverdell to the Committee on Finance and subcommittees thereof

November 17, 1999

The Committee ordered favorably reported the following business item:

Confirmed appointment of Senator Orrin Hatch to the Joint Committee on Taxation

March 2, 2000

The Committee ordered favorably reported the following nominations:

George L. Farr, to be Member of the Internal Revenue Service Oversight Board, Department of the Treasury;

Charles L. Kolbe, to be Member of the Internal Revenue Service Oversight Board, Department of the Treasury;

Nancy Killefer, to be Member of the Internal Revenue Service Oversight Board, Department of the Treasury;

Larry R. Levitan, to be Member of the Internal Revenue Service Oversight Board, Department of the Treasury;

Steve H. Nickles, to be Member of the Internal Revenue Service Oversight Board, Department of the Treasury;

Robert Tobias, to be Member of the Internal Revenue Service Oversight Board, Department of the Treasury; and

Karen Hastie Williams, to be Member of the Internal Revenue Service Oversight Board, Department of the Treasury

March 30, 2000

The Committee ordered favorably reported the following business item:

The Marriage Tax Penalty Relief Act

May 17, 2000

The Committee ordered favorably reported the following business items:

S. 2277—Extension of Permanent Normal Trading Relations to China; and

The nomination of Michelle A. Smith to be Assistant Secretary of the Treasury, Department of the Treasury

June 14, 2000

The Committee ordered favorably reported the following business items:

S. 662—Breast Cancer and Cervical Cancer Treatment Act; and

H.R. 3916—Repeal of the Federal Communications Excise Tax

June 28, 2000

The Committee ordered favorably reported the following legislation:

Marriage Tax Relief Reconciliation Act of 2000

July 27, 2000

The Committee ordered favorably reported the following nominations:

Jonathan Talisman, to be Assistant Secretary of the Treasury, Department of the Treasury;

Ruth Martha Thomas, to be Deputy Under Secretary of the Treasury, Department of Treasury; and

Lisa Gayle Ross, to be Assistant Secretary of the Treasury, Department of the Treasury

September 7, 2000

The Committee ordered favorably reported the following business items:

H.R. 1102—Retirement and Savings Act of 2000; and

Retired Coal Miners Health Benefits Security Act

September 19, 2000

The Committee ordered favorably reported the following business items:

H.R 4986—FSC Repeal and Extraterritorial Income Exclusion Act of 2000; and

H.R. 4868—Tariff Suspension and Trade Act of 2000

September 28, 2000

The Committee ordered favorably reported the following business item:

H.R. 4844—Railroad Retirement and Survivors' Improvement Act of 2000

REPORTS, PRINTS, AND STUDIES

During the 106th Congress, the Committee and supporting Joint Committees, prepared and issued 61 reports, special prints, and studies on the following topics:

Report No.	Title
106–2	Miscellaneous Trade and Technical Corrections Act of 1999
106–13	Nursing Home Residential Security Act of 1999
106–37	Work Incentives Improvement Act of 1999
106–54	Affordable Education Act of 1999
106–112	The African Growth and Opportunity Act
106–119	Trade Adjustment Assistance Reauthorization Act
106–120	Taxpayer Refund Act of 1999
106–137	Generalized System of Preferences Extension Act
106–155	Steel Trade Enforcement Act of 1999
106–156	Customs Authorization Act of 1999
106–160	The United States-Caribbean Basin Trade Enhancement Act
106–199	Medicare, Medicaid and S-CHIP Adjustment Act of 1999
106–201	Tax Relief Extension Act of 1999
106–222	Demonstration for Veterans Act of 1999
106–253	Marriage Tax Relief Act of 2000
106–305	Title IV of the Trade Act of 1974 With Respect to the People's Republic of China
106–323	Breast and Cervical Cancer Treatment Act
106–328	Repeal of Federal Communications Excise Tax
106–329	Marriage Tax Relief Reconciliation Act of 2000
106–411	Retirement Security and Savings Act of 2000
106–416	FSC Repeal and Extraterritorial Income Exclusion Act of 2000
106–475	Railroad Retirement and Survivors' Improvement Act of 2000
106–503	Tariff Suspension and Trade Act of 2000
106–512	Retired Coal Miners Health Benefit Security Act

Mar. 1999

COUNTRY REPORTS ON ECONOMIC POLICY AND TRADE PRACTICES (Report—Jointly Submitted to the Senate Committee on Foreign Relations, Senate Committee on Finance, House Committee on International Relations, House Committee on Ways and Means by the Department of State in Accordance with Section 2202 of the Omnibus Trade and Competitiveness Act of 1988)

Apr. 2000 (S. PRT. 106–45)

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PUBLICATIONS PREPARED BY THE JOINT COMMITTEE ON TAXATION FOR THE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

May 25, 1999 (JCS–4–99)

STRATEGIC PLANS AND BUDGET OF THE INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE, 1999 (Joint Review before the House Committees on Ways and Means, Appropriations, and Government Reform and the Senate Committees on Finance, Appropriations, and Governmental Affairs)

Dec. 22, 1999 (JCS–13–99)

ESTIMATES OF FEDERAL TAX EXPENDITURES FOR FISCAL YEARS 2000–2004

Mar. 6, 2000 (JCS–2–00)

DESCRIPTION OF REVENUE PROVISIONS CONTAINED IN THE PRESIDENT'S FISCAL YEAR 2001 BUDGET PROPOSAL

Mar. 2000 (JCS–3–00)

REPORT OF INVESTIGATION OF ALLEGATIONS RELATING TO INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE HANDLING OF TAX-EXEMPT ORGANIZATION MATTERS (Prepared at the Request of Chairman William V. Roth, Jr., Vice Chairman Bill Archer, Senator Daniel Patrick Moynihan, and Congressman Charles B. Rangel)

Oct. 15, 1999 (JCX–72–99)

FEDERAL TAX ISSUES RELATING TO RESTRUCTURING OF THE ELECTRIC POWER INDUSTRY

Jan. 21, 1999 (JCX–2–99)

DESCRIPTION OF REVENUE PROVISION TO BE CONSIDERED IN CONNECTION WITH THE MARKUP OF THE MIS-

CELLANEOUS TRADE AND TECHNICAL CORRECTIONS ACT OF 1999 (Scheduled for Markup)

Feb. 23, 1999 (JCX–7–99)

PRESENT LAW AND BACKGROUND RELATING TO TAX INCENTIVES FOR SAVINGS (Scheduled for a Public Hearing)

Mar. 2, 1999 (JCX–10–99)

DESCRIPTION OF REVENUE PROVISIONS TO BE CONSIDERED IN CONNECTION WITH THE MARKUP OF THE WORK INCENTIVES IMPROVEMENT ACT OF 1999 (Scheduled for Markup)

Mar. 2, 1999 (JCX–12–99)

OVERVIEW OF PRESENT LAW AND ISSUES RELATING TO TAX AND SAVINGS INCENTIVES FOR EDUCATION (Scheduled for a Public Hearing)

Mar. 9, 1999 (JCX–13–99)

OVERVIEW OF PRESENT-LAW RULES AND ECONOMIC ISSUES IN INTERNATIONAL TAXATION (Scheduled for a Public Hearing)

Mar. 15, 1999 (JCX–14–99)

ANALYSIS OF ISSUES RELATING TO SOCIAL SECURITY INDIVIDUAL PRIVATE ACCOUNTS (Scheduled for a Public Hearing)

Apr. 14, 1999 (JCX–18–99)

OVERVIEW OF PRESENT LAW AND ISSUES RELATING TO INDIVIDUAL INCOME TAXES (Scheduled for a Public Hearing)

May 17, 1999 (JCX–20–99)

DESCRIPTION OF CHAIRMAN'S MARK OF PROPOSALS RELATING TO EDUCATION INCENTIVES (Scheduled for Markup)

May 19, 1999 (JCX–22–99)

DESCRIPTION OF MODIFICATION TO CHAIRMAN'S MARK OF PROPOSALS RELATING TO EDUCATION INCENTIVES (Scheduled for Markup)

May 20, 1999 (JCX–24–99)

REPORT OF THE JOINT COMMITTEE ON TAXATION RELATING TO THE INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE AS REQUIRED BY THE IRS REFORM AND RESTRUCTURING ACT OF 1998 (Prepared for the House Committees on Ways and Means, Appropriations, and Government Reform and the Senate Committees on Finance, Appropriations, and Governmental Affairs) (For a Joint Review)

June 18, 1999 (JCX–31–99)

DESCRIPTION OF REVENUE PROVISIONS INCLUDED IN THE UNITED STATES-CARIBBEAN BASIN TRADE ENHANCEMENT ACT (Scheduled for Markup)

June 18, 1999 (JCX–33–99)

