

## *Committee Meetings*

### **AGRICULTURAL RESEARCH— REAUTHORIZATION PROPOSALS**

*Committee on Agriculture:* Subcommittee on Forestry, Resource Conservation, and Research held a hearing on reauthorization proposals in agricultural research. Testimony was heard from Bob Robinson, Administrator, Cooperative State Research, Education, and Extension Service, USDA; and public witnesses.

### **DEFENSE; LABOR, HHS, AND EDUCATION; AND COMMERCE, JUSTICE, STATE, AND JUDICIARY APPROPRIATIONS**

*Committee on Appropriations:* Ordered reported the following appropriations for fiscal year 1998: Defense; Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education; and Commerce, Justice, State, and Judiciary.

### **TREASURY, POSTAL SERVICE, AND GENERAL GOVERNMENT APPROPRIATIONS**

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Treasury, Postal Service, and General Government began markup of the Treasury, Postal Service, and General Government appropriations for fiscal year 1998.

### **CONDUCT OF MONETARY POLICY**

*Committee on Banking and Financial Services:* Subcommittee on Domestic and International Monetary Policy held a hearing on the Conduct of Monetary Policy. Testimony was heard from Alan Greenspan, Chairman, Board of Governors, Federal Reserve System.

### **HIGHER EDUCATION AMENDMENTS**

*Committee on Education and the Workforce:* Subcommittee on Postsecondary Education, Training and Life-Long Learning continued hearings on H.R. 6, Higher Education Amendments of 1998. Testimony was heard from David Longanecker, Assistant Secretary, Department of Education; and public witnesses.

### **SECURITY AND FREEDOM THROUGH ENCRYPTION (SAFE) ACT**

*Committee on International Relations:* Ordered reported amended H.R. 695, Security and Freedom Through Encryption (SAFE) Act.

The Committee also approved a motion to authorize the Chairman to make motions on the House Floor under Rule XX, relative to H.R. 1757, Foreign Relations Authorization Act, Fiscal Years 1998 and 1999, and European Security Act of 1997.

### **CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT— RESTORING RELIGIOUS FREEDOM**

*Committee on the Judiciary:* Subcommittee on the Constitution held a hearing on H.J. Res. 78, proposing

an amendment to the Constitution of the United States restoring religious freedom. Testimony was heard from Representatives Istook, Edwards, Campbell, Capps and Bishop; and public witnesses.

### **MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES**

*Committee on the Judiciary:* Subcommittee on Crime held a hearing on the following: H.R. 218, Community Protection Act of 1997; H.R. 339, to amend title 18, United States Code, to provide a national standard in accordance with which nonresidents of a State may carry certain concealed firearms in the State, and to exempt qualified current and former law enforcement officers from State laws prohibiting the carrying of concealed handguns; and the Law Enforcement and Community Protection Act of 1997. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

### **OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT**

*Committee on National Security:* Subcommittee on Military Readiness held a hearing on the operation and maintenance financial management. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the GAO: Jack L. Brock, Director, Defense Information and Financial Management Systems; and Sharon Cekala, Associate Director, Military Operations and Capabilities; and the following officials of the Department of Defense: Alice C. Maroni, Principal Deputy Under Secretary (Comptroller); Helen T. McCoy, Assistant Secretary, Army (Financial Management and Comptroller); D. P. Christie, Assistant Secretary, Navy (Financial Management and Comptroller); and Robert F. Hale, Assistant Secretary, Air Force (Financial Management and Comptroller).

### **MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES**

*Committee on Resources:* Subcommittee on Forests and Forest Health held a hearing on the following bills: H.R. 1309, to provide for an exchange of lands with the city of Greeley, CO, and the Water Supply and Storage Co. to eliminate private inholdings in wilderness areas; and H.R. 1843, Local Free Access Act. Testimony was heard from Senator Allard; Robert C. Joslin, Deputy Chief, National Forest System, Forest Service, USDA; Douglass P. Teschner, member, House of Representatives, State of New Hampshire; LaVere Nelson, Mayor, Greeley, Colorado; and public witnesses.

### **MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES**

*Committee on Resources:* Subcommittee on National Parks and Public Lands held a hearing on the following bills: H.R. 1635, to establish within the United States National Park Service the National Underground Railroad Network to Freedom Program; H.R. 755, to amend the Internal Revenue

Code of 1986 to allow individuals to designate any portion of their income tax overpayments, and to make other contributions for the benefit of units of the National Park System; H.R. 1718, to provide for the conveyance of certain lands in Wyoming to the County of Park, WY; and H.R. 708, to require the Secretary of the Interior to conduct a study concerning grazing use of certain land within and adjacent to Grand Teton National Park, Wyoming and to extend temporarily certain grazing privileges. Testimony was heard from Representatives Stokes, Portman, Duncan and Cubin; the following officials of the Department of the Interior: Denis P. Galvin, Acting Deputy Director, National Park Service; and Eluid L. Martinez, Commissioner, Bureau of Reclamation; and public witnesses.

