

Deputy Assistant Secretary (Military Personnel Management and Equal Opportunity Policy), Department of the Army; Keith Pedigo, Director, Loan Guaranty Service, Veterans Benefits Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs; Raymond Boland, Department of Veterans Affairs, State of Wisconsin; representatives of veterans organizations; and a public witness.

### TREASURY REPORT—INNOCENT SPOUSE RELIEF

*Committee on Ways and Means:* Subcommittee on Oversight held a hearing on the Treasury Department Report on Innocent Spouse Relief. Testimony was heard from Donald C. Lubick, Assistant Secretary, Tax Policy, Department of the Treasury; and Lynda D. Willis, Director, Tax Policy and Administration Issues, GAO.

### ASIA TRADE ISSUES

*Committee on Ways and Means:* Subcommittee on Trade held a hearing on Asia Trade Issues. Testimony was heard from Charlene Barshefsky, U.S. Trade Representative; Stuart E. Eizenstat, Under Secretary, Economic, Business and Agricultural Affairs, Department of State; David A. Lipton, Under Secretary, International Affairs, Department of the Treasury; and public witnesses.

## Joint Meetings

### IMF AND INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC POLICY

*Joint Economic Committee:* Committee concluded hearings to examine the financing, procedures, administration, and economic impact of the International Monetary Fund, after receiving testimony from Timothy Geithner, Assistant Secretary of the Treasury for International Affairs; Charles Calomiris, Columbia University, New York, New York; Allan Meltzer, Carnegie Mellon University, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania; and Larry Lindsey, American Enterprise Institute, and C. Fred Bergsten, Institute for International Economics, both of Washington, D.C.

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### COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 25, 1998

*(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)*

#### Senate

*Committee on Armed Services,* Subcommittee on Readiness, to continue hearings on the status of the operational readiness of the U.S. military forces including the availability of resources and training opportunities necessary to meet our national security requirements, 10 a.m., SH-216.

*Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs,* to hold oversight hearings on monetary policy of the United States, 10 a.m., SD-538.

*Committee on the Budget,* to hold hearings to examine long term budget projections and issues, 10 a.m., SD-608.

*Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation,* Subcommittee on Surface Transportation and Merchant Marine, to hold hearings on proposed legislation authorizing funds for programs of the Rail Safety Act, 2 p.m., SR-253.

*Committee on Energy and Natural Resources,* Subcommittee on Forests and Public Land Management, to hold oversight hearings on the use of speciality forest products from the National Forests, 10:30 a.m., SD-366.

*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, 10 a.m., SD-215.

*Committee on Foreign Relations,* Subcommittee on International Economic Policy, Export and Trade Promotion, to hold hearings on the implementation of U.S. policy on construction of a Western Caspian Sea oil pipeline, 10 a.m., SD-419.

Full Committee, to hold hearings on the nomination of Robert T. Grey, Jr., of Virginia, for the rank of Ambassador during his tenure of service as United States Representative to the Conference on Disarmament, 2 p.m., SD-419.

*Committee on the Judiciary,* to hold hearings to examine incidences of high tech worker shortage and immigration policy, 10 a.m., SD-226.

Full Committee, to hold hearings on pending judicial nominations, 2 p.m., SD-226.

*Committee on Labor and Human Resources,* to hold hearings to examine how to mobilize school and community resources during non-school hours, 9:30 a.m., SD-430.

*Committee on Rules and Administration,* to hold oversight hearings on the strategic plan implementation including budget requests for the operations of the Office of the Secretary of the Senate, the Sergeant at Arms and the Architect of the Capitol, 9 a.m., SR-301.

*Committee on Indian Affairs,* to hold hearings on the President's proposed budget request for fiscal year 1999 for Indian programs, 9:30 a.m., SD-562.

#### House

*Committee on Appropriations,* Subcommittee on Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies, on FDA, 1 p.m., 2362-A Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, State, and Judiciary, on Legal Services Corporation, 10:30 a.m., H-309 Capitol, and on the Secretary of State, 2 p.m., 2358 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Foreign Operations, Export Financing and Related Programs, on Security Assistance, 10 a.m., H-144 Capitol.

Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, on Pension Agencies and Office of Inspector General (Labor), 10 a.m., and on the Employment

Standards Administration and Bureau of Labor Statistics, 2 p.m., 2358 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Military Construction, on Army Construction, 9:30 a.m., B-300 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on National Security, on FY 1999, Navy/Marine Corps Budget Overview, 10 a.m., 2212 Rayburn, and, executive, on FY 1999, Navy/Marine Corps Acquisition Program, 1:30 p.m., H-140 Capitol.

