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OVERSIGHT

Committee on Resources: Held an oversight hearing on issues surrounding use of fire as a management tool and its risks and benefits as they relate to the health of the National Forests and the EPA's National Ambient Air Quality Standards. Testimony was heard from Bruce Babbitt, Secretary of the Interior; Dan Glickman, Secretary of Agriculture; Carol M. Browner, Administrator, EPA; and public witnesses.

OVERSIGHT—BLM'S GRAZING REDUCTIONS

Committee on Resources: Subcommittee on National Parks and Public Lands held an oversight hearing on Grazing Reductions and other issues on BLM lands. Testimony was heard from Maitland Sharpe, Assistant Director, Renewable Resources and Planning, Department of the Interior; and public witnesses.

DOMAIN NAME SYSTEM

Committee on Science: Subcommittee on Basic Research continued hearings on Domain Name System (Part 2). Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

FAA'S EFFORTS TO CLOSE FLIGHT SERVICE STATIONS

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure: Subcommittee on Aviation held a hearing on FAA's efforts to close and consolidate flight service stations and to consider H.R. 1454, to prohibit the Administrator of the Federal Aviation Administration from closing certain flight service stations. Testimony was heard from Representative Riggs; Ronald E. Morgan, Director, Air Traffic, FAA, Department of Transportation; Nancy Flemming, Mayor, Eureka, California; and public witnesses.

VETERANS LEGISLATION

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: Ordered reported the following bills: H.R. 1703, amended, Department of Veterans Affairs Employment Discrimination Prevention Act; and H.R. 2571, to authorize major medical facility projects and major medical facility leases for the Department of Veterans Affairs for fiscal year 1998.

FAST TRACK TRADE AUTHORITY

Committee on Ways and Means: Subcommittee on Trade held a hearing on the implementation of Fast Track Trade Authority. Testimony was heard from Representatives Gephardt, Kolbe, Visclosky, Blumenauer, Dooley of California and Moran of Virginia; Charlene Barshefsky, U.S. Trade Representative; and public witnesses.

GULFLINK BRIEFING

Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence: Meet in executive session to hold a briefing on Gulflink. The Committee was briefed by departmental witnesses.

Joint Meetings

APPROPRIATIONS—TREASURY/POSTAL SERVICE

Conferees on Monday, September 29, agreed to file a conference report on the differences between the Senate- and House-passed versions of H.R. 2378, making appropriations for the Treasury Department, the United States Postal Service, the Executive Office of the President, and certain independent agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1998.

APPROPRIATIONS—INTERIOR

Conferees continued in evening session to resolve the differences between the Senate- and House-passed versions of H.R. 2107, making appropriations for the Department of the Interior and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1998.

APPROPRIATIONS—VA/HUD

Conferees agreed to file a conference report on the differences between the Senate- and House-passed versions of H.R. 2158, making appropriations for the Departments of Veterans Affairs and Housing and Urban Development, and for sundry independent agencies, commissions, corporations, and offices for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1998.

AUTHORIZATION—FOREIGN ASSISTANCE

Conferees continued to resolve the differences between the Senate- and House-passed versions of H.R. 1757, to consolidate international affairs agencies, and to authorize funds for the Department of State and related agencies for fiscal years 1998 and 1999, but did not complete action thereon, and recessed subject to call.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 1, 1997

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Appropriations, Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, to hold hearings to examine the results of a nationwide study by the National Cancer Institute of radioactive fallout from nuclear testing in the 1950s, 9 a.m., SD-192.

Committee on Armed Services, to hold hearings on the nomination of Jacques S. Gansler, of Virginia, to be Under Secretary of Defense for Acquisition and Technology, 10 a.m., SR-222.

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation, to hold hearings on the nomination of William E. Kennard,

of California, to be a Member of the Federal Communications Commission, 9 a.m., SR-253.

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources, Subcommittee on National Parks, Historic Preservation, and Recreation, to hold hearings on S. 940, to provide for a study of the establishment of Midway Atoll as a national memorial to the Battle of Midway, and H.R. 765, to ensure maintenance of a herd of wild horses in Cape Lookout National Seashore, 2 p.m., SD-366.