#### **AGRICULTURE APPROPRIATIONS ACT OF FY 1997**

*Committee on Rules:* Granted, by voice vote, a modified closed rule on H.R. 2160, making appropriations for Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration and Related Agencies programs for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1998. The rule waives clause 2 of rule XXI (prohibiting unauthorized and legislative provisions in an appropriations bill) and clause 6 of rule XXI (prohibiting reappropriations in an appropriations bill) against provisions in the bill except as otherwise specified in the rule. The rule provides that no further amendments shall be in order except: those amendments printed before July 22, 1997 in the Congressional Record; the amendments printed in the Congressional Record and numbered 21, 22, and 23; and the amendment by Representative Obey pending when the Committee of the Whole rose on July 22, 1997. The rule provides that each amendment made in order shall be considered as read and shall be debatable for 10 minutes (except as otherwise specified in section 2 of the rule) equally divided and controlled by the proponent and an opponent. The rule allows the Chairman of the Committee of the Whole to postpone votes during consideration of the bill, and to reduce to five minutes on a postponed question if the vote follows a fifteen minute vote. The rule also provides that after a motion that the Committee rise has been rejected on a day, another such motion on that day may be entertained only if offered by the Chairman of the Committee on Appropriations or the Majority Leader or their designee. The rule provides that after a motion to strike out the enacting words of the bill has been rejected, the Chairman of the Committee of the Whole may not entertain another such motion during further consideration of the bill. Finally, the rule provides one motion to recommit with or without instructions.

#### **BUDGET ENFORCEMENT ACT OF 1997**

*Committee on Rules:* Granted, by voice vote, a closed rule on H.R. 2003, to reform the budget process and enforce the bipartisan balanced budget agreement of 1997, providing one hour of debate in the House equally divided between Representative Barton of Texas and an opponent. The rule also provides one motion to recommit. Testimony was heard from Representatives Nussle, Neumann, Bunning, Barton of Texas, Castle, Wamp, Minge, Tanner, Stenholm, Evans, Boyd, and Tauscher.

#### **HUMAN CLONING RESEARCH—FEDERAL FUNDING PROHIBITION**

*Committee on Science:* Subcommittee on Technology held a hearing on the Prohibition of Federal Funding for Human Cloning Research. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

#### **MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES; PROSPECTUSES**

*Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure:* Subcommittee on Public Grounds and Economic Development approved for full Committee action the following: H.R. 29, to designate the Federal building located at 290 Broadway in New York, NY, as the "Ronald H. Brown Federal Building"; H.R. 81, to designate the U.S. courthouse located at 401 South Michigan Street in South Bend, IN, as the "Robert K. Rodibaugh United States Bankruptcy Courthouse"; H.R. 548, to designate the U.S. courthouse located at 500 Pearl Street in New York City, NY, as the "Ted Weiss United States Courthouse"; H.R. 595, to designate the Federal building and U.S. courthouse located at 475 Mulberry Street in Macon, GA, as the "William Augustus Bootle Federal Building and United States Courthouse"; H.R. 613, amended, to designate the Federal building located at 100 Alabama Street NW, in Atlanta, GA, as the "Sam Nunn Federal Center"; H.R. 643, to designate the U.S. courthouse to be constructed at the corner of Superior and Huron Roads, in Cleveland, OH, as the "Carl B. Stokes United States Courthouse"; H.R. 824, to redesignate the Federal building located at 717 Madison Place, NW., in the District of Columbia, as the "Howard T. Markey National Courts Building"; H.R. 892, amended, to redesignate the Federal building located at 223 Sharkey Street in Clarksdale, MS, as the "Aaron Henry United States Post Office"; H.R. 962, to redesignate a Federal building in Suitland, MD, as the "W. Edwards Deming Federal Building"; H.R. 994, to designate the U.S. border station located in Pharr, TX, as the "Kika de la Garza United States Border Station"; H.R. 1479, amended, to designate the Federal building and U.S. courthouse located at 300 Northeast

First Avenue in Miami, FL, as the "David W. Dyer Federal Courthouse"; H.R. 1484, amended, to redesignate the Dublin Federal courthouse building located in Dublin, GA, as the "J. Roy Rowland Federal Courthouse"; H.R. 1502, to designate the U.S. courthouse located at 301 West Main Street in Benton, IL, as the "James L. Foreman United States Courthouse"; H.R. 1851, to designate the U.S. courthouse located at 200 South Washington Street in Alexandria, VA, as the "Martin V.B. Bostetter, Jr., U.S. Courthouse"; H. Con. Res. 98, authorizing the use of the Capitol grounds for the Safe Kids Buckle Up Car Seat Safety Check; 5 Courthouse Design prospectuses; 2 amending Committee Resolutions, 3 Miscellaneous Construction Prospectuses and 2 11(b) Resolutions.