Subcommittee on Treasury, Postal Service, and General Government, on Treasury Law Enforcement, 10 a.m. and 2 p.m., 2359 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on VA, HUD and Independent Agencies, on Consumer Product Safety Commission, 2:30 p.m., and on the Consumer Information Center, 3:30 p.m., H-143 Capitol.

*Committee on Commerce*, Subcommittee on Telecommunications, Trade, and Consumer Protection, hearing on the tobacco settlement, 10:30 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

*Committee on Government Reform and Oversight*, hearing on "Yah Lin'Charlie" Trie's Relationship with the Democratic National Committee and the Administration," 10 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

*Committee on International Relations*, hearing on U.S. Options in Confronting Iraq, 10 a.m., 2172 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on International Operations and Human Rights, to mark up H. Res. 364, urging introduction and passage of a resolution on the human rights situation in the People's Republic of China at the 54th Session of the United Nations Commission on Human Rights; followed by a hearing on the Peruvian Population Control Program, 1 p.m., 2167 Rayburn.

*Committee on the Judiciary*, Subcommittee on Commercial and Administrative Law, to mark up H.R. 1704, Congressional Office of Regulatory Analysis Creation Act; followed by an oversight hearing on the U.S. Department of Justice's Executive Office for U.S. Attorney, Environment and Natural Resources Division, and Executive Office for U.S. Trustees, 10 a.m., 2237 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on the Constitution, oversight hearing regarding the Civil Rights Division of the U.S. Department of Justice, 9:30 a.m., and to mark up H.R. 3206, Fair Housing Amendments Act of 1998, 3 p.m., 2141 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Crime, to mark up a resolution expressing the sense of the House of Representatives that marijuana is a dangerous and addictive narcotic and should not be legalized for medicinal use, 10 a.m., 2226 Rayburn.

*Committee on National Security*, executive, a threat assessment briefing from the intelligence community, 10 a.m., 2118 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Military Readiness, to continue hearings on depot issues, 8 a.m., 2216 Rayburn.

*Committee on Resources*, hearing on the following bills: H.R. 2756, Kake Tribal Corporation Land Exchange Act; H.R. 2812, Unrecognized Southeast Alaska Native Communities Recognition Act; H.R. 2924, to amend the Alaskan Native Claims Settlement Act to provide for selection of lands by certain veterans of the Vietnam era and by the Elim Native Corporation; H.R. 3087, to require the Secretary of Agriculture to grant an easement to Chugranch Alaska Corporation; and H.R. 3088, to amend the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act, regarding Huna Totem Corporation public interest land exchange, 11 a.m., 1324 Longworth.

Subcommittee on Forests and Forest Health, oversight hearing on the Administration's Forest Service Roadless Area Moratorium, 10 a.m., 1334 Longworth.

*Committee on Rules*, to consider H.R. 2460, Wireless Telephone Protection Act, 3 p.m., H-312 the Capitol.

*Committee on Science*, Subcommittee on Energy and Environment hearing on the following: Department of Energy FY 1999 Budget Authorization Request; H.R. 1806, to provide for the consolidation of the Office of Fossil Energy and the Office of Renewable Energy and Energy Efficiency of the Department of Energy; and S. 965, to amend title II of the Hydrogen Future Act of 1996 to extend an authorization contained therein, 1 p.m., 2318 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Space and Aeronautics, oversight hearing on FY 1999 Budget Request: The Sciences at NASA, 10 a.m., 2318 Rayburn.

*Committee on Small Business*, hearing on Reducing America's Small Business Tax Burden, 9:30 a.m., 2360 Rayburn.

*Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure*, Subcommittee on Public Buildings and Economic Development, hearing on GSA FY 1999 Budget, and related issues, 10:30 a.m., 2253 Rayburn.

*Committee on Ways and Means*, to mark up the following bills: H.R. 3130, Child Support Performance and Incentive Act of 1998; and H.R. 1432, African Growth and Opportunity Act, 10 a.m., and to hold a hearing on the revenue provisions in the Administration's FY 1999 Budget, 1 p.m., 1100 Longworth.

*Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence*, executive, briefing on Budget Overview, 2 p.m., H-405 Capitol.

### Joint Meetings

*Joint Economic Committee*, to hold hearings to examine the potential for economic terrorist attacks, focusing on the use of radio frequency weapons, 10 a.m., SD-106.