DESCRIPTION OF REVENUE PROVISIONS INCLUDED IN THE AFRICAN GROWTH AND OPPORTUNITY ACT (Scheduled for Markup)

June 18, 1999 (JCX–35–99)

DESCRIPTION OF REVENUE PROVISIONS INCLUDED IN THE TRADE ADJUSTMENT ASSISTANCE REAUTHORIZATION ACT (Scheduled for Markup)

June 18, 1999 (JCX–37–99)

DESCRIPTION OF REVENUE PROVISION INCLUDED IN THE GENERALIZED SYSTEM OF PREFERENCES EXTENSION ACT (Scheduled for Markup)

July 16, 1999 (JCX–46–99)

DESCRIPTION OF THE TAXPAYER REFUND ACT OF 1999 (Scheduled for Markup)

July 27, 1999 (JCX–56–99)

SUMMARY OF THE REVENUE PROVISIONS CONTAINED IN S. 1429, THE TAXPAYER REFUND ACT OF 1999, AS REPORTED BY THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE ON JULY 23, 1999

Oct. 5, 1999 (JCX–69–99)

DESCRIPTION OF CHAIRMAN'S MARK RELATING TO EXPIRING TAX PROVISIONS (Scheduled for Markup)

Oct. 15, 1999 (JCX–72–99)

FEDERAL TAX ISSUES RELATING TO RESTRUCTURING OF THE ELECTRIC POWER INDUSTRY (Scheduled for a Public Hearing Before the Subcommittee on Long-Term Growth and Debt Reduction)

Oct. 19, 1999 (JCX–73–99)

DESCRIPTION OF MODIFIED CHAIRMAN'S MARK RELATING TO EXPIRING TAX PROVISIONS (Scheduled for Markup)

Feb. 2, 2000 (JCX–12–00)

DISTRIBUTIONAL EFFECTS OF THE CHAIRMAN'S MODIFIED AMENDMENT IN THE NATURE OF A SUBSTITUTE RELATING TO THE "MARRIAGE TAX PENALTY RELIEF ACT OF 2000"

Feb. 7, 2000 (JCX–13–00)

SUMMARY OF TAX PROVISIONS CONTAINED IN THE PRESIDENT'S FISCAL YEAR 2001 BUDGET PROPOSAL

Mar. 7, 2000 (JCX–22–00)

COMPARISON OF JOINT COMMITTEE STAFF AND TREASURY RECOMMENDATIONS RELATING TO INTEREST AND PENALTY PROVISIONS OF THE INTERNAL REVENUE CODE (Scheduled for a Public Hearing)

Mar. 7, 2000 (JCX–23–00)

TESTIMONY OF THE STAFF OF THE JOINT COMMITTEE ON TAXATION CONCERNING INTEREST AND PENALTIES AND CORPORATE TAX SHELTERS BEFORE THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE (March 8, 2000)

Mar. 28, 2000 (JCX–34–00)

DESCRIPTION OF A CHAIRMAN'S MARK OF THE AGE TAX RELIEF ACT OF 2000 (Scheduled for Markup)

Mar. 28, 2000(JCX–37–00)

DISTRIBUTIONAL EFFECTS OF A CHAIRMAN'S MARK OF THE "MARRIAGE TAX RELIEF ACT OF 2000" (Scheduled for Markup)

Mar. 30, 2000 (JCX–39–00)

DESCRIPTION OF MODIFICATION TO THE CHAIRMAN'S MARK ON THE "MARRIAGE TAX RELIEF ACT OF 2000"

Mar. 30, 2000 (JCX–40–00)

DISTRIBUTIONAL EFFECTS OF A MODIFICATION TO THE CHAIRMAN'S MARK OF THE "MARRIAGE TAX RELIEF ACT OF 2000" (Scheduled for Markup)

Mar. 30, 2000 (JCX–41–00)

COMPARISON OF FEDERAL TAX LIABILITIES UNDER PRESENT LAW AND UNDER A MODIFICATION TO THE CHAIRMAN'S MARK OF THE "MARRIAGE TAX RELIEF ACT OF 2000" (Scheduled for Markup)

Apr. 28, 2000 (JCX–46–00)

REPORT OF THE JOINT COMMITTEE ON TAXATION RELATING TO THE INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE AS REQUIRED BY THE IRS REFORM AND RESTRUCTURING ACT OF 1998

June 12, 2000 (JCX–57–00)

DESCRIPTION OF H.R. 3916 (REPEAL OF THE FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS EXCISE TAX) (Scheduled for Markup)

OFFICIAL COMMUNICATIONS

During the 106th Congress, a total of 1,025 official communications were submitted to the Committee. Of these, 14 were Presidential Messages; 892 were Executive Communications—these communications include reports to advise and inform the Congress, required annual or semi-annual agency budget and activities summaries, and requests for legislative action. The committee also received 119 petitions and memorials.

CALENDAR OF NOMINATIONS

Jan. 6, 1999

ESSERMAN, SUSAN G., of Maryland, to be Deputy United States Trade Representative, with the rank of Ambassador, vice Jeffrey M. Lang, resigned.
Jan. 6, 1999—Received in the Senate and referred to the Committee on Finance.
Jan. 20, 1999—Committee on Finance. Hearings held.
Jan. 22, 1999—Committee on Finance. Ordered to be reported favorably.
Jan. 22, 1999—Reported to the Senate by Mr. Roth.
Jan. 22, 1999—Placed on Senate Executive Calendar. Calendar No. 1.
Apr. 21, 1999—Confirmed by the Senate by Voice Vote.

Jan. 6, 1999

GEITHNER, TIMOTHY F., of New York, to be an Under Secretary of the Treasury, vice David A. Lipton.
Jan. 6, 1999—Received in the Senate and referred to the Committee on Finance.
Jan. 20, 1999—Committee on Finance. Hearings held.
Jan. 22, 1999—Committee on Finance. Ordered to be reported favorably.
Jan. 22, 1999—Reported to the Senate by Mr. Roth.
Jan. 22, 1999—Placed on Senate Executive Calendar. Calendar No. 2.
Apr. 21, 1999—Confirmed by the Senate by Voice Vote.

Jan. 6, 1999

GENSLER, GARY, of Maryland, to be an Under Secretary of the Treasury, vice John D. Hawke, Jr.
Jan. 6, 1999—Received in the Senate and referred to the Committee on Finance.
Jan. 20, 1999—Committee on Finance. Hearings held.
Jan. 22, 1999—Committee on Finance. Ordered to be reported favorably.
Jan. 22, 1999—Reported to the Senate by Mr. Roth.
Jan. 22, 1999—Placed on Senate Executive Calendar. Calendar No. 3.
Apr. 21, 1999—Confirmed by the Senate by Voice Vote.

Jan. 6, 1999

GRAFMEYER, RICHARD A., of Maryland, to be a Member of the Social Security Advisory Board for the remainder of the term expiring September 30, 2000, vice Harlan Matthews, resigned.
Jan. 6, 1999—Received in the Senate and referred to the Committee on Finance.
June 15, 1999—Received message of withdrawal of nomination from the President.

Jan. 6, 1999

SHEA, GERALD M., of the District of Columbia, to be a Member of the Social Security Advisory Board for a term expiring September 30, 2004. (Reappointment)
Jan. 6, 1999—Received in the Senate and referred to the Committee on Finance.
Oct. 11, 1999—Committee on Finance. Hearings held.
Oct 24, 2000—Committee on Finance discharged by Unanimous Consent.
Oct 24, 2000—Confirmed by the Senate by Voice Vote.

Jan. 6, 1999

TRUMAN, EDWIN M., of Maryland, to be a Deputy Under Secretary of the Treasury, vice Timothy F. Geithner.
Jan. 6, 1999—Received in the Senate and referred to the Committee on Finance.
Jan. 20, 1999—Committee on Finance. Hearings held.
Jan. 22, 1999—Committee on Finance. Ordered to be reported favorably.
Jan. 22, 1999—Reported to the Senate by Mr. Roth.
Jan. 22, 1999—Placed on Senate Executive Calendar. Calendar No. 4.
Apr. 21, 1999—Confirmed by the Senate by Voice Vote.

