

Committee on Small Business, Subcommittee on Government Programs and Oversight, hearing on the Importance of Patent Term and Patent Application Disclosure Issues to Small Businesses: What Impact Will Proposed Changes in the Patent Laws Have on Small Businesses? 10:30 a.m., 2359 Rayburn.

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, Subcommittee on Public Buildings and Economic Development, hearing on the Shortfall in the GSA Federal Buildings Fund, 9 a.m., 2253 Rayburn.

Committee on Ways and Means, Subcommittee on Health, hearing on Medicare Provider-Sponsored Organizations, 1:30 p.m., 1100 Longworth.

Subcommittee on Human Resources, hearing on Unemployment Insurance Issues, 10:30 a.m., B-318 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Social Security, oversight hearing on the Disability Appeals Process, 9 a.m., 1100 Longworth.

Joint Meetings

Commission on Security and Cooperation in Europe, to hold hearings to examine the process of NATO enlargement and the role of the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe (OSCE) commitments, including human rights, in evaluating prospective members for inclusion in the Alliance, 10 a.m., SD-538.

Next Meeting of the SENATE

10 a.m., Thursday, April 24

Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

10 a.m., Thursday, April 24

Senate Chamber

Program for Thursday: Senate will continue consideration of the Chemical Weapons Convention (Treaty Doc. 103-21).

(Senate will meet in closed session in the Old Senate Chamber to hear confidential debate regarding the Chemical Weapons Convention from 10:30 a.m. until 12:30 p.m.)

House Chamber

Program for Thursday: Consideration of H.R. 1274, National Institute of Standards and Technology Authorization Act of 1997 (open rule, 1 hour of debate);

Consideration of H.R. 1273, National Science Foundation Authorization Act of 1997 (open rule, 1 hour of debate);

Consideration H.R. 1275, Civilian Space Authorization Act for FY 1998 and 1999 (open rule, 1 hour of debate); and

Consideration of H.R. 1271, FAA Research, Engineering, and Development Authorization Act of 1997 (open rule, 1 hour of debate).

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