

“DOES OPIC HELP SMALL BUSINESS EXPORTERS?”

Committee on Small Business: Subcommittee on Tax, Finance, and Exports held a hearing on “Does OPIC Help Small Business Exporters?” Testimony was heard from Mildred O. Callear, Acting President and CEO, Overseas Private Investment Corporation, U.S. International Development Cooperation Agency; and public witnesses.

ONE YEAR AFTER VALUJET CRASH

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure: Subcommittee on Aviation held a hearing on One Year After ValuJet Crash—FAA Response to Hazmat and Cargo Fire Protection Issues. Testimony was heard from Barry Valentine, Acting Administrator, FAA, Department of Transportation; James E. Hall, Chairman, National Transportation Board; and public witnesses.

INNOVATIVE FINANCING—ACQUIRING FEDERAL REAL ESTATE

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure: Subcommittee on Public Buildings and Economic Development held a hearing on Innovative Financing for Acquiring Federal Real Estate and Scoring Issues. Testimony was heard from Representative Blumenauer; Robert A. Peck, Commissioner, Public Buildings Service, GSA; Herbert M. Franklin, Executive Officer, Architect of the Capitol; and public witnesses.

VETERANS LEGISLATION

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: Subcommittee on Health approved for full Committee action the following: H.R. 1362, amended, Veterans Medicare Reimbursement Demonstration Act of 1997; and a measure on physician's special pay.

OVERSIGHT—U.S. CUSTOMS SERVICE

Committee on Ways and Means: Subcommittee on Trade held an oversight hearing on U.S. Customs Service. Testimony was heard from George Weise, Commissioner, U.S. Customs Service, Department of the Treasury; Norman J. Rabkin, Director, Administration of Justice Issues, General Government Division, GAO; and public witnesses.

BRIEFING—NORTH KOREA

Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence: Met in executive session to receive a briefing on North Korea. The Committee was briefed by departmental witnesses.

Joint Meetings

COLUMBIA BASIN PLAN

Joint Hearings: Senate Committee on Energy and Natural Resources' Subcommittee on Forests and Public Land Management concluded joint hearings with the House Committee on Resources' Subcommittee on Forests and Forest Health to review proposed environmental impact statements, and a related alternative, relating to the Interior Columbia Basin Ecosystem Management Project, initiated by the Forest Service and Bureau of Land Management to respond to forest and rangeland ecosystem health, after receiving testimony from Senator Kempthorne; Representative Nethercutt; and Bob Williams, Regional Forester, Pacific Northwest Region, Forest Service, Department of Agriculture, on behalf of the Executive Steering Committee of the Interior Columbia Basin Ecosystem Management Project.

NEW PUBLIC LAWS

(For last listing of Public Laws, see DAILY DIGEST p. D422)

H.R. 1001, to extend the term of appointment of certain members of the Prospective Payment Assessment Commission and the Physician Payment Review Commission. Signed May 14, 1997. (P.L. 105-13)

S. 305, to authorize the President to award a gold medal on behalf of the Congress to Francis Albert “Frank” Sinatra in recognition of his outstanding and enduring contributions through his entertainment career and humanitarian activities. Signed May 14, 1997. (P.L. 105-14)

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR FRIDAY, MAY 16, 1997

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Labor and Human Resources, to hold hearings to examine adult education programs, 10 a.m., SD-430.

House

Committee on the Budget, to continue markup of the Fiscal Year 1998 Concurrent Budget Resolution, 10 a.m., 210 Cannon.

Committee on Government Reform and Oversight, to consider the following bills: H.R. 1057, to designate the building in Indianapolis, IN, which houses the operations of the Circle City Station Post Office as the “Andrew Jacobs, Jr. Post Office Building”; H.R. 1058, to designate the facility of the U.S. Postal Service under construction at 150 West Margaret Drive in Terre Haute, IN, as the “John T. Myers Post Office Building”; and H.R. 956,