

ROAD FROM KYOTO

Committee on Science: Continued hearings on the Road from Kyoto Part 2: Kyoto and the Administration's Fiscal Year 1999 Budget request. Testimony was heard from John H. Gibbons, Assistant to the President for Science and Technology and Director, Office of Science and Technology Policy; Ernest J. Moniz, Under Secretary, Department of Energy; David M. Gardiner, Assistant Administrator, Policy, Planning and Evaluation, EPA; and Gary R. Bachula, Acting Under Secretary, Technology, Department of Commerce.

SPACE TRANSPORTATION TECHNOLOGY

Committee on Science: Subcommittee on Space and Aeronautics held a hearing on Aeronautics and Space Transportation Technology. Testimony was heard from the following officials of NASA: Richard S. Christiansen, Acting Associate Administrator, Aeronautics and Advanced Space Transportation Technology; and Gary E. Payton, Deputy Associate Administrator (Space Transportation Technology); and a public witness.

REGULATORY FLEXIBILITY ACT COMPLIANCE

Committee on Small Business: Held a hearing to examine Federal Agency compliance with section 610 of the Regulatory Flexibility Act. Testimony was heard from L. Nye Stevens, Director, Federal Management and Workforce Issues, GAO; Enrique Figueroa, Administrator, Agricultural Marketing Service, USDA; Nancy E. McFadden, General Counsel, Department of Transportation; Debra A. Valentine, General Counsel, FTC; and a public witness.

VA BUDGET

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: Held a hearing on the Department of Veterans Affairs budget request for FY 1999. Testimony was heard from Frank Q. Nebeker, Chief Judge, U.S. Court of Veterans Appeals; Espiridion Borrego, Assistant Secretary, Veterans' Employment and Training Service, Department of Labor; representatives of veterans organizations; and a public witness.

REDUCE FEDERAL TAX BURDEN

Committee on Ways and Means: Concluded hearings on ways to reduce the Federal tax burden on the American public. Testimony was heard from Representatives Hulshof and Kucinich; and public witnesses.

AGRICULTURE TRADE BARRIERS

Committee on Ways and Means: Subcommittee on Trade held hearing on U.S. efforts to reduce barriers to trade in agriculture. Testimony was heard from Representative Thurman; Gus Schumacher, Under Secretary, Farm and Foreign Agricultural Services, USDA; Peter L. Scher, Special Trade Negotiator, Office of the U.S. Trade Representative; and public witnesses.

NEW PUBLIC LAWS

(For last listing of Public Laws, see DAILY DIGEST, p. D73)

H.R. 1271, to authorize the Federal Aviation Administration's research, engineering, and development programs for fiscal years 1998 and 1999. Signed February 11, 1998. (P.L. 105-155)

H.R. 3042, to amend the Morris K. Udall Scholarship and Excellence in National Environmental and Native American Public Policy Act of 1992 to establish the United States Institute for Environmental Conflict Resolution to conduct environmental conflict resolution and training. Signed February 11, 1998. (P.L. 105-156)

S. 1349, to authorize the Secretary of Transportation to issue a certificate of documentation with appropriate endorsement for employment in the coastwise trade for the vessel PRINCE NOVA. Signed February 11, 1998. (P.L. 105-157)

**COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR FRIDAY,
FEBRUARY 13, 1998**
Senate

No committee meetings are scheduled.

House

No committee meetings are scheduled.