Jan. 14, 1999

WILLIAMS, DAVID C., of Maryland, to be Inspector General for Tax Administration, Department of the Treasury. (New Position)

Jan. 14, 1999—Received in the Senate and referred to the Committee on Finance.
Jan. 20, 1999—Committee on Finance. Hearings held.
Jan. 22, 1999—Committee on Finance. Ordered to be reported favorably.
Jan. 22, 1999—Reported to the Senate by Mr. Roth.
Jan. 22, 1999—Referred to the Committee on Governmental Affairs pursuant to the order of January 22, 1999 for not to exceed 20 days.
Feb. 12, 1999—Senate agreed by unanimous consent that the Committee on Governmental Affairs have until February 25, 1999 to report the nomination.
Feb. 24, 1999—Senate agreed by unanimous consent that the Committee on Governmental Affairs have until March 17, 1999 to report the nomination.
Mar. 17, 1999—Senate agreed by unanimous consent that the Committee on Governmental Affairs have until April 6, 1999 to report the nomination.
Mar. 25, 1999—Senate agreed by unanimous consent that the Committee on Governmental Affairs have until April 26, 1999 to report the nomination.
Apr. 27, 1999—Senate Committee on Governmental Affairs discharged.
Apr. 27, 1999—Placed on Senate Executive Calendar. Calendar No. 44.
Apr. 29, 1999—Confirmed by the Senate by Voice Vote.

Jan. 27, 2000

KILLEFER, NANCY, to be Member of the Internal Revenue Service Oversight Board for a term of five years. (New Position)

Jan. 27, 2000—Received in the Senate and referred to the Committee on Finance.
Feb. 3, 2000—Committee on Finance. Hearing held.
Mar. 2, 2000—Committee on Finance. Ordered to be reported favorably.
Mar. 2, 2000—Placed on Senate Executive Calendar. Calendar No. 432. Subject to nominee's commitment to respond to requests to appear and testify before any duly constituted committee of the Senate.
Sept. 8, 2000—Confirmed by the Senate by Voice Vote.

May 13, 1999

RUSH, JEFFREY, JR., of Virginia, to be Inspector General, Department of the Treasury, vice David C. Williams.

May 13, 1999—Received in the Senate and referred to the Committee on Finance and, if and when reported, be sequentially referred to Governmental Affairs for not more than 20 days.
June 29, 1999—Committee on Finance. Hearings held.
July 1, 1999—Committee on Finance. Ordered to be reported favorably.
July 1, 1999—Reported to the Senate by Mr. Roth.
July 1, 1999—Referred to the Committee on Governmental Affairs for not to exceed 20 days.
July 21, 1999—Senate Committee on Governmental Affairs discharged.
July 21, 1999—Placed on Senate Executive Calendar. Calendar No. 165.
July 22, 1999—Confirmed by the Senate by voice vote.

May 20, 1999

SACHS, LEWIS ANDREW, of Connecticut, to be an Assistant Secretary of the Treasury, vice Gary Gensler.

May 20, 1999—Received in the Senate and referred to the Committee on Finance.
June 29, 1999—Committee on Finance. Hearings held.
July 1, 1999—Committee on Finance. Ordered to be reported favorably.
July 1, 1999—Reported to the Senate by Mr. Roth.
July 1, 1999—Placed on Senate Executive Calendar. Calendar No. 163.
July 13, 1999—Confirmed by the Senate by Voice Vote.

May 27, 1999

LEVITAN, LARRY L., of Maryland, to be a Member of the Internal Revenue Service Oversight Board for a term of five years. (New Position)

May 27, 1999—Received in the Senate and referred to the Committee on Finance.
Feb. 3, 2000—Committee on Finance. Hearing held.
Mar. 2, 2000—Committee on Finance. Ordered to be reported favorably.
Mar. 2, 2000—Placed on Senate Executive Calendar. Calendar No. 426. Subject to nominee's commitment to respond to requests to appear and testify before any duly constituted committee of the Senate.
Sept. 8, 2000—Confirmed by the Senate by Voice Vote.

May 27, 1999

NICKLES, STEVE H., of North Carolina, to be a Member of the Internal Revenue Service Oversight Board for a term of four years. (New Position)
May 27, 1999—Received in the Senate and referred to the Committee on Finance.
Nov. 17, 1999—Committee on Judiciary. Ordered to be reported favorably.
Feb. 3, 2000—Committee on Finance. Hearing held.
Mar. 2, 2000—Committee on Finance. Ordered to be reported favorably.
Mar. 2, 2000—Placed on Senate Executive Calendar. Calendar No. 427. Subject to nominee's commitment to respond to requests to appear and testify before any duly constituted committee of the Senate.
Sept. 8, 2000—Confirmed by the Senate by Voice Vote.

May 27, 1999

TOBIAS, ROBERT M., of Maryland, to be a Member of the Internal Revenue Service Oversight Board for a term of five years. (New Position)
May 27, 1999—Received in the Senate and referred to the Committee on Finance.
Feb. 3, 2000—Committee on Finance. Hearing held.
Mar. 2, 2000—Committee on Finance. Ordered to be reported favorably.
Mar. 2, 2000—Placed on Senate Executive Calendar. Calendar No. 428. Subject to nominee's commitment to respond to requests to appear and testify before any duly constituted committee of the Senate.
Sept. 8, 2000—Confirmed by the Senate by Voice Vote.

May 27, 1999

WETZLER, JAMES W., of New York, to be a Member of the Internal Revenue Service Oversight Board for a term of three years. (New Position)
May 27, 1999—Received in the Senate and referred to the Committee on Finance.
June 17, 1999—Received message of **withdrawal** of nomination from the President.

May 27, 1999

WILLIAMS, KAREN HASTIE, of the District of Columbia, to be a Member of the Internal Revenue Service Oversight Board for a term of three years. (New Position)
May 27, 1999—Received in the Senate and referred to the Committee on Finance.
Feb. 3, 2000—Committee on Finance. Hearing held.
Mar. 2, 2000—Committee on Finance. Ordered to be reported favorably.
Mar. 2, 2000—Placed on Senate Executive Calendar. Calendar No. 429. Subject to nominee's commitment to respond to requests to appear and testify before any duly constituted committee of the Senate.

June 7, 1999

SUMMERS, LAWRENCE H., of Maryland, to be Secretary of the Treasury, vice Robert E. Rubin.
June 7, 1999—Received in the Senate and referred to the Committee on Finance.
June 17, 1999—Committee on Finance. Hearings held.
June 22, 1999—Committee on Finance. Ordered to be reported favorably.
June 22, 1999—Reported to the Senate by Mr. Roth.
June 22, 1999—Placed on Senate Executive Calendar. Calendar No. 95.
July 1, 1999—Confirmed by the Senate by Yea-Nay Vote. 97–2. Record Vote No: EX. 195.

June 17, 1999

EIZENSTAT, STUART E., of Maryland, to be Deputy Secretary of the Treasury, vice Lawrence H. Summers.
June 17, 1999—Received in the Senate and referred to the Committee on Finance.
June 29, 1999—Committee on Finance. Hearings held.
July 1, 1999—Committee on Finance. Ordered to be reported favorably.
July 1, 1999—Reported to the Senate by Mr. Roth.
July 1, 1999—Placed on Senate Executive Calendar. Calendar No. 162.
July 13, 1999—Confirmed by the Senate by Voice Vote.

July 28, 1999

HUSE, JAMES G., JR.,of Maryland, to be Inspector General, Social Security Administration, vice David C. Williams, resigned.
July 28, 1999—Received in the Senate and referred to the Committee on Finance and, if and when reported, be sequentially referred to the Committee on Governmental Affairs for not more than 20 days.
Sept. 15, 1999—Committee on Finance. Hearings held.

Oct. 13, 1999—Reported to the Senate by Mr. Roth.
Oct. 13, 1999—Rereferred to Senate Committee on Governmental Affairs. For not to exceed 20 days.
Nov. 2, 1999—Senate Committee on Governmental Affairs discharged.
Nov. 2, 1999—Placed on Senate Executive Calendar. Calendar No. 347.
Nov. 10, 1999—Confirmed by the Senate by Voice Vote.

Aug. 2, 1999

WOLIN, NEAL S., of Illinois, to be General Counsel for the Department of the Treasury, vice Edward S. Knight, resigned.
Aug. 2, 1999—Received in the Senate and referred to the Committee on Finance.
Sept. 15, 1999—Committee on Finance. Hearings held.
Oct. 13, 1999—Reported to the Senate by Mr. Roth.
Oct. 13, 1999—Placed on Senate Executive Calendar. Calendar No. 273.
Nov. 19, 1999—Confirmed by the Senate by Voice Vote.

Aug. 5, 1999

FARR, GEORGE L., of Connecticut, to be a Member of the Internal Revenue Service Oversight Board for a term of four years. (New Position)
Aug. 5, 1999—Received in the Senate and referred to the Committee on Finance.
Feb. 3, 2000—Committee on Finance. Hearing held.
Mar. 2, 2000—Committee on Finance. Ordered to be reported favorably.
Mar. 2, 2000—Placed on Senate Executive Calendar. Calendar No. 430. Subject to nominee's commitment to respond to requests to appear and testify before any duly constituted committee of the Senate.
Sept. 8, 2000—Confirmed by the Senate by Voice Vote.

