

PUERTO RICO STATUS PLEBISCITE

Committee on Resources: Subcommittee on Native American and Insular Affairs and the Subcommittee on the Western Hemisphere held a joint hearing on Puerto Rico Status Plebiscite. Testimony was heard from Representative Torricelli; the following officials of Puerto Rico: Pedro Rosello, Governor; Charlie Rodriguez and Miguel Hernandez-Agosto, both members of the Senate; Angel Cintrol, Severo Colberg-Toto and David Noriega-Herandez, all members of the House of Representatives; and Hector Luis Acevedo, Mayor, San Juan; and public witnesses.

DISAPPROVE CERTAIN SENTENCING GUIDELINE AMENDMENTS

Committee on Rules: Granted, by voice vote, a modified closed rule providing 1 hour of debate on H.R. 2259, to disapprove certain sentencing guideline amendments. The rule waives clause 2(l)(2)(B) of rule XI (requiring inclusion in committee reports of rollcall vote results) against consideration of the bill. The rule provides for the adoption in the House and in the Committee on the Whole of an amendment in the nature of a substitute, consisting of the text of the Senate-passed bill (S. 1254).

The rule provides that the bill, as amended, shall be considered as the original bill for the purpose of amendment, and shall be considered as read. The rule makes in order an amendment in the nature of a substitute printed in the report of the Committee on Rules to be offered by Rep. Conyers or his designee, which shall be considered as read, shall be debatable for 1 hour, and shall not be subject to amendment. The rule provides one motion to recommend, with or without instructions.

The rule further provides that after passage of the House bill, it will be in order to take up the Senate bill, and waives all points of order against the Senate bill and against its consideration. The rule makes it in order to move to strike the text of the Senate bill and insert the House-passed text, and waives all points of order against that motion. Finally, the rule provides that if the motion is adopted and the Senate bill is passed, then it will be in order to move that the House request a conference with the Senate. Testimony was heard from Representatives McColm, Conyers, Scott, Watt of North Carolina, Baker of California, and Waters.

NEXT GENERATION WEATHER RADAR

Committee on Science: Subcommittee on Energy and Environment held a hearing on Next Generation Weather Radar (NEXRAD): Are We Covered? Testimony was heard from Representatives Buyer, English of Pennsylvania, Gekas, Herger, Souder, and

Thornberry; Joe Friday, Director, National Weather Service, NOAA, Department of Commerce; Jack L. Brock, Jr., Director, Defense Information and Financial Management Systems, Accounting and Information Management Division, GAO; and a public witness.

COMMITTEE BUSINESS

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

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 18, 1995

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation, Subcommittee on Consumer Affairs, Foreign Commerce, and Tourism, to hold oversight hearings on the implementation of the Amateur Sports Act of 1978 (P.L. 95-606), 9:30 a.m., SR-253.

Full Committee, to hold hearings on S. 1043, to amend the Earthquake Hazards Reduction Act of 1977 to provide for an expanded Federal program of hazard mitigation, relief, and insurance against the risk of catastrophic natural disasters, such as hurricanes, earthquakes, and volcanic eruptions, 2:30 p.m., SR-253.

Committee on Finance, to resume consideration of recommendations which it will make to the Committee on the Budget with respect to spending reductions and revenue increases to meet reconciliation expenditures as imposed by H. Con. Res. 67, setting forth the congressional budget for the U.S. Government for the fiscal years 1996, 1997, 1998, 1999, 2000, 2001, and 2002, 10 a.m., SD-215.

Committee on Foreign Relations, to resume hearings on the nomination of Jim Sasser, of Tennessee, to be Ambassador to the People's Republic of China, 10 a.m., SD-419.

Committee on the Judiciary, to hold hearings on S. 605, to establish a uniform and more efficient Federal process for protecting property owners' rights guaranteed by the fifth amendment, 10 a.m., SD-226.

Subcommittee on Terrorism, Technology, and Government Information, to resume hearings to examine certain Federal law enforcement actions with regard to the 1992 incident at Ruby Ridge, Idaho, 11 a.m., SH-216.

Committee on Labor and Human Resources, to hold hearings to examine the impact of emerging infections on the nation's health, 9:30 a.m., SD-430.

House

Committee on Commerce, to mark up the following bills: H.R. 657, to extend the deadline under the Federal Power Act applicable to the construction of three hydroelectric projects in the State of Arkansas; H.R. 680, to extend the time for construction of certain FERC licensed hydro projects; H.R. 1011, to extend the deadline under the Federal Power Act applicable to the construction of

a hydroelectric project in the State of Ohio; H.R. 1014, to authorize extension of time limitation for a FERC-issued hydroelectric license; H.R. 1051, to provide for the extension of certain hydroelectric projects located in the State of West Virginia; H.R. 1290, to reinstate the permit for, and extend the deadline under the Federal Power Act applicable to the construction of, a hydroelectric project in Oregon; H.R. 1335, to provide for the extension of a hydroelectric project located in the State of West Virginia; H.R. 1366, to authorize the extension of time limitation for the FERC-issued hydroelectric license for the Mt. Hope waterpower project; and H.R. 1835, to extend the deadline under the Federal Power Act applicable to the construction of a hydroelectric project in Oregon, following Subcommittee meeting, 2322 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Commerce, Trade, and Hazardous Materials, hearing on the Reform of Superfund Act of 1995, 10 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Energy and Power, hearing on Hydroelectric License Extensions (H.R. 657, H.R. 680, H.R. 1011, H.R. 1014, H.R. 1051, H.R. 1290, H.R. 1335, H.R. 1366 and H.R. 1835), 10 a.m., 2322 Rayburn.

Committee on Economic and Educational Opportunities, Subcommittee on Early Childhood, Youth and Families, hearing on English as the Common Language, 10 a.m., 2175 Rayburn.

Committee on Government Reform and Oversight, Subcommittee on National Economic Growth, Natural Resources, and Regulatory Affairs, hearing on Taxpayer-funded Political Advocacy, 2 p.m., 2154 Rayburn.

Committee on International Relations, hearing on United States Policy Toward Bosnia, 3:30 p.m., 2141 Rayburn.

Committee on the Judiciary, to continue markup of H.R. 2202, Immigration in the National Interest Act of 1995, 11 a.m., 2141 Rayburn.

Committee on National Security, to continue hearings on deployment of United States ground forces to Bosnia, 9:30 a.m., 2118 Rayburn.

Committee on Resources, Subcommittee on Fisheries, Wildlife and Oceans, to mark up the following bills: H.R. 33, Stuttgart National Aquaculture Research Center Act of 1995; and H.R. 1965, to reauthorize the Coastal Zone Management Act of 1972; followed by an oversight hearing on Disaster Relief Assistance for Fishermen, 9:30 a.m., 1334 Longworth.

Committee on Rules, to consider H.R. 2425, Medicare Preservation Act of 1995, 10 a.m., H-313 Capitol.

Committee on Science, Subcommittee on Technology, hearing on the Malcolm Baldrige National Quality Awards Program: An Oversight Review From Its Inception, 10:30 a.m., and to mark up H.R. 2196, Technology Transfer Improvements Act of 1995, 1 p.m., 2318 Rayburn.

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, Subcommittee on Water Resources and Environment, hearing on H.R. 1856, Natural Disaster Protection Partnership Act of 1995, 11 a.m., 2167 Rayburn.

Committee on Veterans' Affairs, Subcommittee on Hospitals and Health Care, hearing on VA/DOD sharing, 9:30 a.m., 334 Cannon.

Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence, to continue hearings on the Future of Technology—IC21, 10 a.m., 2212 Rayburn.