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Review Panel of the Office of Fair Employment Practices: The order of the House of Tuesday, February 25, 1997, providing for the reconstitution of the Review Panel of the Office of Fair Employment Practices is modified as follows: Appointed by the Chairman of the Committee on House Oversight (as originally made on May 3, 1995): Representative Ehlers, Chairman, vice Representative Diaz-Balart.

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Presidential Message—Terrorism: Read a message from the President wherein he transmits his report concerning the prevention of terrorist incidents involving weapons of mass destruction—referred to the Committee on National Security.

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Senate Messages: Message received from the Senate today appears on page H633.

Quorum Calls—Votes: Four yea-and-nay votes developed during the proceedings of the House today and appear on pages H639, H640, H640–41, and H641. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: Met at 11 a.m. and adjourned at 3:02 p.m.

Committee Meetings

CONSERVATION RESERVE PROGRAM— USDA'S FINAL REGULATION

Committee on Agriculture: Subcommittee on Forestry, Resource Conservation, and Research held a hearing to review the USDA's final regulation on the Conservation Reserve Program. Testimony was heard from Dallas Smith, Acting Under Secretary, Farm and Foreign Agriculture Services, USDA; and public witnesses.

AGRICULTURE, RURAL DEVELOPMENT, FDA, AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies held a hearing on the Secretary of Agriculture. Testimony was heard from Dan Glickman, Secretary of Agriculture.

COMMERCE, JUSTICE, STATE, AND JUDICIARY APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, State, and Judiciary held a hearing on the Inspector General for the Department of Justice and on the Legal Services Corporation. Testimony was heard from Michael Bromwich, Inspector General, Department of Justice; and Douglas S. Eakeley,

Chairman, Board of Directors, Legal Services Corporation.

INTERIOR APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Interior held a hearing on the Secretary of the Interior. Testimony was heard from Bruce Babbitt, Secretary of the Interior.

LABOR, HHS, EDUCATION APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education held a hearing on the Director, NIH, on the National Cancer Institute and the National Eye Institute. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Health and Human Services: Harold Varmus, M.D., Director, NIH; Richard D. Klausner, M.D., Director, National Cancer Institute; and Carl Kupfer, M.D., Director, National Eye Institute.

NATIONAL SECURITY APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on National Security held a hearing on the fiscal year 1998 Defense Budget. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Defense: William S. Cohen, Secretary; and Gen. John M. Shalikashvili, USA, Chairman, Joint Chiefs of Staff.

TRANSPORTATION APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Transportation continued appropriation hearings. Testimony was heard from Members of Congress and public witnesses.

TREASURY, POSTAL SERVICE, AND GENERAL GOVERNMENT APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Treasury, Postal Service, and General Government held a hearing on the Office of Inspector General, Department of the Treasury and on the Secret Service. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of the Treasury: Valerie Lau, Inspector General; and Eljay B. Bowron, Director, U.S. Secret Service.

VETERANS' AFFAIRS, HUD, AND INDEPENDENT AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on VA, HUD and Independent Agencies held a hearing on NASA. Testimony was heard from Daniel S. Goldin, Administrator, NASA.

CREDIT UNION INDUSTRY

Committee on Banking and Financial Services: Subcommittee on Financial Institutions and Consumer Credit held a hearing on issues currently facing the

Credit Union Industry. Testimony was heard from Representative Frost; Norman E. D'Amours, Chairman, National Credit Union Administration; and public witnesses.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Commerce: Subcommittee on Energy and Power approved for full Committee action the following bills: H.R. 649, Department of Energy Standardization Act of 1997; and H.R. 363, amended, to amend section 2118 of the Energy Policy Act of 1992 to extend the Electric and Magnetic Fields Research and Public Information Dissemination Program; H.R. 651, to extend the deadline under the Federal Power Act for the construction of a hydroelectric project located in the State of Washington; and H.R. 652, to extend the deadline under the Federal Power Act for the construction of a hydroelectric project located in the State of Washington.

Prior to this action, the Subcommittee held a hearing on H.R. 649 and H.R. 363. Testimony was heard from Eric Fygi, Deputy General Counsel, Department of Energy; and a public witness.

VETERANS' EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY ACT

Committee on Government Reform and Oversight: Subcommittee on Civil Service approved for full Committee action H.R. 240, Veterans' Employment Opportunity Act of 1997.

Prior to this action, the Subcommittee held a hearing on this measure. Testimony was heard from James B. King, Director, OPM; and public witnesses.

CIVIC VOLUNTEERS, YOUTH SERVICE ORGANIZATIONS, AND WAR ON DRUGS

Committee on Government Reform and Oversight: Subcommittee on National Security, International Affairs, and Criminal Justice held a hearing on Civic Volunteers, Youth Service Organizations, and the War on Drugs. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

DORNAN V. SANCHEZ

Committee on House Oversight: Task Force on the Contested Election assigned to the Forty-sixth District of California; adopted a motion postponing the disposition of Representative Sanchez's motion to dismiss until a hearing on the merits.