Oct. 1, 1999

HALTER, WILLIAM A., of Arkansas, to be Deputy Commissioner of Social Security for the term expiring January 19, 2001. (New Position)
Oct. 1, 1999—Received in the Senate and referred to the Committee on Finance.
Oct. 26, 1999—Committee on Finance. Hearings held.
Nov. 8, 1999—Committee on Finance. Ordered to be reported favorably.
Nov. 8, 1999—Reported to the Senate by Mr. Roth.
Nov. 8, 1999—Placed on Senate Executive Calendar. Calendar No. 393.
Nov. 10, 1999—Confirmed by the Senate by Voice Vote.

Oct. 14, 1999

KOLBE, CHARLES L., of Iowa, to be a Member of the Internal Revenue Service Oversight Board for a term of three years. (New Position)
Oct. 14, 1999—Received in the Senate and referred to the Committee on Finance.
Feb. 3, 2000—Committee on Finance. Hearing held.
Mar. 2, 2000—Committee on Finance. Ordered to be reported favorably.
Mar. 2, 2000—Reported to the Senate by Mr. Roth.
Mar. 2, 2000—Placed on Senate Executive Calendar. Calendar No. 431. Subject to nominee's commitment to respond to requests to appear and testify before any duly constituted committee of the Senate.
Sept. 8, 2000—Confirmed by the Senate by Voice Vote.

Nov. 10, 1999

OKUN, DEANNA TANNER, of Idaho, to be a Member of the United States International Trade Commission for a term expiring June 16, 2008, vice Carol T. Crawford, term expired.
Nov. 10, 1999—Received in the Senate and referred to the Committee on Finance.
Nov. 16, 1999—Committee on Finance. Hearings held.
Nov. 17, 2000—Committee on Finance. Ordered to be reported favorably.
Nov. 17, 1999—Reported to the Senate by Mr. Roth.
Nov. 17, 1999—Placed on Senate Executive Calendar. Calendar No. 406.
Nov. 19, 1999—Confirmed by the Senate by Voice Vote.

Feb. 23, 2000

SMITH, MICHELLE ANDREWS, of Texas, to be an Assistant Secretary of the Treasury, vice Howard Monroe Schloss, resigned.
Feb. 23, 2000—Received in the Senate and referred to the Committee on Finance.
Mar. 29, 2000—Committee on Finance. Hearings held.
May 17, 2000—Committee on Finance. Ordered to be reported favorably.
May 17, 2000—Reported to the Senate by Mr. Roth.
May 17 2000—Placed on Senate Executive Calendar. Calendar No. 518.
May 24, 2000—Confirmed by the Senate by Voice Vote.

May 25, 2000

LaRUSSA, ROBERT S., of Maryland, to be Under Secretary of Commerce for International Trade, vice David L. Aaron, resigned.
May 25, 2000—Received in the Senate and referred to the Committee on Finance.
June 6, 2000—Referred to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs by unanimous consent agreement of June 6, 2000.
July 21, 2000—Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs. Hearings held.
July 26, 2000—Committee on Finance. Hearings held.
July 27, 2000—Committee on Finance. Ordered to be reported favorably.
July 27, 2000—Reported by Senator Roth, Committee on Finance, without printed report.
July 27, 2000—Placed on Senate Executive Calendar. Calendar No. 646. Subject to nominee's commitment to respond to requests to appear and testify before any duly constituted committee of the Senate.
Dec. 15, 2000—Confirmed by the Senate by Voice Vote.
(See Sept. 28, 2000—LaRussa).

June 6, 2000

ROSS, LISA GAYLE, to be Chief Financial Officer, Department of the Treasury; vice Nancy Killefer, resigned.
June 6, 2000—Received in the Senate and referred to the Committee on Finance.
July 27, 2000—Committee on Finance. Ordered to be reported favorably.

June 6, 2000

ROSS, LISA GAYLE, to be Assistant Secretary of the Treasury, Department of the Treasury; vice Nancy Killefer, resigned.
June 6, 2000—Received in the Senate and referred to the Committee on Finance.
July 27, 2000—Placed on Senate Executive Calendar. Calendar No. 647. Subject to nominee's commitment to respond to requests to appear and testify before any duly constituted committee of the Senate.

June 16, 2000

THOMAS, RUTH MARTHA, of the District of Columbia, to be a Deputy Under Secretary of the Treasury, vice Linda Lee Robertson, resigned.
June 16, 2000—Received in the Senate and referred to the Committee on Finance.
July 26, 2000—Committee on Finance. Hearings held.
July 27, 2000—Committee on Finance. Ordered to be reported favorably.
July 27, 2000—Reported to the Senate by Mr. Roth.
July 27, 2000—Placed on Senate Executive Calendar. Calendar No. 648. Subject to nominee's commitment to respond to requests to appear and testify before any duly constituted committee of the Senate.

July 25, 2000

TALISMAN, JONATHAN, of Maryland, to be an Assistant Secretary of the Treasury, vice Donald C. Lubick, resigned.
July 25, 2000—Received in the Senate and referred to the Committee on Finance.
July 26, 2000—Committee on Finance. Hearings held.
July 27, 2000—Committee on Finance. Ordered to be reported favorably.
July 27, 2000—Reported to the Senate by Mr. Roth.
July 27, 2000—Placed on Senate Executive Calendar. Calendar No. 649. Subject to nominee's commitment to respond to requests to appear and testify before any duly constituted committee of the Senate.
Dec. 15, 2000—Confirmed by the Senate by Voice Vote.

July 27, 2000

CRIBB, TROY HAMILTON, of the District of Columbia, to be an Assistant Secretary of Commerce, vice Robert S. LaRussa.
July 27, 2000—Received in the Senate and referred to the Committees on Commerce and Finance.
Oct. 11, 1999—Committee on Finance. Hearings held.
Oct 24, 2000—Committee on Finance discharged by Unanimous Consent.
Oct 24, 2000—Confirmed by the Senate by Voice Vote.

LEGISLATIVE ACTIONS

(For information not included in this section, please refer to the Committee's legislative calendar.)

For the Committee, the 106th Congress was extremely productive. Important legislation was reported by the Committee, approved by Congress and signed by the President in a variety of areas within the Committee's jurisdiction. Following are brief legislative histories of selected measures referred to the Committee, and in some cases, drafted by the Committee, which (1) became public law; (2) were passed by the Congress, but were vetoed by the President; (3) were passed by the Senate but not acted upon by the House of Representatives; and (4) were approved by the Committee but were not passed by the Senate.

I. Internal Revenue Laws

During the 106th Congress, the Committee passed the Taxpayer Refund Act of 1999 in response to the reconciliation instructions contained in the Concurrent Resolution on the Budget for Fiscal Year 2000 (H. Con. Res. 68) for a net tax reduction of up to $792 billion for fiscal years 2000–2009. The Committee also considered major pension and individual retirement accounts (IRAs) reform, culminating in the passage of the Retirement Security and Savings Act of 2000. In addition, the Committee also examined issues relating to marriage penalty relief, education, the complexity of the individual income tax, penalty and interest provisions, and international tax issues.

Legislatively, the principal activities of the committee on tax matters included the following:

1. Taxpayer Refund Act of 1999 (S. 1429, reported by the Committee on 7/21/00). This bill provided tax relief for small businesses, farmers, estate and gift tax relief, international tax reforms, simplification provisions and also contained numerous tax loophole closers. This bill was vetoed by the President.

2. Tax Relief Extension Act of 1999 (reported by the Committee on 10/20/99). This bill extended tax provisions that would have otherwise expired including the research and experimentation tax credit, and certain individual tax provisions among others. This bill was signed by the President.

3. Retirement Security and Savings Act of 2000 (H.R. 1102, reported by the Committee on 9/7/00). This bill would increase contribution and income eligibility limits for IRAs, increase contribution and other benefit limits employer-sponsored savings vehicles, allow catch-up contributions for those age 50 and above, allow greater opportunity to roll over plan distributions and eliminate complexity in the administration of employer-sponsored savings vehicles. Provisions of this bill were incorporated in H.R. 5542, the Taxpayer Relief Act of 2000, and H.R. 5542 was incorporated in the conference report to H.R. 2614.

4. Retired Coal Miners Health Benefit Security Act (reported by the Committee on 9/19/00). This bill would authorize a one-year fund transfer to the United Miner Workers Combined Benefit Fund to prevent the insolvency of the fund, which provides health benefits to retired mine workers. In addition, the bill would authorize a transfer of funds to refund amounts previously paid to the fund by companies whose liability to the fund was eliminated by the Supreme Court decision in *Eastern Enterprises* and who have been denied refunds by the fund.

