

AUTHORIZATION—DEFENSE

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on SeaPower resumed hearings on S. 450, authorizing funds for fiscal years 1998 and 1999 for military activities of the Department of Defense, and to prescribe military personnel strengths for fiscal years 1998 and 1999, focusing on Department of the Navy shipbuilding development and procurement programs, receiving testimony from John W. Douglass, Assistant Secretary of the Navy for Research, Development and Acquisition; Vice Adm. Donald L. Pilling, USN, Deputy Chief of Naval Operations, Resources, Warfare Requirements and Assessments; and John Birkler, RAND Corporation, Santa Monica, California.

Subcommittee recessed subject to call.

NOMINATION

Committee on Foreign Relations: On Friday, April 18, committee concluded hearings on the nomination of Thomas R. Pickering, of New Jersey, to be Under Secretary of State for Political Affairs, after the nominee, who was introduced by Senator Lautenberg, testified and answered questions in his own behalf.

AIRLINE ANTITRUST IMPLICATIONS

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Antitrust, Business Rights, and Competition concluded hearings to examine antitrust implications of the proposed British Airways-American Airlines Alliance, focusing on the impact this alliance will have on the availability and affordability of international air travel, the long-term viability of the U.S. airline industry, the preservation of competition in the London market, and the security of the American consumer, after receiving testimony from Barry P. Simon, Continental Airlines, Inc., Mark N. Cooper,

Consumer Federation of America, and D. Scott Yohe, Delta Air Lines, Inc., all of Washington, D.C.; Richard Branson, Virgin Atlantic Airlines, London, England; David A. Schwarte, American Airlines, Inc., Fort Worth, Texas; Cyril Murphy, United Airlines, Chicago, Illinois; and Lawrence M. Nagin, US Airways, Inc., Arlington, Virginia.

CHILDREN'S HEALTH

Committee on Labor and Human Resources: On Friday, April 18, committee concluded hearings on proposals to improve the health status of children, including S. 435 and S. 525, focusing on pediatric care, public health, mental health, and substance abuse issues, after receiving testimony from Senators Hatch and Specter; Donna E. Shalala, Secretary of Health and Human Services; Vermont Governor Howard Dean, Montpelier; Mohammad N. Akhter, American Public Health Association, and Mary Jane England, Washington Business Group on Health, both of Washington, D.C.; Antoinette Parisi Eaton, Children's Hospital, Inc., Columbus, Ohio; Judith S. Palfrey, Children's Hospital, Boston, Massachusetts; and James E. Copple, Community Anti-Drug Coalitions of America, Alexandria, Virginia.

AUTHORIZATION—NATIVE AMERICAN PROGRAMS

Committee on Indian Affairs: Committee concluded hearings on S. 459, to authorize funds for fiscal years 1997 through 2000 for programs administered by the Administration for Native Americans, after receiving testimony from Gary Niles Kimble, Commissioner, Administration for Native Americans, Department of Health and Human Services; A. David Lester, Council of Energy Resource Tribes, Denver, Colorado; and Wallace Coffey, Comanche Indian Tribe, Lawton, Oklahoma.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

The House was not in session today. It will next meet on Wednesday, April 23.

Committee Meetings

No committee meetings were held.

**COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR
WEDNESDAY, APRIL 23, 1997**

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Appropriations, Subcommittee on Defense, to hold hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 1998 for the Department of Defense, focusing on medical programs, 10 a.m., SD-192.

Subcommittee on District of Columbia, to hold hearings on an additional funding request for fiscal year 1997 by the District of Columbia Financial Responsibility and

Management Assistance Authority for capital improvements to D.C. public schools and for public safety agencies, 10 a.m., SD-138.

Committee on Armed Services, to hold hearings on the Administration's proposal on NATO enlargement, 10 a.m., SH-216.

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation, to hold hearings on the nominations of Kerri Ann Jones, of Maryland, and Jerry M. Melillo, of Massachusetts, both to be an Associate Director of the Office of Science and Technology Policy, 9:30 a.m., SR-253.

Subcommittee on Manufacturing and Competitiveness, to hold hearings to examine the current state of manufacturing in the United States, 10 a.m., SR-253.

Committee on Finance, to hold hearings on S. 436, to provide for the transfer of one-half cent of the 4.3 cents-per-gallon motor fuels tax now being deposited into the General Fund to a designated trust fund for Amtrak, 10 a.m., SD-215.