NEW THINKING ON FOREIGN ASSISTANCE

Committee on International Relations: Held a hearing on New Thinking on Foreign Assistance. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

U.S. POLICY TOWARD NORTH KOREA

Committee on International Relations: Subcommittee on Asia and the Pacific held a hearing on Engaging the Hermit Kingdom: U.S. Policy Toward North Korea. Testimony was heard from Charles Kartman, Assistant Secretary, East Asian and Pacific Affairs (Acting), Department of State; Kurt Campbell, Deputy Assistant Secretary, East Asian and Pacific Affairs, Department of Defense; and public witnesses.

MANAGEMENT INITIATIVES— DEPARTMENT OF STATE

Committee on International Relations: Subcommittee on International Operations and Human Rights held a hearing on Department of State Management Initiatives. Testimony was heard from Patrick Kennedy, Acting Under Secretary, Management, Department of State.

PATENT LEGISLATION

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Courts and Intellectual Property held a hearing on the following: H.R. 400, 21st Century Patent System Improvement Act; H.R. 673, Patent and Trademark Office Surcharge Extension Act of 1997; and H.R. 811, Patent Term Restoration Act. Testimony was heard from Representatives Kelly, Hunter, Rohrabacher and Campbell; Bruce A. Lehman, Assistant Secretary and Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks, Department of Commerce; and public witnesses.

ADMINISTRATION'S ANTI-GANG AND YOUTH VIOLENCE INITIATIVE

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Crime and the Subcommittee on Early Childhood, Youth and Families of the Committee on Education and the Workforce held a joint hearing regarding the Administration's anti-gang and youth violence initiative. Testimony was heard from Janet Reno, Attorney General, Department of Justice.

DEFENSE REFORM

Committee on National Security: Held a hearing on defense reform. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Defense: John White, Deputy Secretary; and Paul Kaminski, Under Secretary (Acquisition and Technology).

NAVY SHIPBUILDING OVERVIEW

Committee on National Security: Subcommittee on Military Procurement and the Subcommittee on Military Research and Development held a joint hearing on Navy shipbuilding overview. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of the Navy, Department of Defense: John W. Douglass,

Assistant Secretary (Research, Development and Acquisition); VADM. Donald L. Pilling, USN, Deputy Chief, Naval Operations, Resources, Requirements, and Assessments; and Lt. Gen. Jeffrey W. Oster, USMC, Deputy Chief of Staff, Programs and Resources, Headquarters, U.S. Marine Corps; Ron O'Rourke, Specialist in National Defense, Congressional Research Service, Library of Congress; and a public witness.

CARGO AIRCRAFT—TRAFFIC ALERT AND COLLISION AVOIDANCE SYSTEM

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure: Subcommittee on Aviation held a hearing on Whether the Traffic Alert and Collision Avoidance System Should be Required in Cargo Aircraft. Testimony was heard from Guy S. Gardner, Associate Administrator, Regulation and Certification, FAA, Department of Transportation; Robert T. Francis, Vice Chairman, National Transportation Safety Board; the following officials of the Department of Defense: Maj. Gen. Donald L. Peterson, USAF, Assistant Deputy Chief of Staff, Air and Space Operations, U.S. Air Force; Rear Adm. Dennis V. McGinn, USN, Director, Air Warfare Division, U.S. Navy; and public witnesses.

STATE BOATING SAFETY GRANT PROGRAM REAUTHORIZATION

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure: Subcommittee on Coast Guard and Maritime Transportation held a hearing on reauthorization of the State Boating Safety Grant Program. Testimony was heard from Rear Adm. James T. Hull, USCG, Director, Operations Policy, United States Coast Guard, Department of Transportation; and public witnesses.

WELFARE REFORM LEGISLATION—TECHNICAL CORRECTIONS

Committee on Ways and Means: Subcommittee on Human Resources held a hearing on Technical Corrections to Welfare Reform legislation. Testimony was heard from Representative Herger; Olivia A. Golden, Acting Assistant Secretary, Children and Families, Department of Health and Human Services; and public witnesses.

WTO SINGAPORE MINISTERIAL MEETING

Committee on Ways and Means: Subcommittee on Trade held a hearing on the WTO Singapore Ministerial Meeting. Testimony was heard from Delegate Christian-Green; Jeffrey M. Lang, Deputy U.S. Trade Representative; JayEtta Hecker, Associate Director, International Relations and Trade Issues, National Security and International Affairs Division, GAO; and public witnesses.

Joint Meetings

1998 BUDGET/ECONOMIC OUTLOOK

Joint Economic Committee: Committee concluded hearings to examine the President's proposed budget request for fiscal year 1998 and the Administration's view on the health and direction of the economy, after receiving testimony from Franklin D. Raines, Director, Office of Management and Budget.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 27, 1997

(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 1998 for the Department of Agriculture, 10 a.m., SD-124.

Subcommittee on Foreign Operations, to hold hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 1998 for the United States Agency for International Development (USAID) and to review bilateral economic assistance programs, 10:30 a.m., SD-138.