5. Affordable Education Act of 1999 (S. 1134, reported by the Committee on May 19, 1999). This bill would increase contribution limits and expand qualified distributions for Education IRAs, permit tax-free distributions for qualified State tuition programs and allow private institutions to offer prepaid tuition plans, eliminate the 60 month restriction for deducting student loan interest, extend tax-free treatment of employer provided educational assistance, and give tax-free treatment to health corps scholarship awards. The bill would also loosen arbitrage

restrictions for small school districts and create a new category of tax-exempt bonds for public-private partnerships. This bill passed the Senate on March 2, 2000.

6. Marriage Tax Relief Reconciliation Act of 2000 (S. 2839, reported by the Committee on June 28, 2000). This bill includes the same substantive provisions as S. 2346 (increasing the standard deduction: widening the 15% and 28% rate brackets, increasing the phase out for the earned income credit, and carving out the family tax credits from the alternative minimum tax) as well as including a sunset provision to comply with the Congressional Budget Act. On July 14, 2000, the Senate incorporated this bill into H.R. 4810 as an amendment. Both Houses of Congress then approved H.R. 4810, but the legislation was vetoed by the President. The House did not override the President's veto.

7. Repeal of the Telephone Excise Tax (H.R. 3916, reported by the Committee on June 14, 2000). This bill repealed the 3% federal excise tax on communications services, effective for bills rendered after August 31, 2000. On July 13, 2000, the Senate approved this measure as an amendment to H.R. 8 by a vote of 97 to 3. Subsequently, this measure was incorporated into H.R. 4516. Both Houses of Congress then approved H.R. 4516, but the measure was subsequently vetoed by the President.

8. Repeal of the Foreign Sales Corporation provisions and Extraterritorial Income Exclusion Act of 2000 (H.R. 4986, reported by the Committee on September 19, 2000). This bill repeals the foreign sales corporation provisions that were found by the World Trade Organization to constitute an illegal export subsidy. The bill creates a new regime that excludes a portion of income from foreign sales, in a manner similar to the territorial tax system of several European countries. The objective of the new regime is to ensure the continued competitiveness of U.S. taxpayers in the global marketplace, while fulfilling the United States' obligations under its WTO agreements. The original House bill was amended by the Senate Finance Committee to redact a provision granting a dividends-received deduction. This bill, as amended by the Finance Committee and with additional transition rules, also was included in H.R. 5542, the Taxpayer Relief Act of 2000, as incorporated by reference in the Conference Agreement for H.R. 2614, the Small Business Investment Act, which was passed by the House. H.R. 4986, as included in the Taxpayer Relief Act of 2000, was passed by the Senate as a stand-alone bill on November 1, 2000.

9. The committee considered the nomination of various officials with direct responsibilities in the area of taxation. The individuals whose nominations were considered are shown in the list of committee hearings contained in this document.

Description of Major Full Committee Hearings

Internal Revenue Code

1. Increasing Savings for Retirement. This hearing addressed how to increase individuals retirement savings through private plans—such as IRAs—and employer-sponsored plans. (2/2/99)

2. Pension Reform Proposals. This hearing addressed the various pension reform proposals, such as the Grassley/Graham pension bill, and to address issues surrounding the disclosure in the conversion of a traditional pension plan to a cash balance pension plan. (6/30/99)

3. International Tax Issues Relating to Globalization. This hearing considered issues relating to the need for reform of the international tax provisions of the tax code. The witnesses presented testimony relating to practical examples of how certain tax provisions are not keeping pace with the changing way international business is being conducted. (3/11/99)

4. Complexity of the Individual Income Tax. This hearing addressed issues relating to the complexity faced by individuals complying with the income tax code. (4/15/99)

5. Status of Internal Revenue Service Reform. This hearing reviewed the progress made to date with respect to the reform of the Internal Revenue Service. (2/2/00)

6. Penalty and Interest Provisions in the Internal Revenue Code. This hearing addressed issues relating to the penalty and interest provisions in the tax code. In part, the hearing focused on testimony regarding corporate tax shelters and how they are used to reduce a corporate taxpayer's tax liabilities. Witnesses also discussed suggested strategies to shut down these abusive corporate tax shelter arrangements. (3/8/00 and 3/9/00)

7. Education Tax Proposals. This hearing considered the various federal tax incentives for education. The witnesses discussed the effectiveness of the current incentives—such as the education IRA, college savings plans, and employer provided education incentives—and made suggestions about how to improve the incentives. The hearing also considered the federal tax incentives for school construction. The witnesses presented data and analyzed various bond proposals in this area. (3/3/99)

Activities of the Subcommittees

Subcommittee on Taxation and IRS Oversight

1. Restructuring of the Electric Power Industry. This hearing considered the various federal tax issues relating to the restructuring in the electric power industry. It covered tax issues confronting public power companies, investor owned utilities, and the rural electric cooperatives. (10/19/99)

2. Energy Tax Issues. This subcommittee hearing addressed various proposals relating to energy tax issues including those relating to alternative fuel vehicles, renewable energy, enhancement of domestic oil and gas production, and energy efficiency goals. (7/18/00)

3. Land Conservation Tax Issues. This subcommittee hearing addressed various proposals relating to land conservation including community incentives for the creation of open space, the preserva-

tion of farms and rural lands, and the protection of habitats for endangered species. (7/25/00)

II. Trade and Customs Laws

During the 106th Congress, the Committee reported out legislation normalizing U.S. trade relations with China, establishing a new trading relationship with our African, Central American, and Caribbean trading partners, addressing the trade-related consequences for the steel industry of the Asian financial crisis, reviewing the Generalized System of Preferences and the Trade Adjustment Assistance programs, reauthorizing the U.S. Customs Service, and two miscellaneous trade bills containing a variety of tariff suspensions, technical corrections, and other trade measures.

Specifically, the Committee acted on the following major pieces of legislation in the trade and customs area:

1. China PNTR (S. 2277, reported by Committee 5/25/00; final Senate action taken on H.R. 4444, the House counterpart)—Authorizing the President to extend permanent normal trade relations with China upon that country's accession to the World Trade Organization on terms consistent with the bilateral agreement reached between the United States and the People's Republic in November, 1999. The bill passed the Senate on September 19, 2000, and was signed by the President on October 10, 2000.

2. African Growth and Opportunity Act (S. 1387, reported by the Committee on 7/16/99; final Senate action taken on House counterpart, H.R. 434)—Extending duty-free treatment to imports of products from eligible beneficiary countries and authorizing the President to determine the prospects for negotiating free trade arrangements with such countries. In its final form, this legislation incorporated a number of other trade bills before the Committee, including S. 185 (establishing a Chief Agricultural Trade Negotiator in the Office of the United States Trade Representative), S. 1386 (reauthorizing Trade Adjustment Assistance Programs), S. 1388 (reauthorizing the Generalized System of Preferences) and the U.S.-Caribbean Basin Trade Enhancement Act, discussed below. H.R. 434 passed the Senate on November 9, 1999, the Conference Report was agreed to in the Senate May 11, 2000, and signed by the President on May 18, 2000.

3. U.S.-Caribbean Basin Trade Enhancement Act (reported by Committee 7/16/99; final Senate action taken on H.R. 434, which incorporated the Committee's reported bill)—Expanding duty-free treatment to goods produced by eligible beneficiary countries in the Caribbean and Central America, as well as encouraging their participation in negotiations to establish a Free Trade Agreement of the Americas. The bill passed the Senate as part of H.R. 434 on November 9, 1999, the Conference Report was agreed to by the Senate on May 11, 2000, and the President signed the bill on May 18, 2000.

4. Steel Trade Enforcement Act of 1999 (reported by Committee 6/21/99)—Requiring the President to develop a comprehensive plan for addressing the problems facing the U.S. steel industry due to the continuing over-capacity in worldwide

steel production and the collapse of demand in Asian due to the 1998 financial crisis, as well as modifying the safeguard provisions of the U.S. trade laws to ensure that they provided adequate protection to industries faced with serious injury as a result of imports and the antidumping laws to ensure that such laws were effectively enforced by the President.

5. Customs Authorization (H.R. 1833, reported by Committee 7/20/99)—Authorizing appropriations for the U.S. Customs Service and other trade agencies, establishing a program for the prevention of on-line child pornography, and establishing a framework for ongoing oversight of the Customs Service by the Committee on Finance. The bill represented the culmination of an extended review of the Customs Service's commercial operations, enforcement efforts, and management. The bill passed the Senate on August 5, 1999.

6. Miscellaneous Trade and Technical Corrections Act of 1999 (S. 262, reported by the Committee 2/3/99; final Senate action taken on House counterpart, H.R. 435)—Suspending tariffs on imports of a variety of products and making various technical corrections to the trade and customs laws of the United States.

