

NV, and to provide for the acquisition of environmentally sensitive lands in the State of Nevada.

The Subcommittee also held a hearing on the following bills, H.R. 765, to ensure maintenance of wild horses in Cape Lookout National Seashore; and H.R. 136, to amend the National Parks and Recreation Act of 1978 to designate the Majority Stoneman Douglas Wilderness and to amend the Everglades National Park Protection and Expansion Act of 1989 to designate the Ernest F. Coe Visitor Center. Testimony was heard from Maureen Finnerty, Associate Director, Park Operations and Education, National Park Service, Department of the Interior; and public witnesses.

NASA AUTHORIZATION

Committee on Science: Subcommittee on Space and Aeronautics concluded hearings on fiscal year 1998 NASA Authorization: Science Programs. Testimony was heard from the following officials of NASA: Wesley T. Huntress, Jr., Associate Administrator, Office of Space Science; Arnauld E. Nicogossian, Associate Administrator, Office of Life and Microgravity Sciences and Applications; and Neal Pellis, Head, Biotechnology Program, Johnson Space Center; Eugene Shoemaker, Scientist Emeritus, U.S. Geological Survey, Department of the Interior; and public witnesses.

NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF STANDARDS AND TECHNOLOGY FUNDING NEEDS

Committee on Science: Subcommittee on Technology concluded hearings on funding needs for the National Institute of Standards and Technology Part 2. Testimony was heard from Allen Li, Associate Director, Energy, Resources, and Science Issues, GAO; and public witnesses.

FEDERAL ACQUISITION REGULATIONS

Committee on Small Business: Held a hearing to examine the proposed redrafting of Section 15 of the Federal Acquisition Regulations (FAR). Testimony was heard from Steven Kelman, Administrator, Office of Federal Procurement Policy, OMB; Jere Glover, Chief Counsel for Advocacy, SBA; and public witnesses.

ETHICS REFORM

Committee on Standards of Official Conduct: Task Force on Ethics Reform met in executive session to continue discussions on Ethics Reform.

SUPERFUND REAUTHORIZATION AND REFORM

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure: Subcommittee on Water Resources and Environment held a hearing on Superfund Reauthorization and

Reform: Perspectives of Interested Parties. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the EPA: Steven A. Herman, Assistant Administrator, Office of Enforcement and Compliance Assurance; and Timothy Fields, Jr., Acting Assistant Administrator, Office of Solid Waste and Emergency Response; James C. Coleman, Assistant Commissioner, Waste Site Cleanup, Department of Environmental Protection, State of Massachusetts; Douglas H. Palmer, Mayor, Trenton, New Jersey; and public witnesses.

REHABILITATION AND LONG-TERM HOSPITALS PAYMENTS

Committee on Ways and Means: Subcommittee on Health held a hearing on Rehabilitation and Long-Term Care Hospitals Payments. Testimony was heard from Representative LoBiondo; Barbara O. Wynn, Acting Director, Bureau of Policy Development, Health Care Financing Administration, Department of Health and Human Services; Joseph P. Newhouse, Chairman, Prospective Payment Assessment Commission; and public witnesses.

FUTURE OF SOCIAL SECURITY

Committee on Ways and Means: Subcommittee on Social Security continued hearings on the Future of Social Security for this Generation and the Next. Testimony was heard from Jane L. Ross, Director, Income Security Issues, Health, Education, and Human Services Division, GAO; David Koitz, Specialist in Social Legislation, Education and Public Welfare Division, Congressional Research Service, Library of Congress; and public witnesses.

BUDGET—ANALYSIS AND PRODUCTION

Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence: Met in executive session to hold a Budget hearing—Analysis and Production. Testimony was heard from departmental witnesses.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR FRIDAY, APRIL 11, 1997

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on the Judiciary, Subcommittee on Administrative Oversight and the Courts, to hold hearings to examine the increase in personal bankruptcies and the crisis in consumer credit, 9:30 a.m., SD-226.

Committee on Labor and Human Resources, to resume hearings on proposals to reform the performance, efficiency, and use of resources of the Food and Drug Administration, 10 a.m., SD-430.

House

Committee on Commerce, Subcommittee on Health and Environment, hearing on Medicare Preventive Benefits and Quality Standards, 9:30 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

CONGRESSIONAL PROGRAM AHEAD

Week of April 14 through 19, 1997

Senate Chamber

On *Monday and Tuesday*, Senate will resume consideration of S. 104, Nuclear Waste Policy Act, with a vote on final disposition to occur on Tuesday, April 15, 1997.

