

Frank Culbertson, Manager, Phase I Program, Lyndon B. Johnson Space Center; Marcia S. Smith, Specialist in Aerospace and Telecommunications Policy, Congressional Research Service, Library of Congress; and a public witness.

DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS— STRATEGIC PLAN

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations held a hearing on the Department of Veterans Affairs strategic plan required by the Government Performance and Results Act. Testimony was heard from Cynthia M. Fagnoni, Associate Director, Health, Education, and Human Services Division, GAO; Dennis Duffy, Assistant Secretary, Policy and Planning, Department of Veterans Affairs; the following officials of the Department of Defense: Charles Cragin, Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary (Reserve Affairs); Gary Christopherson, Acting Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary (Health Affairs); and Lt. Gen. Norman Lezy, USAF, Deputy Assistant Secretary (Military Personnel Policy); Al Borrego, Assistant Secretary-Designate, Veterans' Employment and Training Services, Department of Labor; Dennis W. Snook, Specialist, Social Legislation, Education and Public Welfare Division, Congressional Research Service, Library of Congress; and representatives of veterans' organizations.

CHILD SUPPORT INCENTIVES LEGISLATION

Committee on Ways and Means: Subcommittee on Human Resources approved for full Committee action amended H.R. 2487, Child Support Incentive Act of 1997.

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 public witnesses.

Joint Meetings

APPROPRIATIONS—DEFENSE

Conferees met to continue to resolve the differences between the Senate and House-passed versions of

H.R. 2266, making appropriations for the Department of Defense for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1998, but did not complete action thereon, and will meet again tomorrow.

RELIGIOUS INTOLERANCE IN EUROPE

Commission on Security and Cooperation in Europe (Helsinki Commission): Commission concluded hearings to examine religious intolerance in participating States of the Organization on Security and Cooperation in Europe, focusing on government actions and policies inhibiting and restricting the profession and practice of religions or beliefs, and related measures, after receiving testimony from Ekaterina Smyslova, Institute of Religion and Law, Moscow, Russia; Rev. Drew Christiansen, United States Catholic Conference, Washington, D.C.; George Papaioannou, Bethesda, Maryland, on behalf of the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of North and South America; James M. McCabe, San Diego, California, on behalf of the Watchtower Bible and Tract Society of Pennsylvania; W. Cole Durham, Jr., Brigham Young University School of Law, Provo, Utah, on behalf of the International Academy of Freedom of Religion and Belief; Shimon Samuels, Simon Wiesenthal Center, Paris, France; Laila Al-Marayati, Muslim Women's League, Los Angeles, California, on behalf of the Department of State Advisory Committee on Religious Freedom Abroad; Steven V. Selthoffer, Evangelical Christian Church, and Terry D. Jones, Christliche Gemeinde Koln, both of Cologne, Germany; and John Travolta, Chick Corea, and Issac Hayes, all of Hollywood, California, all on behalf of the Church of Scientology.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 19, 1997

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

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

House

No committee meetings are scheduled.