Committee on Governmental Affairs, to hold hearings on S. 261, to provide for a biennial budget process and a biennial appropriations process and to enhance oversight and the performance of the Federal Government, 10 a.m., SD-342.

Committee on the Judiciary, to hold hearings to examine the growing national problem with gangs, focusing on how gangs affect communities within States and on gangs that have established networks from State to State, 10 a.m., SD-226.

Committee on Labor and Human Resources, to resume hearings on proposed legislation authorizing funds for programs of the Higher Education Act, focusing on campus based financial aid programs and the students who benefit from them, 9:30 a.m., SD-430.

Select Committee on Intelligence, to hold closed hearings on intelligence matters, 2:30 p.m., SH-219.

House

Committee on Agriculture, Subcommittee on Forestry, Resource Conservation, and Research, hearing on EPA's proposed air quality standard of PM 2.5 and its implications for agriculture, 9:30 a.m., 1300 Longworth.

Committee on Appropriations, Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, on public witnesses, 10 a.m. and 2 p.m., 2358 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on VA, HUD, and Independent Agencies, on Department of Veterans Affairs, 10 a.m. and 2 p.m., 2360 Rayburn.

Committee on Banking and Financial Services, to continue mark up of H.R. 2, Housing Opportunity and Responsibility Act of 1997, 2 p.m., 2128 Rayburn.

Committee on Commerce, Subcommittee on Health and Environment, hearing on Reauthorization of the Prescription Drug User Fee Act and FDA Reform, 2:30 p.m., 2123 Rayburn.

Committee on Education and the Workforce, Subcommittee on Postsecondary Education, Training and Life-Long

Learning, hearing on the Rising Price of a College Education, 1 p.m., 2175 Rayburn.

Committee on Government Reform and Oversight, Subcommittee on Government Management, Information, and Technology, hearing on "Census 2000: How Should the Federal Government Measure Race and Ethnicity", 9:30 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on National Economic Growth, National Resources, and Regulatory Affairs, to continue hearings on "EPA's Particulate Matter and Ozone Rule-making: Is EPA Above the Law", 10:30 a.m., 2247 Rayburn.

Committee on International Relations, Subcommittee on Asia and the Pacific, to mark up H. Res. 121, expressing the sense of the House of Representatives regarding the March 30, 1997, terrorist grenade attack in Cambodia; followed by a hearing on United States Policy Toward Vietnam; followed by a hearing on SINO-American Relations and U.S. Policy Options, 2 p.m., 2172 Rayburn.

Committee on the Judiciary, hearing on the following bills: H.R. 911, Volunteer Protection Act of 1997 and H.R. 1167, Volunteer Protection Act of 1997, 10:15 a.m., 2141 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Immigration and Claims, oversight hearing on regarding border security and deterring illegal entry into the United States, 9:30 a.m., 2237 Rayburn.

Committee on Rules, to consider the following: H.R. 1271, FAA Research, Engineering, and Development Authorization Act of 1997; H.R. 1273, National Science Foundation Authorization Act of 1997; H.R. 1274, National Institute of Standards and Technology Authorization Act of 1997; H.R. 1275, Civilian Space Authorization Act, Fiscal Years 1998 and 1999; H.R. 1276, Environmental Research, Development, and Demonstration Authorization Act of 1997; H.R. 1277, Department of Energy Civilian Research and Development Act of 1997; and H.R. 1278, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration Authorization Act of 1997, 4 p.m., H-313 Capitol.

Committee on Science, Subcommittee on Technology, hearing on Surface Transportation Research and Development, Part II, 2 p.m., 2318 Rayburn.

Committee on Small Business, hearing on Tax Burden on Small Business Families, 10 a.m., 2359 Rayburn.

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, Subcommittee on Water Resources and Environment, hearing on Meeting Clean Water and Drinking Water Infrastructure Needs, 2 p.m., 2167 Rayburn.

Committee on Ways and Means, to mark up the following bills: H.R. 867, Adoption Promotion Act of 1997, and H.R. 1048, Welfare Reform Technical Corrections Act of 1997, 10 a.m., 1100 Longworth.

Subcommittee on Oversight, hearing on the low-income housing tax credit, 1:30 p.m., B-318 Rayburn.

Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence, executive, briefing on DEA regarding Mexico, 2 p.m., H-405 Capitol.