7. Tariff Suspension and Trade Act of 2000 (H.R. 4868, reported by Committee September 27, 2000; passed with Senate Amendment on October 13, 2000; Senate passed House Resolution returning H.R. 4868 with a further House Amendment on October 26, 2000)—Suspending tariffs on various imported products and making various technical corrections to the trade and customs laws of the United States, as well as banning the importation, exportation, and domestic production or sale of dog and cat fur and banning the importation of grey market cigarettes. The act was presented to the President on November 1, 2000. At the time of this writing, the President has not taken action on it.

Description of Major Full Committee Hearings

The Committee provided continuing oversight of the trade and customs laws throughout the 106th Congress through hearings on trade policy, negotiations on China's accession to the World Trade Organization, oversight of the U.S. Customs Service, and a variety of other trade-related matters. The full Committee held major hearings on the following matters:

1. Trade Policy in the Era of Globalization (1/26–28/99)—Assessing the need for reshaping American trade policy in light of the significant changes under way in the international economy and the prospects for future trade negotiations designed to address those issues.

2. Monitoring and Enforcement of International Trade Agreements (2/23/99)—Assessing the tools available, both in domestic legislation and international agreements, to the United States Trade Representative and the U.S. Department of Commerce to monitor and enforce commitments made by U.S. trading partners in the context of the World Trade Organization and other multilateral and bilateral agreements on trade and investment.

3. Factors Affecting the Competitiveness of the U.S. Steel Industry, including Import Competition (3/23/99)—Determining the trade-related effects of the Asian financial crisis on the U.S. steel industry and assessing the tools available to the President under U.S. trade law to address such effects. The hearing included an assessment of H.R. 975, a bill passed by the House that would impose immediate quotas on steel imports, as well as other House and Senate proposals, including H.R. 1120, S. 61, S. 395, and S. 528.

4. China's Application for Accession to the World Trade Organization (4/13/99)—Reviewing the terms of a proposed bilateral agreement between the United States and the People's Republic that would clear the way for China's accession to the WTO, the reasons for the President's refusal to accept the agreement negotiated by his Trade Representative, and the prospects for initiating new talks that would lead to an opening of China's market to U.S. exports.

5. Oversight of the Operations of the U.S. Customs Service Status of Internal Revenue Service Reform (5/13, 18, and 25/99)—Reviewing and assessing the commercial operations, enforcement efforts, and management of the U.S. Customs Service.

6. U.S. Trade Agenda After the Seattle WTO Ministerial (2/10/00)—Review of American trade policy after the failure to launch a new round of multilateral trade negotiations at the ministerial meeting of the World Trade Organization held amid riots in Seattle in late November and early December in Seattle.

7. U.S.-China Bilateral Trade Agreement on China's Accession to the World Trade Organization (2/23, 3/23, and 4/6/00)—Assessing the terms of the bilateral agreement on U.S. access to the Chinese market reached in the context of China's proposed accession to the WTO, the impact of that agreement on various industries, labor and the environment, and the prospects for China's eventual accession to the WTO.

III. Health Care Laws

Highlights of Activities

Health Care Programs—During the 106th Congress, the Committee conducted major federal healthcare financing program activities, the two principal areas of which addressed major issues and options for reform of the Medicare program, including the addition of a prescription drug benefit, and oversight of the Medicaid and State Children's Health Insurance Programs. Under these efforts, the Committee conducted twenty-three healthcare financing program related hearings, covering the above matters, as well as issues such as Medicare payments for veteran's health care, work incentives for the disabled, and implementation of the Balanced Budget Act of 1997.

Considerable resources were devoted to development of a major, draft Chairman's mark on reform of the Medicare program to promote choice of and competition among health plans for Medicare beneficiaries, as well as to add a comprehensive drug benefit to the

basic, publicly-administered Medicare fee-for-service system. In addition to the hearings related to the reform debate, in the second session of the 106th Congress, the Committee participated in a one-day bipartisan retreat on Medicare reform matters, convened by the Library of Congress, and met on multiple occasions in informal executive session to pursue efforts to arrive at a bipartisan consensus on Medicare reform legislation.

Health Care Laws

1. The Ticket to Work and Work Incentives Improvement Act expanded the availability of health care services for workers with disabilities and created a program to provide eligible individuals with employment and support services from participating providers. The bill was marked up by the Committee on March 4, 1999 and signed into law in December 1999.

2. The Nursing Home Residential Security Act required facilities withdrawing from Medicaid to continue to care for current residents under the terms and conditions of the Medicaid program until those residents no longer require care. The bill was marked up by the Committee on March 4, 1999 and signed into law later that same month.

3. The Medicare Subvention Demonstration for Veteran's Act would make Medicare payments available for Medicare-eligible veterans receiving health care under specified demonstration circumstances and for a limited time duration in order to determine whether permanent program changes should be made. The bill was reported favorably by the Committee on June 24, 1999.

4. The Balanced Budget Refinement Act of 1999 invested $27 billion over ten years in the Medicare, Medicaid and SCHIP programs. The bill was favorably reported by the Committee on October 26, 1999. It was later inserted into the District of Columbia Appropriations bill, which was signed into law on November 29, 1999.

5. The Breast Cancer and Cervical Cancer Treatment Act granted states the option to extend Medicaid eligibility to lower-income women who receive a cancer diagnosis through the Centers for Disease Control's Breast and Cervical Cancer Early Detection Program. The Committee favorably reported the bill on June 14, 2000. It was signed into law in October 2000.

6. S. 3165—The Medicare, Medicaid and SCHIP Refinement Act of 2000 was introduced jointly by the Chairman, Senator William Roth and the Ranking Member, Senator Daniel Patrick Moynihan after meeting in an informal executive session with the Committee conducted on October 4, 2000. That bill provided for investments in the Medicare, Medicaid and SCHIP of about $28 billion over five years and $75 billion over 10 years. Though not formally reported by the Committee, that bill became the basis for the Senate negotiating position in seeking a House-Senate Conference agreement on similar bills emanating from the House Ways and Means and Commerce Committees. The resulting agreement has been inserted into the conference report on the Small Business Provisions bill, which is pending consideration of the full Senate.

Description of Major Full Committee Hearings

Healthcare Programs

1. Work Incentives. This hearing examined issues around the eligibility of disabled individuals for Medicare and Medicaid coverage upon their return to work (2/4/99).

2. Financial Status of the Medicare Program. This hearing examined the short and long-term financial viability of the Medicare program (3/10/99).

3. Implementation Progress of the Balanced Budget Act of 1997. This hearing examined issues around the implementation of Medicare, Medicaid and SCHIP provisions enacted in the Balanced Budget Act of 1997 (3/17/99).

4. Financial Status of the Medicare Program. This hearing examined the short and long-term financial viability of the Medicare program (3/18/99).

5. Reform of the Medicare Program. This was one in a series of several hearings examining various aspects of reforming the Medicare program for the twenty-first century (4/28/99).

6. Oversight of the State Children's Health Insurance Program. This hearing focused on progress in implementation of SCHIP by states (4/29/99).

7. Medicare Subvention. This hearing examined issues around proposals to provide Medicare payments to facilities providing services to veterans (5/4/99).

8. Reform of the Medicare Program. This was one in a series of several hearings examining various aspects of reforming the Medicare program for the twenty-first century (5/5/99).

9. Reform of the Medicare Program. This was one in a series of several hearings examining various aspects of reforming the Medicare program for the twenty-first century (5/12/99).

10. Reform of the Medicare Program. This was one in a series of several hearings examining various aspects of reforming the Medicare program for the twenty-first century (5/26/99).

11. Reform of the Medicare Program. This was one in a series of several hearings examining various aspects of reforming the Medicare program for the twenty-first century (5/27/99).

12. Implementation Progress of the Balanced Budget Act of 1997. This hearing examined issues around the implementation of Medicare, Medicaid and SCHIP provisions enacted in the Balanced Budget Act of 1997 (6/9/99).

13. Implementation Progress of the Balanced Budget Act of 1997. This hearing examined issues around the implementation of Medicare, Medicaid and SCHIP provisions enacted in the Balanced Budget Act of 1997 (6/10/99).

14. Medicaid Services in Schools. This hearing examined issues relating to the funding of Medicaid services provided in schools (6/17/99).

15. Prescription Drug Benefit in Medicare. This hearing examined the Medicare benefit package with a view to potentially adding an outpatient prescription drug benefit (6/23/99).

16. President's Medicare Reform Proposal. This hearing examined the President's proposal to reform the Medicare program (7/22/99).

17. President's Budget Submission for FY2001. This hearing examined the healthcare, Social Security, tax and revenue provisions of the President's budget submission (2/8/00).

18. Reform of the Medicare Program. This was one in a series of several hearings examining various aspects of reforming the Medicare program for the twenty-first century (2/24/00).

