

Deputy Assistant Secretary, Transportation Policy, Department of Transportation; and public witnesses.

IRS BUDGET AND TAX RETURN FILING SEASON

Committee on Ways and Means: Subcommittee on Oversight held a hearing on the IRS budget for Fiscal Year 1997 and the 1996 Tax Return Filing Season. Testimony was heard from Margaret Milner Richardson, Commissioner, IRS, Department of the Treasury; Lynda D. Willis, Director, Tax Policy and Administration issues, GAO; and public witnesses.

U.S. TRADE POLICY—STATUS AND FUTURE DIRECTION

Committee on Ways and Means: Subcommittee on Trade continued hearings on the status and future direction of U.S. trade policy, with emphasis on United States-Japan trade relations. Testimony was heard from Representatives Dreier and Levin; Ira Shapiro, Senior Counsel and Negotiator, office of the U.S. Trade Representative.

Joint Meetings

CONTINUING APPROPRIATIONS

Conferees continued in evening session to resolve the differences between the Senate- and House-passed versions of H.R. 3019, making appropriations for fiscal year 1996 to make a further downpayment toward a balanced budget.

NEW PUBLIC LAWS

(For last listing of Public Laws, see DAILY DIGEST, p. D280)

S. 1494, to provide for an extension for fiscal year 1996 for certain programs administered by the Secretary of Housing and Urban Development and the Secretary of Agriculture. Signed March 28, 1996. (P.L. 104-120)

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR FRIDAY, MARCH 29, 1996

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Armed Services, Subcommittee on Airland Forces, to resume hearings on proposed legislation author-

izing funds for fiscal year 1997 for the Department of Defense and the future years defense program, focusing on Army modernization programs, 9 a.m., SR-222.

Subcommittee on Strategic Forces, to resume hearings on proposed legislation authorizing funds for fiscal year 1997 for the Department of Defense and the future years defense program, focusing on cooperative threat reduction program, arms control, and chemical demilitarization, 11 a.m., SR-232A.

House

Committee on Appropriations, Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, State, and Judiciary, on the Helsinki Commission and on Members of Congress, 10 a.m., H-309 Capitol.

Subcommittee on Energy and Water, on Secretary of Energy, 10 a.m., 2362B Rayburn.

Committee on the Budget, to mark up H.R. 842, Truth in Budgeting Act, 10 a.m., 210 Cannon.

Committee on Commerce, Subcommittee on Commerce, Trade, and Hazardous Materials, hearing on reauthorization of the Consumer Product Safety Commission, 10 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

Committee on Government Reform and Oversight, Subcommittee on Government Management, Information Technology, hearing on Single Audit Act Amendments of 1996, 9:30 a.m., 311 Cannon.

Committee on International Relations, to mark up H.R. 361, Omnibus Export Administration Act of 1995, 10 a.m., 2172 Rayburn.

Committee on the Judiciary, Subcommittee on Crime, to mark up the following bills: H.R. 3166, Government Accountability Act of 1996; and H.R. 2650, Mandatory Federal Prison Drug Treatment Act of 1995, 9:30 a.m., 2237 Rayburn.

Committee on National Security, Subcommittee on Procurement and the Subcommittee on Military Research and Development, to continue joint hearings on the fiscal year 1997 national defense authorization, with emphasis on Navy modernization, 10 a.m., 2118 Rayburn.

Committee on Rules, to consider the following: H.J. Res. 159, proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States to require two-thirds majorities for bills increasing taxes; and H.R. 842, Truth in Budgeting Act, 10 a.m., H-313 Capitol.

Committee on Small Business, to mark up the following bills: H.R. 3158, Pilot Small Business Technology Transfer Program Extension Act of 1996; and H.R. 2715, Paperwork Elimination Act of 1995, 9 a.m., 2359 Rayburn.

Committee on Veterans' Affairs, hearing on fiscal year 1997 budget request, 10 a.m., 334 Cannon.