Committee on Finance, business meeting, to mark up proposed legislation relating to tax provisions for the Intermodal Surface Transportation Act of 1997, proposed legislation providing fast track trade negotiating authority, and proposed legislation providing special tariff treatment for certain Caribbean Basin countries, 10 a.m., SD-215.

Committee on Foreign Relations, Subcommittee on Near Eastern and South Asian Affairs, to hold hearings to examine recent events in Algeria, 10 a.m., SD-419.

Committee on the Judiciary, to hold hearings to examine Congress' constitutional role in protecting religious liberty, 10 a.m., SD-226.

Committee on Labor and Human Resources, to hold hearings to examine voluntary initiatives to expand health insurance coverage, 10 a.m., SD-430.

Committee on Rules and Administration, closed business meeting, concerning petitions filed in connection with a contested U.S. Senate election held in Louisiana in November 1996, 10 a.m., SR-301.

Select Committee on Intelligence, to hold hearings on the nomination of Lt. Gen. John A. Gordon, USAF, to be Deputy Director of Central Intelligence, 2 p.m., SD-106.

House

Committee on Agriculture, Subcommittee on Department Operations, Nutrition, and Foreign Agriculture, hearing to review the USDA's Government Performance and Results Act statement, 10 a.m., 1300 Longworth.

Committee on Banking and Financial Services, Subcommittee on Capital Markets, Securities and Government Sponsored Enterprises, hearing on Financial Accounting Standard's Board (FASB) accounting rules for derivatives, 10 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Domestic and International Monetary Policy, hearing on Printing Flaws on the Redesigned \$50 Bills, 1 p.m., 2222 Rayburn.

Committee on Commerce, Subcommittee on Health and Environment and the Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations, joint hearing on the Implementation of the Clean Air Act National Ambient Air Quality Standards (NAAQS) Revisions for Ozone and Particulate Matter, 10 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

Committee on Education and the Workforce, to markup H.R. 2535, Emergency Student Loan Consolidation Act of 1997, 10:30 a.m., 2175 Rayburn.

Committee on Government Reform and Oversight, Subcommittee on Civil Service, hearing on "Contracting Out—Successes and Failures," 10:30 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

Committee on International Relations, hearing on the Threat from International Organized Crime and Global Terrorism, 10 a.m., 2172 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Africa, to markup H. Con. Res. 130, concerning the situation in Kenya; to be followed by a hearing on the Africa Crisis Response Initiative, 1 p.m., 2255 Rayburn.

Committee on the Judiciary, Subcommittee on Crime, oversight hearing on marijuana referenda movement in America, 9:30 a.m., 2141 Rayburn.

Committee on National Security, Subcommittee on Military Personnel, hearing on the Department of the Army reports on and corrective actions related to recent cases of sexual misconduct and related matters, 9:30 a.m., 2118 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Military Research and Development, hearing on security of Russian nuclear weapons, 2 p.m., 2118 Rayburn.

Committee on Resources, to consider the following measures: H. Con. Res. 151, expressing the sense of the Congress that the United States should manage its public domain National Forests to maximize the reduction of carbon dioxide in the atmosphere among many other objectives and that the United States should serve as an example and as a world leader in actively managing its public domain national forests in a manner that substantially reduces the amount of carbon dioxide added to the atmosphere; H.R. 1567, Eastern Wilderness Act; H.R. 1856, Volunteers for Wildlife Act of 1997; H.R. 2000, to amend the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act to make certain clarifications to the land bank protection provisions; H.R. 2259, King Cove Health and Safety Act of 1997; and H.R. 2402, Water-Related Technical Corrections Act of 1997, 11 a.m., 1324 Longworth.

Committee on Science, Subcommittee on Space and Aeronautics, hearing on Space Shuttle Safety, 10 a.m., 2318 Rayburn.

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, Subcommittee on Aviation, hearing on allegations of cost overruns and delays in the FAA's wide area augmentation system (WAAS), 9:30 a.m., 2167 Rayburn.

Committee on Ways and Means, to markup H.R. 2195, Laogai Slave Labor Products Act of 1997, 1 p.m., 1100 Longworth.