19. Competition in Medicare. This was one in a series of several hearings examining various aspects of reforming the Medicare program for the twenty-first century. This hearing focused on changes needed in the Medicare+Choice program. (2/29/00).

20. Prescription Drug Benefits in Medicare. This was one in a series of several hearings examining various aspects of reforming the Medicare program for the twenty-first century. This hearing focused exclusively on issues around adding a prescription drug benefit (3/22/00).

21. Prescription Drug Benefits in Medicare. This was one in a series of several hearings examining various aspects of reforming the Medicare program for the twenty-first century. This hearing focused exclusively on issues around adding a prescription drug benefit (3/29/00).

22. Medicaid Payments for School Services. This hearing continued oversight of Medicaid payments for services provided in schools (4/5/00).

23. The Health Care Financing Administration's Role and Readiness in Medicare Reform. This hearing focused on the federal administrative capacity that would be required to manage significant reforms of the Medicare program (5/4/00).

24. Medicaid Spending for non-Medicaid purposes. This hearing was the culmination of several months of Committee oversight of a complicated accounting mechanism used by states to inappropriately draw down Medicaid funds and which prompted HCFA to begin to take steps to stop the abuse. A provision included in the Medicare, Medicaid, and SCHIP Benefits Improvement and Protection Act would require HCFA to finalize its proposed regulation. This first step to begin to correct the problem produces federal savings of $21.5 billion over 5 years and $76.7 billion over 10 years (9/6/00).

IV. Income Security and Social Services Laws

During the 106th Congress, the principal legislative activities of the Committee regarding income security and social services matters, particularly Social Security (Title II of the Social Security Act), welfare and related programs (Title IV), Supplemental Security Income (Title XVI), and the Social Services Block grant (Title XX), included the following:

1. Work Incentives Improvement Act of 1999 (S. 331, reported by Committee on March 26, 1999). This legislation provided for, inter alia, improved job placement and related services for individuals receiving disability benefits. The legislation passed the Senate on June 16, 1999, and was incorporated into H.R. 1180. The conference report was agreed to in the Senate on November 19, 1999, and the measure signed into law on December 17, 1999 (P.L. 106–170).

2. Foster Care Independence Act of 1999 (H.R. 1802, discharged from the Committee on November 19, 1999). This legislation provided for improvements in programs to assist young people leaving foster care. The legislation passed the Senate with an amendment on November 19, 1999 (together with an identical measure, H.R. 3443). H.R. 3443 was signed into law on December 14, 1999 (P.L. 106–169).

Description of Major Full Committee Hearings

1. *General Revenue Financing of Social Security.* This hearing examined a proposal by the President to commit future general revenues to extend the solvency of the Social Security Trust Fund. (2/9/99)

2. *Personal Retirement Accounts.* The Committee continued its series of Social Security reform hearings in the 106th Congress with testimony on personal retirement accounts. (3/16/00)

Activities of Subcommittees

A. Subcommittee on Social Security and Family Policy

1. *Fatherhood Initiatives.* This hearing examined the importance of non-custodial fathers in the lives of their children, and the role of "Fatherhood initiatives"—public and private efforts to help non-custodial fathers meet both financial and parenting responsibilities to their children. (7/25/00)

2. *IRS Collection of Child Support Payments.* This hearing examined proposals to expand the use of the Internal Revenue Service in the collection of child support payments. (9/26/00)

STATUS OF BILLS ON WHICH LEGISLATIVE ACTION WAS TAKEN

S. 185, To Establish a Chief Agricultural Negotiator in the Office of the U.S. Trade Representative. Reported in Senate Nov. 3, 1999 (Finance Committee discharge). Passed Senate Nov. 3, 1999 (Referred to House Ways and Means Committee Nov. 4, 1999).

S. 262 (H.R. 435), Miscellaneous Trade and Technical Corrections Act of 1999. Reported in Senate Feb. 3, 1999, Senate Report 106–2. Passed Senate (See H.R. 435).

S. 279 (H.R. 5), Senior Citizen's Freedom to Work Act. Reported in Senate (See H.R. 5).

S. 331 (H.R. 1180), Work Incentives Improvement Act of 1999. Reported in Senate Mar. 26, 1999, Senate Report 106–37. Passed Senate June 16, 1999 (Senate incorporated this measure in H.R. 1180 Oct. 21, 1999), (Senate Passed H.R. 1180 in lieu of this measure). (See H.R. 1180).

S. 494, Nursing Home Residential Security Act of 1999. Reported in Senate Mar. 10, 1999, Senate Report 106–13 (Placed on Senate Calendar).

S. 662 (H.R. 4386), Breast and Cervical Cancer Treatment Act. Reported in Senate June 27, 2000, Senate Report 106–323.

S. 1134, Affordable Education Act of 1999. Reported in Senate May 26, 1999, Senate Report 106–54. Passed Senate Mar. 2, 2000.

S. 1254, Steel Trade Enforcement Act of 1999. Reported in Senate June 21, 1999 (Without written report). Sept. 10, 1999 (Report filed—Senate Report 106–155).

S. 1386, Trade Adjustment Assistance Act. Reported in Senate July 16, 1999 (Without written report). July 22, 1999 (Report filed—Senate Report 106–119).

S. 1387, African Growth and Opportunity Act. Reported in Senate July 16, 1999 (Without written report). July 20, 1999 (Report filed—Senate Report 106–112). Passed Senate (See H.R. 434).

S. 1388, To Extend the Generalized System of Preferences. Reported in Senate July 16, 1999 (Without written report). Aug. 4, 1999 (Report filed—Senate Report 106–137).

S. 1389, U.S.-Caribbean Basin Trade Enhancement Act. Reported in Senate July 16, 1999 (Without written report). Sept. 16, 1999 (Report filed—Senate Report 106–160).

S. 1429, Taxpayer Refund Act of 1999. Reported in Senate July 26, 1999, Senate Report 106–120 (July 30, 1999—returned to Senate Calendar). Passed Senate (Senate incorporated this measure in H.R. 2488, July 30, 1999. (Passed H.R. 2488 in lieu of this measure) (See H.R. 2488).

S. 1788, Medicare, Medicaid, and SCHIP Adjustment Act of 1999. Reported in Senate Oct. 26, 1999, Senate Report 106–199 (Placed on Senate Calendar).

S. 1792, Tax Relief Extension Act of 1999. Reported in Senate Oct. 26, 1999, Senate Report 106–201. Passed Senate Oct. 29, 1999, (See Conference Report On H.R. 1180—Report 106–478).

S. 1928, Medicare Subvention Demonstration for Veterans Act of 1999. Reported in Senate Nov. 16, 1999, Senate Report 106–222 (Placed on Senate Calendar).

S. 2277 (H.R. 4444), China Permanent Normal Trade Relations. Reported in Senate May 25, 2000, Senate Report 106–305 (See H.R. 4444).

S. 2346 (H.R. 6), Marriage Tax Relief Act of 2000. Reported in Senate Apr. 4, 2000, Senate Report 106–253 (Placed on Senate Calendar). (See H.R. 6).

S. 2742 (H.R. 4717), Tax Exempt Political Disclosure Act. Reported in Senate (June 15, 2000—Introduced in the Senate) (June 16, 2000—Read second time and placed on the Calendar).

S. 2839 (H.R. 4810), Marriage Tax Reconciliation Act of 2000. Reported in Senate July 5, 2000, Senate Report 106–329. Passed Senate (July 14, 2000 Senate incorporated this measure in H.R. 4810 as an amendment).

S. 3267, Retired Coal Miners Health Benefit Security Act. Reported in Senate Nov. 1, 2000, Senate Report 106–512 (Placed on Senate Calendar).

S. Res. 150, Authorizing Expenditures by the Committee on Finance. Reported in Senate July 15, 1999, (Without written report). Referred to the Committee on Rules.

H.R. 5, Senior Citizen's Freedom to Work Act of 2000. Reported in House Mar. 1, 2000, House Report 106–507 (Ways and Means). Passed House Mar. 1, 2000. Reported in Senate (Mar. 2, 2000, Received In Senate Placed on Calendar). Passed Senate Mar. 22, 2000. Signed Into Law Apr. 7, 2000. To amend title II of the Social Security Act to eliminate the earnings test for individuals who have attained retirement age.

H.R. 6 (S. 2346), Marriage Tax Penalty Relief. Reported in House Feb. 7, 2000, House Report 106–493. Passed House Feb. 10, 2000. Reported in Senate (Apr. 11, 2000 Laid before the Senate) (Apr. 27, 2000 Cloture motion not invoked).

H.R. 8, Estate Tax Elimination. Reported in House June 6, 2000, House Report 106–651. Passed House June 9, 2000. Reported in Senate (June 12, 2000 Received In Senate). Passed Senate July 14, 2000. Signed Into Law (Vetoed by President—Aug. 31, 2000).

