

DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION

Committee on National Security: Subcommittee on Military Research and Development continued hearings on the fiscal year 1996 national defense authorization request, with emphasis on the Department of Defense research and development request. Testimony was heard from Paul Kaminski, Under Secretary, Acquisition and Technology, Department of Defense.

Hearings continue April 4.

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Committee on National Security: Special Oversight Panel on the Merchant Marine held a hearing on the Panama Canal Commission authorization request and the Maritime Administration authorization. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Panama Canal Commission; Gilberto Guardia, Administrator; and Joe R. Reeder, Chairman, Board of Directors; Anne Paterson, Deputy Assistant Secretary, Central America, Department of State; the following officials of the Department of Defense: Frederick C. Smith, Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary, International Security Affairs; and Adm. Philip M. Quast, USN, Commander, Military Sealift Command, Department of the Navy; and Adm. Albert H. Herberger, USN (Ret.), Administrator, Maritime Administration, Department of Transportation.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Resources: Subcommittee on National Parks, Forests and Lands held a hearing on the following bills: H.R. 1280, to establish guidelines for the designation of National Heritage Areas; and H.R. 1301, to establish the American Heritage Areas Partnership Program. Testimony was heard from Dennis Galvin, Associate Director, Planning and Development, National Park Service, Department of the Interior; and public witnesses.

SMALL BUSINESS INVESTMENT COMPANY PROGRAMS

Committee on Small Business: Held a hearing to review the SBA's Small Business Investment Company Program. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the SBA: Mary Jean Ryan, Associate Deputy Administrator, Economic Development; and James Hoobler, Inspector General; James Wells, Associate Director, Housing and Community Development Issues, GAO; and public witnesses.

COMMITTEE BUSINESS

Committee on Standards of Official Conduct: Met in executive session to consider pending business.

PIPELINE SAFETY ACT

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure: Subcommittee on Surface Transportation approved for

full Committee action amended H.R. 1323, Pipeline Safety Act of 1995.

SELF-EMPLOYED HEALTH INSURANCE PERMANENT DEDUCTION RESTORATION

Committee on Ways and Means: Agreed to a motion authorizing the Chairman to move to go to conference on H.R. 831, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to permanently extend the deduction for the health insurance costs of self-employed individuals, to repeal the provisions permitting non-recognition of gain on sales and exchanges effectuating policies of the Federal Communications Commission.

INFORMATION SYSTEMS SECURITY

Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence: Met in executive session to hold a hearing on Information Systems Security. Testimony was heard from departmental witnesses.

**COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 29, 1995**

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Appropriations, Subcommittee on Agriculture, Rural Development, and Related Agencies, to hold hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 1996 for the Food Safety and Inspection Service, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, Agricultural Marketing Service, and the Grain Inspection, Packers and Stockyards Administration, all of the Department of Agriculture, 10 a.m., SD-138.

Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, State, and the Judiciary, to hold hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 1996 for the Judiciary, Administrative Office of the Courts, and the Judicial Conference, 10 a.m., S-146, Capitol.

Committee on Armed Services, closed business meeting, to consider certain pending military nominations, 10 a.m., SR-222.

Subcommittee on Airland Forces, to resume hearings on proposed legislation authorizing funds for fiscal year 1996 for the Department of Defense and the future years defense program, focusing on tactical aviation issues, 2:30 p.m., SR-222.

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs, Housing Opportunity and Community Development and HUD Oversight and Structure, to hold joint hearings on the reorganization of the Department of Housing and Urban Development, 10 a.m., SD-538.

Full Committee to hold a closed briefing with the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources, on the political and economic situation in Mexico, and the key factors affecting it, including oil reserves and production, and other matters, 2 p.m., S-407, Capitol.

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

Full Committee to hold a closed briefing with the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs, on the political and economic situation in Mexico, and the key factors affecting it, including oil reserves and production, and other matters, 2 p.m., S-407, Capitol.

Committee on Environment and Public Works, Subcommittee on Superfund, Waste Control, and Risk Assessment, to hold oversight hearings on the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act (CERCLA), 9 a.m., SH-216.

Committee on Finance, to hold hearings on welfare reform proposals, 9:30 a.m., SD-215.

Committee on Foreign Relations, to resume hearings on the ratification of the Treaty Between the United States and the Russian Federation on Further Reduction and Limitation of Strategic Offensive Arms (The START II Treaty) (Treaty Doc. 103-1), 10:30 a.m., SD-419.

Subcommittee on East Asian and Pacific Affairs, to hold hearings to examine market reform in New Zealand, 2 p.m., SD-419.

Committee on Labor and Human Resources, business meeting, to mark up S. 141, to repeal the Davis-Bacon Act; S. 555, Health Professions Education Consolidation and Reauthorization Act of 1995; S. 184, Office for Rare Disease Research Act of 1995, proposed legislation authorizing funds for programs of the Ryan White Care Act; and pending nominations, 9:30 a.m., SD-430.

Committee on Indian Affairs, business meeting, to mark up S. 349, to authorize funds through fiscal year 1997 for the Navajo-Hopi Relocation Housing Program; S. 441, authorizing funds through fiscal year 1997 for programs of the Indian Child Protection and Family Violence Prevention Act; S. 510, authorizing funds through fiscal year 1999 for the Native American Social and Economic Development Strategies Grant Program administered by the Administration for Native Americans; and S. 325, to make certain technical corrections in laws relating to Native Americans, and to consider other pending committee business, 10:30 a.m., SR-485.