### FREE TRADE AREA OF THE AMERICAS

*Committee on Ways and Means*: Subcommittee on Trade held a hearing on Free Trade Area of the Americas. Testimony was heard from Representatives Kolbe, Campbell and Farr; Jeffrey Davidow, Assistant Secretary, Bureau of Inter-American Affairs, Department of State; Jeffrey M. Lang, Deputy U.S. Trade Representative; JayEtta Z. Hecker, Associate Director, International Relations and Trade Issues, National Security and International Affairs Division, GAO; and public witnesses.

### INFORMATION OPERATIONS BRIEFING

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

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## COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR WEDNESDAY, JULY 23, 1997

*(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)*

### Senate

*Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry*, to hold hearings on the nominations of Catherine E. Woteki, of the District of Columbia, to be Under Secretary of Agriculture for Food Safety, and Shirley Robinson Watkins, of Arkansas, to be Under Secretary of Agriculture for Food, Nutrition, and Consumer Services, 9 a.m., SR-332.

*Committee on Appropriations*, Subcommittee on District of Columbia, to resume hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 1998 for the government of the District of Columbia, focusing on the Departments of Health, Human Services, and Public Works, 10 a.m., SD-192.

*Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs*, to hold oversight hearings on the Federal Reserve's monetary policy report to Congress pursuant to the Full Employment and Balanced Growth Act of 1978, 10 a.m., SD-538.

*Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation*, business meeting, to consider the nomination of Jane Garvey, of Massachusetts, to be Administrator of the Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, 9:30 a.m., SR-253.

*Committee on Energy and Natural Resources*, business meeting, to consider pending calendar business; to be followed by hearings to examine natural gas issues, focusing on the world energy supply and demand to the year 2015, the role of government in large scale gas projects in foreign countries, and emerging technologies in gas field development that are making natural gas more economical to market, 9:30 a.m., SD-366.

*Committee on Governmental Affairs*, to resume hearings to examine certain matters with regard to the committee's special investigation on campaign financing, 10 a.m., SH-216.

*Committee on the Judiciary*, to hold hearings on proposed legislation to authorize funds for the Office of National Drug Control Policy, 10 a.m., SD-226.

Full Committee, business meeting, to resume markup of S. 10, to reduce violent juvenile crime, promote accountability by juvenile criminals, and punish and deter violent gang crime, and to mark up S. 53, to require the general application of the antitrust laws to major league baseball, 2 p.m., SD-226.

*Committee on Labor and Human Resources*, business meeting, to mark up S. 1020, proposed Arts and Humanities Amendments of 1997, S. 1046, proposed National Science Foundation Authorization of 1997, proposed Workforce Improvement Partnership Act, and to consider pending nominations, 9:30 a.m., SD-430.

### House

*Committee on Agriculture*, Subcommittee on Risk Management and Specialty Crops, hearing on the Commodity Futures Trading Commission's proposal to lift the prohibition on agricultural trade options, 1:30 p.m., 1300 Longworth.

*Committee on Banking and Financial Services*, hearing on the Conduct of Monetary Policy, 10 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.

*Committee on Commerce*, to mark up the following bills: H.R. 1262, Securities and Exchange Commission Authorization Act of 1997; H.R. 1839, National Salvage Motor Vehicle Consumer Protection Act of 1997; and H.R. 2032, to make correct certain provisions of the Safe Drinking Water Act, 10 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

*Committee on Education and the Workforce*, Subcommittee on Workforce Protections, hearing to examine the Occupational Safety and Health Administration's reinvention project, 10:30 a.m., 2175 Rayburn.

*Committee on International Relations*, hearing on Iran Libya Sanctions Act—One Year Later, 10 a.m., 2172 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on International Economic Policy and Trade, hearing on Microcredit and Microenterprise: The Road to Self-Reliance, 2 p.m. 2172 Rayburn.

*Committee on the Judiciary*, to mark up the following; H.R. 1109, to amend the Immigration and Nationality