

Office, FBI, Department of Justice; Guy S. Gardner, Associate Administrator, Regulation and Certification, FAA, Department of Transportation; and public witnesses.

#### ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ADMINISTRATION AND APPALACHIAN REGIONAL COMMISSION REAUTHORIZATIONS

*Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure:* Subcommittee on Public Buildings and Economic Development held a hearing on the Reauthorization of the Economic Development Administration and the Appalachian Regional Commission. Testimony was heard from Jesse White, Cochairman, Appalachian Regional Commission; Cecil H. Underwood, Governor, State of West Virginia; and Phillip A. Singerman, Assistant Secretary, Economic Development, Economic Development Administration, Department of Commerce.

#### DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS— MEDICAL PROGRAMS

*Committee on Veterans' Affairs:* Subcommittee on Health held a hearing to examine the Department of Veterans Affairs medical programs, to include consideration of pending proposals. Testimony was heard from Bernice Steinhardt, Director, Health Services Quality and Public Health Issues, GAO; and the following officials of the Department of Veterans Affairs: John Ogden, Chief Consultant, Pharmacy Benefits Management Strategic Health Group; and Thomas Garthwaite, M.D., Deputy Under Secretary, Health.

#### 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 Senator Gregg; Representatives Stenholm, Kolbe, DeFazio, Nadler, Sanders, Ehlers, Eddie Bernice Johnson of Texas, Deutsch, Pomeroy, Smith of Michigan, Burton of Indiana, Miller of Florida, Filner, Petri, Graham, Neumann, Sanford and Kucinich; and public witnesses.

### *Joint Meetings*

#### TONGASS LAND MANAGEMENT

*Joint Hearing:* Senate Committee on Energy and Natural Resources concluded joint oversight hearings with the House Committee on Resources to examine certain issues with regard to the Tongass National Forest Land and Resource Management Plan, issued by the United States Forest Service on May 23, 1997, after receiving testimony from Phil Janik, Alaska Regional Forester, Forest Service, Department

of Agriculture; and David B. Allen, Alaska Regional Director, United States Fish and Wildlife Service, Department of the Interior.

#### BUDGET RECONCILIATION

*Conferees* met to resolve the differences between the Senate- and House-passed versions of H.R. 2015, to provide for reconciliation pursuant to subsections (b)(1) and (c) of section 105 of the concurrent resolution on the budget for fiscal year 1998, but did not complete action thereon, and recessed subject to call.

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### COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR FRIDAY, JULY 11, 1997

*(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)*

#### Senate

*Committee on Appropriations,* Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, State, and the Judiciary, business meeting, to mark up proposed legislation making appropriations for the Departments of Commerce, Justice, State, and the Judiciary, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1998, 9 a.m., S-146, Capitol.

Subcommittee on Treasury, Postal Service, and General Government, business meeting, to mark up an original bill making appropriations for the Department of the Treasury, Postal Service, and general government for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1998, 10:30 a.m., SD-116.

*Committee on the Judiciary,* business meeting, to mark up S. 10, to reduce violent juvenile crime, promote accountability by juvenile criminals, and punish and deter violent gang crime, and S. 53, to require the general application of the antitrust laws to major league baseball, 9:30 a.m., S-211, Capitol.

#### House

*Committee on Appropriations,* to markup the following: Transportation appropriations for fiscal year 1998; and a revised 602(b) budget allocation report for fiscal year 1998, 9 a.m., 2359 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Energy and Water Development, to markup Energy and Water Development appropriations for fiscal year 1998, immediately following full Committee markup, 2362 Rayburn.

*Committee on Commerce,* Subcommittee on Telecommunications, Trade, and Consumer Protection, hearing on H.R. 1054, Internet Tax Freedom Act, 10:00 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

#### Joint Meetings

*Conferees,* on H.R. 2014, to provide for reconciliation pursuant to subsections (b)(2) and (d) of section 105 of the concurrent resolution on the budget for fiscal year 1998, 10 a.m., SD-215.