

**LAND CONVEYANCES**

*Committee on Resources:* Held a hearing on H.R. 3061, to resolve certain conveyances under the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act related to Cape Fox Corporation. Testimony was heard from Gray F. Reynolds, Deputy Chief, National Forest System, USDA; and public witnesses.

**OVERSIGHT**

*Committee on Resources:* Subcommittee on National Parks, Forests and Lands held an oversight hearing on the Forest Service's implementation of the Administration's Forest Plan. Testimony was heard from Representatives Herger and Riggs; James Lyons, Under Secretary, Natural Resources and Environment, USDA; Nancy Hayes, Chief of Staff and Counselor to the Acting Director, Bureau of Land Management, Department of the Interior; and public witnesses.

**EFFECTS OF A SIX-YEAR BUDGET ON CIVILIAN R&D**

*Committee on Science:* Held a hearing on the Effects of a Six-Year Balanced Budget on Civilian Research and Development. Testimony was heard from James L. Blum, Deputy Director, CBO; and a public witness.

Hearings continue tomorrow.

**ANTARCTIC RESEARCH**

*Committee on Science:* Subcommittee on Basic Research held a hearing on the Future of Antarctic Research. Testimony was heard from Ernest Moniz, Assistant Director, Science, Office of Science and Technology Policy; Cornelius Sullivan, Director, Office of Polar Programs, NSF; R. Tucker Scully, Director, Office of Ocean Affairs, Department of State; Robin Pirie, Assistant Secretary, Navy, Infrastructure and the Environment, Department of Defense; and public witnesses.

**COMMITTEE BUSINESS**

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

**MEDICARE PAYMENT POLICIES**

*Committee on Ways and Means:* Subcommittee on Health held a hearing on Issues Related to Medicare Payment Policies for Home Health Agency and Skilled Nursing Facility Services. Testimony was heard from Bruce C. Vladeck, Administrator, Health Care Financing Administration, Department of Health and Human Services; from the following officials of the Prospective Payment Assessment Commission: Joseph P. Newhouse, Chairman; and Don Young, M.D., Executive Director; and public witnesses.

**GUATEMALA**

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

**NEW PUBLIC LAWS**

(For last listing of Public Laws, see DAILY DIGEST p. D784)

H.R. 3121, to amend the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961 and the Arms Control Act to make improvements to certain defense and security assistance provisions under those Acts, and to authorize the transfer of naval vessels to certain foreign countries. Signed July 21, 1996. (P.L. 104-164)

**COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR WEDNESDAY, JULY 24, 1996**

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

**Senate**

*Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry,* business meeting, to mark up S. 1166, to enhance public confidence in the safety of the American food supply, and facilitate the development and adoption of safe, effective pest control technologies, 9:30 a.m., SR-328A.

*Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs,* Subcommittee on Financial Institutions and Regulatory Relief, to hold hearings to examine the condition of consumer credit, focusing on the risks of deteriorating credit quality on financial institutions and the economy, 10 a.m., SD-538.

*Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation,* Subcommittee on Science, Technology, and Space, to hold oversight hearings on the National Aeronautics and Space Administration's (NASA) space station and space shuttle programs, 9:30 a.m., SR-253.

*Committee on Environment and Public Works,* business meeting, to consider pending calendar business; to be followed by a hearing on the nominations of Nils J. Diaz, of Florida, and Edward McGaffigan, Jr., of Virginia, each to be a Member of the Nuclear Regulatory Commission, 9:30 a.m., SD-406.

*Committee on Foreign Relations,* business meeting, to consider pending calendar business, 10 a.m., SD-419.

*Committee on Governmental Affairs,* Subcommittee on Financial Management and Accountability, to hold hearings on S. 1434, to amend the Congressional Budget Act of 1974 to provide for a two-year (biennial) budgeting cycle, 10 a.m., SD-342.

Full Committee, to continue hearings on the nomination of Franklin D. Raines, of the District of Columbia, to be Director of the Office of Management and Budget, 4 p.m., SD-342.

*Committee on the Judiciary,* Subcommittee on Constitution, Federalism, and Property Rights, to hold hearings on proposed legislation authorizing funds for the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights, 2 p.m., SD-226.