

was heard from Chairman Archer and Representative Rangel.

LOAN PROGRAMS AND THEIR EFFECTIVENESS

Committee on Small Business: Held a hearing on the SBA's 7(a) and 504 loan programs and their effectiveness in serving economically distressed and disadvantaged areas. Testimony was heard from Aida Alvarez, Administrator, SBA; and public witnesses.

IRS RESTRUCTURING AND REFORM ACT OF 1997

Committee on Ways and Means: Ordered reported amended H.R. 2676, Internal Revenue Service Restructuring and Reform Act of 1997.

BILLS VETOED

H.R. 1122, to amend title 18, United States Code, to ban partial-birth abortion. Vetoed October 10, 1997.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR THURSDAY, OCTOBER 23, 1997

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Appropriations, to continue hearings to examine the costs of enlarging NATO membership to include Poland, Hungary, and the Czech Republic, 10 a.m., SD-192.

Full Committee, business meeting, to mark up S. 1292, disapproving the cancellations transmitted by the President on October 6, 1997, regarding Public Law 105-45 (Military Construction Appropriations for Fiscal Year 1998), 2:30 p.m., SD-192.

Committee on Armed Services, to hold hearings on the nominations of Lt. Gen. Peter J. Schoemaker, USA, to be Commander-in-Chief, United States Special Operations Command and for appointment to the grade of general, and Lt. Gen. John A. Gordon, USAF, to be Deputy Director of Central Intelligence and for appointment to the grade of general, 10 a.m., SR-222.

Full Committee, business meeting, to consider pending nominations, 4:15 p.m., SR-222.

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs, to hold hearings on S. 318, to require automatic cancellation and notice of cancellation rights with respect to private mortgage insurance which is required by a creditor as a condition for entering into a residential mortgage transaction, and S. 1228, to provide for a 10-year circulating commemorative coin program to commemorate each of the 50 States, 10 a.m., SD-538.

Full Committee, to hold hearings on pending nominations, 2:30 p.m., SD-538.

Committee on the Budget, to hold hearings to examine public pension programs in Europe, 10 a.m., SD-608.

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation, business meeting, to mark up certain provisions of legislation relating to intermodal transportation safety, 10 a.m., SR-253.

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources, to hold oversight hearings on the issue of peaceful nuclear cooperation with China, 10 a.m., SD-366.

Subcommittee on National Parks, Historic Preservation, and Recreation, to hold hearings on S. 633, to adjust the boundary of the Petroglyph National Monument, and S. 1132, to modify the boundaries of the Bandelier National Monument, 2 p.m., SD-366.

Committee on Environment and Public Works, to hold hearings to examine the Army Corps of Engineers flood control project at Devils Lake, North Dakota, 9 a.m., SD-406.

Committee on Finance, to hold hearings on the nomination of Charles Rossotti, of the District of Columbia, to be Commissioner of Internal Revenue, Department of the Treasury, 10 a.m., SD-215.

Committee on Foreign Relations, to hold hearings on the nominations of Daniel Fried, of the District of Columbia, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Poland, Peter Francis Tufo, of New York, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Hungary, Alexander R. Vershbow, of the District of Columbia, to be United States Permanent Representative on the Council of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization, with the rank and status of Ambassador, Thomas J. Miller, of Virginia, for the rank of Ambassador during his tenure of service as Special Coordinator for Cyprus, David Timothy Johnson, of Georgia, for the rank of Ambassador during his tenure of service as Head of the United States Delegation to the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe, Kathryn Walt Hall, of Texas, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Austria, and James Carew Rosapepe, of Maryland, to be Ambassador to Romania, 2 p.m., SD-406.

Subcommittee on International Economic Policy, Export and Trade Promotion, to hold hearings to examine United States economic and strategic interests in the Caspian Sea region, 2 p.m., SD-419.

Committee on Governmental Affairs, to continue 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, business meeting, to consider pending calendar business, 10 a.m., SD-226.

Committee on Labor and Human Resources, to hold hearings on S. 869, to prohibit employment discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation, 10 a.m., SD-430.

Committee on Indian Affairs, business meeting, to consider pending calendar business, 9 a.m., SR-485.

NOTICE

For a listing of Senate committee meetings scheduled ahead, see pages E2053-54 in today's Record.

House

Committee on Agriculture, hearing to review H.R. 2185, USDA Accountability and Equity Act of 1997, and other civil rights measures, 9:30 a.m., 1300 Longworth.