

The Committee also held a hearing on the Administration's Budget request for the SBA for fiscal year 1998. Testimony was heard from Aida Alvarez, Administrator, SBA; and public witnesses.

### ETHICS PROCESS

*Committee on Standards of Official Conduct:* Task Force on Ethics Reform met in executive session to continue hearings on the Ethics Process in the House. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

### ISTEA REAUTHORIZATION

*Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure:* Subcommittee on Surface Transportation, continued hearing on ISTEA Reauthorization: Policy Initiatives and Requests for Highway and Transit Projects. Testimony was heard from Members of Congress.

Hearings continue March 11.

### MEDICARE HMO REGULATION AND QUALITY

*Committee on Ways and Means:* Subcommittee on Health held a hearing on Medicare HMO Regulation and Quality. Testimony was heard from Bruce C. Vladeck, Administrator, Health Care Financing Administration, Department of Health and Human Services; and public witnesses.

### FUTURE OF SOCIAL SECURITY

*Committee on Ways and Means:* Subcommittee on Social Security held a hearing on the Future of Social Security for this Generation and the Next. Testimony was heard from the following members of the Advisory Council on Social Security: Robert M. Ball; Sylvester J. Schieber; and Edward M. Gramlich, Chairman.

### IRAN TERRORISM

*Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence:* Met in executive session to hold a briefing on Iran Terrorism. The Committee was briefed by departmental witnesses.

## Joint Meetings

### VETERANS PROGRAMS

*Joint Hearing:* Senate Committee on Veterans' Affairs and the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs concluded joint hearings to review the legislative recommendations of certain veterans organizations, after receiving testimony from Richard G. Fazakerley, Blinded Veterans of America, James M. Blaylock, Military Order of the Purple Heart of the USA, Kenneth C. Huber, Paralyzed Veterans of America, and Robert M. Zweiman, Jewish War Veterans of the USA, all of Washington, D.C.; and Charles R. Jackson, Non Commissioned Officers Association of

the USA, and Virginia M. Torsch, Retired Officers Association, both of Alexandria, Virginia.

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### COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR FRIDAY, MARCH 7, 1997

#### Senate

No meetings are scheduled.

#### House

No committee meetings are scheduled.

#### Joint Meetings

*Joint Economic Committee,* to hold hearings to examine the employment-unemployment situation for February, and to examine the Consumer Price Index, 9:30 a.m., 1334 Longworth Building.

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### CONGRESSIONAL PROGRAM AHEAD

#### Week of March 10 through 15, 1997

#### Senate Chamber

On *Monday*, Senate will consider S. Res. 39, Governmental Affairs Committee investigative funding.

On *Tuesday*, and during the balance of the week Senate will continue consideration of S. Res. 39, Governmental Affairs Committee funding and may consider any cleared executive and legislative business, including the nomination of Frederico Peña, to be Secretary of Energy.

(Senate will recess on Tuesday, March 11, 1997 from 12:30 p.m. until 2:15 p.m. for respective party conferences.)

#### Senate Committees

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

*Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry:* March 11 and 13, to hold hearings on proposed legislation authorizing funds for agricultural research, 9 a.m., SR-332.

*Committee on Appropriations:* March 11, Subcommittee on VA, HUD, and Independent Agencies, to hold hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 1998 for the Consumer Product Safety Commission, the Consumer Information Center, and the Office of Consumer Affairs, 9:30 a.m., SD-138.

March 11, Subcommittee on Agriculture, Rural Development, and Related Agencies, to hold hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 1998 for Food and Consumer Service, Department of Agriculture, 10 a.m., SD-124.

March 11, 12 and 13, Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, State, and the Judiciary, to hold hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 1998, Tuesday, for the Small Business Administration, 2 p.m.; Wednesday, for the Department of Justice, 10 a.m.; Thursday, for the Department of Commerce, 2 p.m.; S-146, Capitol.