Select Committee on Intelligence, to hold closed hearings on intelligence matters, 2 p.m., SH-219.

House

Committee on Agriculture, Subcommittee on General Farm Commodities, hearing to review Government acreage idling provisions and their impact on program commodity crops, 9:30 a.m., 1300 Longworth.

Committee on Appropriations, Subcommittee on Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies, on Congressional and Public Witnesses, 1 p.m. and 4 p.m., 2362A Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, State, and the Judiciary (and Related Agencies), on Immigration and Border Security, 10 a.m. and 1 p.m., 2322 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Energy and Water Development, on Congressional and Public Witnesses, 9:30 a.m. and 2 p.m., 2362B Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Interior (and Related Agencies), on Members of Congress, 9:30 a.m. and 1 p.m., B-308 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education (and Related Agencies), on Administration on Aging, Inspector General and on HHS, 10 a.m., and on Vocational and Adult Education, and Special Education and Rehabilitation Services, 2 p.m., 2358 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on National Security, on Air Force Airlift Program, 1:30 p.m., H-140 Capitol.

Subcommittee on Treasury, Postal Service, and General Government, on GSA/Federal Construction, 10 a.m., and on GAO, 2 p.m., B-307 Rayburn.

Committee on Banking and Financial Services, to continue hearing on the following: H.R. 1062, Financial Services Competitiveness Act of 1995; Glass—Steagall Reform; and related issues, 10:30 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.

Committee on the Budget, to continue hearing on the Administration's Fiscal Year 1996 Budget, with emphasis on the Perspective of State and Local Governments, 10 a.m. and 11:30 a.m., 210 Cannon.

Committee on Commerce, to mark up H.R. 483, to amend Title XVIII of the Social Security Act to permit Medicare Select Policies to be offered in all States, 9:45 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

Committee on Economic and Educational Opportunities, Subcommittee on Postsecondary Education, Training and Life-Long Learning, to continue hearings on training issues, Vocational Rehabilitation, 9 a.m., 2175 Rayburn.

Committee on Government Reform and Oversight, Subcommittee on Civil Service, hearing on Contracting Out: Part 1, 9:30 a.m., 311 Cannon.

Subcommittee on District of Columbia, to mark up District of Columbia Financial Recovery Board Act, 2 p.m., 2154 Rayburn.

Committee on International Relations, Subcommittee on International Economic Policy and Trade and the Subcommittee on Asia and the Pacific, joint hearing on United States-East Asian Economic Relations: A Focus on South Korea, 1 p.m., 2172 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on the Western Hemisphere, hearing to review the Administration's Certification Program for Narcotics Producing the Transit Countries in Latin America, 1 p.m., 2200 Rayburn.

Committee on the Judiciary, Subcommittee on Courts and Intellectual Property, hearing on the following: H.R. 587, to amend title 35, United States Code, with respect to patents on biotechnological processes; and H.R. 1269, to amend the act of June 22, 1974, to authorize the Secretary of Agriculture to prescribe by regulation the representation of "Woodsy Owl," 10 a.m., 2237 Rayburn.

Committee on National Security, Subcommittee on Military Procurement, to continue hearings on the fiscal year 1996 national defense authorization request, 9:30 a.m., 2118 Rayburn.

Special Oversight Panel on Morale, Welfare and Recreation, hearing on the fiscal year 1996 national defense authorization request, 2 p.m., 2212 Rayburn.

Committee on Resources, Subcommittee on National Parks, Forests and Land, to mark up the following bills:

H.R. 260, National Park System Reform Act of 1995; H.R. 1077, to authorize the Bureau of Land Management; and H.R. 1091, to improve the National Park System in the Commonwealth of Virginia, 10 a.m., 1334 Longworth.

Subcommittee on Native American and Insular Affairs, hearing on the following: American Samoa Economic Development Act; and Rongelap Community Resettlement and Self-Reliance Act, 2 p.m., 1324 Longworth.

Committee on Rules, to consider H.R. 1215, Contract With America Tax Relief Act of 1995, 10 a.m., H-313 Capitol.

Committee on Small Business, Subcommittee on Procurement, Exports, and Business Opportunities, hearing on the appropriate role and the effectiveness of various Federal Government programs in helping small businesses find export opportunities around the world, 10 a.m., 2359 Rayburn.

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, Subcommittee on Water Resources and Environment, to mark up legislation to reauthorize and amend the Federal Water Pollution Control Act, 10 a.m., 2167 Rayburn.

Committee on Ways and Means, Subcommittee on Trade, to mark up the following: H.R. 553, Caribbean Basin Trade Security Act; Fiscal Year 1996 Budget Authorizations for the Customs Service; International Trade Commission; and the U.S. Trade Representative, 10 a.m., 1100 Rayburn.

Joint Meetings

Conferees, on H.R. 889, making emergency supplemental appropriations and rescissions to preserve and enhance the military readiness of the Department of Defense for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1995, 9:30 a.m., S-207, Capitol.