

BUDGET REQUEST

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: Held a hearing on the Department of Veterans Affairs budget request for FY 1999. Testimony was heard from Togo D. West, Jr., Acting Secretary, Department of Veterans Affairs.

VOCATIONAL REHABILITATION PROGRAMS

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: Subcommittee on Benefits held a hearing on the Department of Veterans Affairs Vocational Rehabilitation Programs. Testimony was heard from Cynthia M. Fagnoni, Associate Director, Veterans' Affairs and Military Health Care Issues, Health, Educators, and Human Services Division, GAO; Espiridion Borrego, Assistant Secretary, Veterans' Employment and Training Service, Department of Labor; Joseph Thompson, Under Secretary, Benefits, Department of Veterans Affairs; representatives of various veterans organization; and a public witness.

FEDERAL TAX BURDEN

Committee on Ways and Means: Continued hearings on proposals to reduce the Federal tax burden on the American public. Testimony was heard from Representative Thune; June O'Neill, Director, CBO; and public witnesses.

Hearings continue February 12.

**COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR THURSDAY,
FEBRUARY 5, 1998**

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Appropriations, Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, State, and the Judiciary, to hold hearings to examine the scope of telemarketing scams, 10 a.m., SD-192.

Committee on Armed Services, to resume hearings on proposed legislation authorizing funds for fiscal year 1999 for the Department of Defense and the future years defense program, 2 p.m., SR-222.

Committee on Environment and Public Works, business meeting, to consider the nominations of Donald J. Barry, of Wisconsin, to be Assistant Secretary of the Interior for Fish and Wildlife, and Sallyanne Harper, of Virginia, to be Chief Financial Officer, Environmental Protection Agency, time to be announced, S-216, Capitol.

Committee on Finance, to resume hearings on proposals and recommendations to restructure and reform the Internal Revenue Service, including a related measure H.R. 2676, focusing on increasing Congressional and Executive Branch oversight of the IRS, 10 a.m., SD-215.

NOTICE

For a listing of Senate committee meetings scheduled ahead, see pages E102-03 in today's Record.

House

Committee on Agriculture, Subcommittee on Department Operations, Nutrition, and Foreign Agriculture, hearing on the enforcement of anti-fraud provisions of the Food Stamp Act, 10 a.m., 1300 Longworth.

Committee on Appropriations, Subcommittee on Interior, oversight on the Smithsonian, National Gallery of Art, Kennedy Center and the Holocaust Museum, 10 a.m., B-308 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Labor-Health and Human Services, and Education, on public witnesses, 10 a.m., on GAO, and oversight on the Department on Labor, 2 p.m., 2358 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Legislative, hearing on the Joint Committee on Printing, the CBO and the GPO, 10 a.m., H-144 Capitol.

Committee on Banking and Financial Services, hearing and markup of H.R. 3116, Examination Parity and Year 2000 Readiness for Financial Institutions Act and to consider pending Committee business, 10 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.

Committee on the Budget, hearing on the Congressional Budget Office Forecasts, 11 a.m., 210 Cannon.

Committee on Commerce, Subcommittee on Energy and Power, oversight hearing on Department of Energy's Proposed Budget for Fiscal Year 1999, 10:30 a.m., 2322 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Health and Environment, hearing on Preventing the Transmission of the Human Immunodeficiency Virus (HIV), 11 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

Committee on Education and the Workforce, Subcommittee on Employer-Employee Relations, hearing on proposals to provide fairness to small business and employees, including the following bills; H.R. 2449, Fair Access to Indemnity and Reimbursement Act; H.R. 1595, Justice on Time Act of 1997; H.R. 1595, Fair Hearing Act, and H.R. 758, Truth in Employment Act of 1997, 10:15 a.m., 2175 Rayburn.

Committee on House Oversight, hearing on Campaign Reform, 1 p.m., 1310 Longworth.

Committee on International Relations, Subcommittee on Africa, hearing on Algeria's Turmoil, 1:30 p.m., 2172 Rayburn.

Committee on the Judiciary, oversight hearing on the Civil Liability Portions of the Proposed Tobacco Settlement, 10 a.m., 2141 Rayburn.

Committee on National Security, hearing on the fiscal year 1999 National Defense Authorization budget request, 10 a.m., 2118 Rayburn.

Committee on Resources, Subcommittee on Fisheries Conservation, Wildlife & Oceans, hearing on the following bills: H.R. 2807, Rhino and Tiger Product Labeling Act; and H.R. 3113, to reauthorize the Rhinoceros and Tiger Conservation Act, 10 a.m., 1334 Longworth.

Subcommittee on National Parks and Public Lands, hearing on the following bills: H.R. 2098, the National

Cave and Karst Research Institute Act of 1997 and H.R., 2989, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to convey to the St. Jude's Ranch for Children, Nevada, approximately 40 acres of land in Las Vegas, Nevada, to be used for the development of facilities for the residential care and treatment of adjudicated girls, 10 a.m., 1324 Longworth.

Committee on Science, Subcommittee on Space and Aeronautics, hearing on NASA Posture, 1 p.m., 2318 Rayburn.

Committee on Veterans' Affairs, hearing on the research, investigations and programs involving Persian Gulf War veterans' illnesses, 1 p.m., 334 Cannon.

Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence, executive, briefing on Iraq, 1 p.m., H-405 Capitol.