On *Wednesday*, Senate may consider the nomination of Alexis M. Herman, of Alabama, to be Secretary of Labor.

During the balance of the week Senate may consider any cleared executive and legislative business.

(*Senate will recess on Tuesday, April 15, 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: April 17, to hold hearings on crop and revenue insurance issues, 9 a.m., SR-332.

Committee on Appropriations: April 15 and 17, Subcommittee on Treasury, Postal Service, and General Government, Tuesday, to hold hearings to examine alleged Internal Revenue Service employees' misuse of taxpayers files, 9:30 a.m.; Thursday, to hold hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 1998 for the Department of the Treasury, focusing on law enforcement programs, 9:30 a.m.; Tuesday in SD-138 and Thursday in SD-124.

April 15, Subcommittee on Agriculture, Rural Development, and Related Agencies, to hold hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 1998 for the Rural Utilities Service, the Rural Housing Service, the Rural Business-Cooperative Service, and the Alternative Agricultural Research and Commercialization Center, all of the Department of Agriculture, 10 a.m., SD-124.

April 16, Subcommittee on Defense, to hold hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 1998 for the Department of the Army, 10 a.m., SD-192.

April 16 and 17, Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, State, and the Judiciary, to hold hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 1998, Wednesday, for the Federal Communications Commission, 10 a.m.; Thursday, for the Supreme Court of the United States and the Judiciary, 1:30 p.m.; S-146, Capitol.

April 16, Subcommittee on Transportation, to hold hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 1998 for the Department of Transportation, 10 a.m., SD-124.

April 16, Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, to hold hearings on proposed

budget estimates for fiscal year 1998 for the Department of Education, 2 p.m., SD-124.

April 17, Subcommittee on Interior, to hold hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 1998 for the Forest Service of the Department of Agriculture, 9 a.m., SD-192.

Committee on Armed Services: April 15, Subcommittee on Readiness, to resume hearings on S. 450, the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Years 1998 and 1999, and S. 451, the Military Construction Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 1998, focusing on environmental and military construction issues, 2 p.m., SR-222.

April 15, Subcommittee on Acquisition and Technology, to resume hearings on S. 450, National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Years 1998 and 1999, focusing on the trends in the industrial and technology base supporting national defense, 2 p.m., SR-232A.

April 16, Subcommittee on Airland Forces, to resume hearings on S. 450, the National Defense Authorization Bill for Fiscal Years 1998 and 1999, focusing on tactical aircraft modernization plans, 10 a.m., SR-222.

April 17, Subcommittee on Readiness, to resume hearings on S. 450, the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Years 1998 and 1999, focusing on the status of the operational readiness of the U.S. military forces, 10 a.m., SR-222.

Committee on Finance: April 14, to hold hearings to review the Tax Foundation's report entitled "Tax Freedom Day 1997", detailing the computation of the number of days Americans must work before they have paid their tax bill, 1:30 p.m., SD-215.

April 16, Full Committee, to hold hearings on education tax proposals, including S. 1, to provide safe and affordable schools, 10 a.m., SD-215.

April 17, Full Committee, to hold hearings on certain revenue raising provisions of the President's proposed budget for fiscal year 1998, 10 a.m., SD-215.

Committee on Foreign Relations: April 15, Subcommittee on East Asian and Pacific Affairs, to hold hearings to review the U.S.-Japan bilateral relationship, 9 a.m., SD-419.

April 15 and 17, Full Committee, to resume hearings on the ratification of the Chemical Weapons Convention (Treaty Doc. 103-21), Tuesday at 2 p.m. and Thursday at 10 a.m., SD-419.

April 17, Subcommittee on Near Eastern and South Asian Affairs, to hold hearings to review U.S. efforts relating to the proliferation of Iran, 2 p.m., SD-419.

April 18, Full Committee, to hold hearings on the nomination of Thomas R. Pickering, of New Jersey, to be Under Secretary of State for Political Affairs, 10 a.m., SD-419.

Committee on Governmental Affairs: April 16, to hold hearings on the Census in the year 2000, 10 a.m., SD-342.

April 16, Subcommittee on Oversight of Government Management, Restructuring and the District of Columbia, to hold hearings to examine the Federal Government's role in television programming, 2 p.m., SD-342.