Committee on Armed Services, to hold hearings concerning the Department of Defense actions pertaining to Persian Gulf illnesses, 9:30 a.m., SD-106.

Subcommittee on Strategic Forces, to hold hearings on proposed legislation authorizing funds for fiscal year 1998 for the Department of Defense and the future years defense program, focusing on ballistic missile defense programs, 2 p.m., SR-222.

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation, to hold hearings to examine violence in television programming, 10 a.m., SR-253.

Committee on Finance, to hold hearings on views of congressional advisory commissions on the Administration's fiscal year 1998 Medicare budget proposal, 11 a.m., SD-215.

Subcommittee on Health Care, to resume hearings to examine the financial soundness of the Medicare Program, 2 p.m., SD-215.

Committee on Foreign Relations, Subcommittee on International Operations, to hold hearings on the President's proposed budget request for fiscal year 1998 for the Department of State, 11 a.m., SD-419.

Committee on Labor and Human Resources, to hold hearings on proposed legislation authorizing funds for programs of the Higher Education Act, 10 a.m., SD-430.

Committee on Small Business, to hold hearings on S. 208, to provide Federal contracting opportunities for small business concerns located in historically underutilized business zones, 9:30 a.m., SR-428A.

NOTICE

For a listing of Senate committee meetings scheduled ahead, see pages E336-38 in today's Record.

House

Committee on Appropriations, Subcommittee on Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies, on the FDA, 1 p.m., 2362A Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Foreign Operations, Export Financing and Related Programs, on the Secretary of the Treasury, 10:30 a.m., 2360 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, on the National Center of Human Genome Research; and the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases, 10 a.m., and on the National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences, the National Institute of Deafness and other Communication Disorders, 1:30 p.m., 2358 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Military Construction, on Overview, 2 p.m., B-300 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on National Security, executive, on the U.S. European Command, 10 a.m., and, executive, on the U.S. Atlantic Command, 1:30 p.m., H-140 Capitol.

Committee on Commerce, Subcommittee on Health and Environment, hearing on Medicare Managed Care: Payment and Related Issues, 1 p.m., 2123 Rayburn.

Committee on Education and the Workforce, Subcommittee on Postsecondary Education, Training and Life-Long Learning, hearing on the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, 9 a.m., 2175 Rayburn.

Committee on Government Reform and Oversight, Subcommittee on Human Resources and Intergovernmental Relations, oversight hearing on the Department of Housing and Urban Development: Mission, Management, and Performance, 11 a.m., 2247 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on National Security, International Affairs, and Criminal Justice, oversight hearing on the 1997 National Drug Control Strategy, 10 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

Committee on the Judiciary, Subcommittee on the Constitution, hearing regarding Free Speech and Campaign Finance Reform, 9 a.m., 2141 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Immigration and Claims, oversight hearing regarding deception of a Congressional Task Force delegation to the Miami District of the Immigration and Naturalization Service, 1 p.m., 2237 Rayburn.

Committee on National Security, Subcommittee on Military Installations and Facilities, hearing on the fiscal year

1998 military construction budget request for programs of the Secretary of Defense, the Defense Agencies, and the Active and Reserve Components of the Department of the Army, 11 a.m., 2212 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Military Personnel, hearing on Department of Defense health care alternatives for Military Medicare-Eligible Beneficiaries, 1 p.m., 2212 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Military Research and Development, hearing on Defense research and development for future readiness, 2 p.m., 2118 Rayburn.

Committee on Resources, Subcommittee on Energy and Mineral Resources, hearing and markup of H.R. 709, to reauthorize and amend the National Geologic Mapping Act of 1992, 2 p.m., 1334 Longworth.

Subcommittee on Fisheries Conservation, and Wildlife and Oceans, to hold a hearing on H.R. 437, to reauthorize the National Sea Grant College Program Act, 9 a.m., and to hold an oversight hearing on the NOAA fiscal year 1998 budget request, which includes funding for the National Marine Fisheries Service, 12 p.m., 1334 Longworth.

Subcommittee on National Parks and Public Lands, oversight hearing on Research and Resource Management in the National Park Service, 12 p.m., 1324 Longworth.

Committee on Rules, Bipartisan Ad Hoc Task Force on the Recodification of House Rules, to hold an organizational meeting; followed by a briefing by the House Parliamentarian, 1 p.m., H-313 Capitol.

Committee on Science, Subcommittee on Technology, hearing on Surface Transportation Research Needs for the Next Century, 11 a.m., 2318 Rayburn.

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, Subcommittee on Surface Transportation, to continue hearings on ISTEA Comprehensive Reauthorization Proposals: On the Administration's and Other Comprehensive Reauthorization Proposals, 9:30 a.m., 2167 Rayburn.

Committee on Veterans' Affairs, hearing on the Administration's fiscal year 1998 VA Budget, 9:30 a.m., 334 Cannon.

Committee on Ways and Means, Subcommittee on Human Resources, hearing on Adoption, 11 a.m., B-318 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Social Security, to hold an organizational meeting, 9 a.m., 1129 Rayburn.