

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Ways and Means: Subcommittee on Health approved for full Committee action the following bills: H.R. 1001, to extend the term of appointment of certain members of the Prospective Payment Assessment Commission and the Physician Payment Review Commission; and H.R. 1003, Assisted Suicide Funding Restriction Act of 1997.

IRS BUDGET—TAX RETURN FILING SEASON

Committee on Ways and Means: Subcommittee on Oversight held a hearing on the IRS Budget for fiscal year 1998 and the 1997 Tax Return Filing Season. Testimony was heard from Representative Archer; Mike Dolan, Deputy Commissioner, IRS, Department of the Treasury; Lynda D. Willis, Director, Tax Policy and Administration Issues, General Government Division, GAO; and public witnesses.

U.S. TRADE POLICY OBJECTIVES AND INITIATIVES

Committee on Ways and Means: Subcommittee on Trade held a hearing on the U.S. Trade Policy Objectives and Initiatives. Testimony was heard from Representative Visclosky; Charlene Barshefsky, U.S. Trade Representative-designate; and public witnesses.

BUDGET—TECHNICAL INTELLIGENCE

Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence: Met in executive session to hold a hearing on the Budget—Technical Intelligence: Requirements, Collection, Processing and Exploitation. Testimony was heard from departmental witnesses.

NEW PUBLIC LAWS

(For last listing of Public Laws, see DAILY DIGEST p. D187)

S.J. Res. 5, waiving certain provisions of the Trade Act of 1974 relating to the appointment of the United States Trade Representative. Signed March 17, 1997. (P.L. 105-5)

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR WEDNESDAY, MARCH 19, 1997

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Appropriations, Subcommittee on Defense, to hold closed hearings to review proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 1998 for the intelligence community, 10 a.m., S-407, Capitol.

Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, State, and the Judiciary, to hold hearings on proposed budget estimates

for fiscal year 1998 for the Securities and Exchange Commission, 2 p.m., S-146, Capitol.

Committee on Armed Services, Subcommittee on Strategic Forces, to resume hearings in open and closed session on proposed legislation authorizing funds for fiscal year 1998 for the Department of Defense and the future years defense program, focusing on Department of Energy weapons programs., 9:30 a.m., SR-222.

Subcommittee on Acquisition and Technology, to hold hearings to review the status of acquisition reform in the Department of Defense, 10 a.m., SR-418.

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

Subcommittee on Readiness, 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 military readiness accounts, 2 p.m., SR-232A.

Committee on the Budget, to hold a meeting to discuss various budget proposals for fiscal year 1998, 9:30 a.m., SD-608.

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation, Subcommittee on Communications, to hold hearings to examine the Federal Communications Commission implementation of the Telecommunications Act of 1996, focusing on efforts to implement universal telephone service reform and FCC proposals to assess new per-minute fees on Internet service providers, 9:30 a.m., SR-253.

Full Committee, to hold hearings on S. 377, to promote electronic commerce by facilitating the use of strong encryption, 2 p.m., SR-253.

Committee on Environment and Public Works, Subcommittee on Transportation and Infrastructure, to resume hearings on proposed legislation authorizing funds for programs of the Intermodal Surface Transportation Efficiency Act, focusing on environmental programs and statewide and metropolitan planning, 9:30 a.m., SD-406.

Committee on Finance, to hold hearings on improving Medicare choices, 10 a.m., SD-215.

Committee on the Judiciary, Subcommittee on Technology, Terrorism, and Government Information, to hold hearings to examine Internet crimes affecting consumers, 9 a.m., SD-226.

Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine efforts by private individuals, community organizations, and religious groups to prevent juvenile crime, 2 p.m., SD-226.

Committee on Labor and Human Resources, to hold hearings to examine proposals to reform the operation of the Food and Drug Administration, 9:30 a.m., SD-430.

Committee on Veterans' Affairs, to hold joint hearings with the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs on the legislative recommendations of the Disabled American Veterans, 9:30 a.m., 345 Cannon Building.

House

Committee on Agriculture, Subcommittee on Department Operations, Nutrition, and Foreign Agriculture, hearing