H.R. 434, African Growth & Opportunity Act. Reported in House Feb. 16, 1999 (International Relations) House Report 106–19 part I, June 17, 1999 (Ways and Means) House Report 106–19 part II. Passed House July 16, 1999. Passed Senate Nov. 3, 1999. Conference Report Agreed to in House May 4, 2000, Report 106–606. Conference Report Agreed to in Senate May 11, 2000, Report 106–606. Signed Into Law May 18, 2000. To authorize a new trade and investment policy for sub-Sahara Africa, expand trade benefits to the countries in the Caribbean Basin, renew the generalized system of preferences, and reauthorize the trade adjustment assistance programs. May 11, 2000—Cleared for White House. May 15, 2000—Message on Senate action sent to the House. May 16, 2000—Presented to President. May 18, 2000—Signed by President. Became Public Law: 106–200.

H.R. 435 (S.262), Miscellaneous Trade & Technical Corrections Act. Passed House Feb. 9, 1999. Passed Senate May 27, 1999. Signed Into Law June 25, 1999. To make miscellaneous and technical changes to various trade laws, and for other purposes. June 7, 1999—Cleared for White House. June 14, 1999—Presented to President. June 25, 1999—Signed by President. Became Public Law: 106–36.

H.R. 1102, Pension Reform Act. Reported in House Sept. 24, 1999, Report 106–331, part I. Passed House July 19, 2000 (July 20, 2000 Received In the Senate). Reported in Senate Sept. 13, 2000, Report 106–411.

H.R. 1180 (S.331), Ticket to Work. Reported in House July 1, 1999, House Report 106–220, part I. Passed House Oct. 19, 1999. Passed Senate Oct. 21, 1999. Conference Report Agreed to in House Nov. 18, 1999, Report 106–478. Conference Report Agreed to in Senate Nov. 19, 1999, Report 106–478. Signed Into Law Dec. 17, 1999. To amend the Social Security Act to expand the availability of health care coverage for working individuals with disabilities, to establish a Ticket to Work and Self-Sufficiency Program in the Social Security Administration, to provide such individuals with meaningful opportunities to work, and for other purposes. Nov. 18, 1999—Cleared for White House. Dec. 6, 1999—Presented to President. Dec. 17, 1999—Signed by President. Became Public Law: 106–170.

H.R. 1264, Right to Know National Payroll Act. Passed House July 18, 2000 (July 19, 2000, Received in the Senate, placed on Calendar).

H.R. 1802, Foster Care Independence Act of 1999. Reported in House June 10, 1999, Report 106–182, part I (Ways and Means). Passed House June 25, 1999. Reported in Senate June 30, 1999 (Finance Committee discharged). Passed Senate Nov. 19, 1999.

H.R. 1833, Trade Agency Authorizations, Drug Free Borders, and Prevention of On-Line Child Pornography Act of 1999. Reported in House May 24, 1999, Report 106–161 (Ways and Means). Passed House May 25, 1999. Reported in Senate July 20, 1999 (Without written report) Sept. 10, 1999 (Report filed—Senate Report 106–156). Passed Senate Aug. 5, 1999.

H.R. 2488, Marriage Penalty. Reported in House July 16, 1999, House Report 106–238. Passed House July 22, 1999. Passed Senate July 30, 1999. Conference Report Agreed to in House Aug. 4, 1999, Report 106–289. Conference Report Agreed to in Senate Aug. 5, 1999, Report 106–289. (Vetoed by President—Sept. 23, 1999).

H.R. 2723, Managed Care Improvement Act. Reported in Senate Oct. 7, 1999 (Laid on the table), (Text of H.R. 2723 was added as new matter to H.R. 2990).

H.R. 3070 (S. 331), Ticket to Work. Reported in House Oct. 18, 1999, (Ways and Means) Report 106–393, part I.

H.R. 3073, Fathers Count Act of 1999. Reported in House Oct. 28, 1999, Report 106–424, part I. Passed House Nov. 10, 1999. Reported in Senate (Nov. 16, 1999—Received in Senate) (Nov. 19, 1999 Referred to Finance Committee).

H.R. 3075, Medicare Balanced Budget Refinement Act of 1999. Reported in House Nov. 2, 1999 Report 106–436, part I. Passed House Nov. 6, 1999. Reported in Senate (Nov. 8, 1999. Received in Senate) (Nov. 19, 1999 Referred to Finance).

H.R. 3916, Telephone Excise Tax. Reported in House May 22, 2000, House Report 106–631. Passed House May 25, 2000. Reported in Senate July 5, 2000, Report 106–328 (Placed on Senate calendar).

H.R. 4163, Taxpayer Bill of Rights 2000. Reported in House Apr. 10, 2000 Report 106–506. Passed House Apr. 11, 2000. Reported in Senate (Apr. 12, 2000—Received in Senate and referred to Finance Committee).

H.R. 4199, To Terminate the Internal Revenue Code of 1986. Passed House Apr. 13, 2000. Reported in Senate (May 2, 2000—Received in the Senate and referred to Finance Committee).

H.R. 4444, China Permanent Normal Trade Relations. Reported in House May 22, 2000, House Report 106–632. Passed House May 24, 2000. Reported in Senate (July 27, 2000 Cloture on motion to proceed by Senate). Passed Senate Sept. 19, 2000. Signed Into Law Oct. 10, 2000. To authorize extension of nondiscriminatory treatment (normal trade relations treatment) to the People's Republic of China, and to establish a framework for relations between the United States and the People's Republic of China. Sept. 19, 2000—Cleared for White House. Oct. 6, 2000—Message on Senate action sent to the House. Oct. 10, 2000—Presented to President. Oct. 10, 2000—Signed by President.

H.R. 4680, Medicare Prescription Drugs. Reported in House June 27, 2000, Report 106–703, part I. Passed House June 28, 2000. Reported in Senate (June 29, 2000—Received in Senate) (June 30, 2000—Read second time and placed on Senate Calendar).

H.R. 4717 (S. 2742), 527 and Tax-Exempt Organizations. Reported in House June 27, 2000, Report 106–702 (Placed on Union calendar).

H.R. 4810 (S. 2839), Marriage Tax Relief Reconciliation Act of 2000. Passed House July 12, 2000. Passed Senate July 18, 2000. Conference Report Agreed to in House July 19, 2000, Report 106–765. Conference Report Agreed to in Senate July 21, 2000, Report 106–765. (Aug. 5, 2000 Vetoed by the President).

H.R. 4843, Pension Reform. Reported in House July 17, 2000, Report 106–753 (July 19, 2000—Text as reported was considered as adopted in H.R. 1102).

H.R. 4844, Railroad Retirement and Survivors' Improvement Act of 2000. Reported in House July 20, 2000 Committee on Transportation. Report 106–777, part I. July 26, 2000, Ways and Means Report 106–777, part II. Passed House Sept. 7, 2000. Reported in Senate Oct. 3, 2000, Report 106–475.

H.R. 4865, Social Security Benefits Tax Relief Act of 2000. Reported in House July 24, 2000, Report 106–780. Passed House July 27, 2000. Reported in Senate (July 23, 2000—Received in the Senate and referred to Finance Committee).

H.R. 4866, Debt Relief Reconciliation. Passed House July 18, 2000. Reported in Senate (July 19, 2000 Received In the Senate and referred to Finance Committee).

H.R. 4868, Miscellaneous Trade & Technical Corrections Act of 2000. Reported in House July 25, 2000, Report 106–789. Passed House July 25, 2000. Reported in Senate Oct. 12, 2000, Report 106–503. Passed Senate Oct. 13, 2000. Signed Into Law Nov. 9, 2000. To amend the Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States to modify temporarily certain rates of duty, to make other technical amendments to the trade laws, and for other purposes. Oct. 26, 2000—Cleared for White House. Nov. 2, 2000—Presented to President. Nov. 9, 2000—Signed by President. Became Public Law: 106–476.

H.R. 4923, Community Renewal. Passed House July 25, 2000. Reported in Senate (July 26, 2000—Received in the Senate) (July 27, 2000—Read first time and placed on Senate Calendar).

H.R. 4986, Foreign Sales Corporation Repeal & Extraterritorial Income Exclusion Act of 2000. Reported in House Sept. 13, 2000 Report 106–845. Passed House Sept. 13, 2000. Reported in Senate Sept. 20, 2000 Report 106–416. Passed Senate Nov. 1, 2000. Signed Into Law Nov. 15, 2000. To amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to repeal the provisions relating to foreign sales corporations (FSCs) and to exclude extraterritorial income from gross income. Nov. 14, 2000—Cleared for White House. Nov. 14, 2000—Presented to President. Nov. 15, 2000—Signed by President. Nov. 15, 2000. Became Public Law: 106–519.

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