

FY 1999 BUDGET REQUEST NASA

Committee on Science: Subcommittee on Space and Aeronautics held an oversight hearing on FY 1999 Budget Request: The Sciences at NASA. Testimony was heard from the following officials of NASA: Wesley T. Huntress, Associate Administrator, Space Science; Arnauld E. Nicogossian, Associate Administrator, Life and Microgravity Sciences and Applications; Ghassem Asrar, Associate Administrator, Earth Science; and Joseph Rothenberg, Associate Administrator, Human Space.

REDUCING SMALL BUSINESS TAX BURDEN

Committee on Small Business: Held a hearing on Reducing America's Small Business Tax Burden. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

GSA BUDGET

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure: Subcommittee on Public Buildings and Economic Development met and agreed to postpone a hearing on the GSA FY 1999 Budget, and related issues.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Ways and Means: Ordered reported amended the following bills: H.R. 3130, Child Support Performance and Incentive Act of 1998; and H.R. 1432, African Growth and Opportunity Act.

The Committee also held a hearing on the revenue provisions in the Administration's FY 1999 Budget. Testimony was heard from Lawrence H. Summers, Deputy Secretary, Department of the Treasury.

BUDGET OVERVIEW BRIEFING

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

Joint Meetings**RADIO FREQUENCY WEAPONS**

Joint Economic Committee: Committee concluded hearings to examine the proliferation and use of radio frequency weapons technology, and their potential impact on United States infrastructure and economy after receiving testimony from James F. O'Bryon, Deputy Director, Operational Test and Evaluation Live Fire Testing, Office of the Secretary of Defense; Ira W. Merritt, Missile Defense and Space Technology Center, U.S. Army Space and Missile Defense Command, Huntsville, Alabama; and R. Alan Kehs, U.S. Army Research Laboratories, Adelphi, Maryland; and David Schriener, Ridgecrest, California.

**COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR THURSDAY,
FEBRUARY 26, 1998**

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Appropriations, Subcommittee on Agriculture, Rural Development, and Related Agencies, to hold hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 1999 for the Natural Resources Conservation Service, Department of Agriculture, 10 a.m., SD-138.

Subcommittee on Legislative Branch, to hold hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 1999 for the Secretary of the Senate, the Capitol Police Board, and the Congressional Budget Office, 10 a.m., SD-116.

Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, State, and the Judiciary, to hold hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 1999 for the Department of State, 10 a.m., SD-192.

Subcommittee on Treasury, Postal Service, and General Government, to hold hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 1999 for the Treasury Department, focusing on law enforcement programs, 1:30 p.m., SD-124.

Subcommittee on Defense, to hold hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 1999 for the Department of Defense, 2:30 p.m., SD-192.

Committee on the Budget, to hold hearings to examine the success of the national trade strategy from the perspective of international affairs funding, 10 a.m., SD-608.

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation, to resume hearings to examine the scope and depth of the proposed settlement between States Attorneys Generals and tobacco companies to mandate a total reformation and restructuring of how tobacco products are manufactured, marketed, and distributed in America, 9:45 a.m., SR-253.

Subcommittee on Aviation, to hold hearings to examine the Federal Aviation Administration's (FAA) efforts to upgrade the infrastructure that supports air transportation in the United States, 2 p.m., SR-253.

Committee on Finance, to hold hearings to examine private contracting in Medicare, 10 a.m., SD-215.

Committee on Foreign Relations, Subcommittee on East Asian and Pacific Affairs, to hold hearings to examine whether U.S. unilateral trade sanctions are effective for U.S.-Asia trade policy, 10 a.m., SD-419.

Subcommittee on Western Hemisphere, Peace Corps, Narcotics and Terrorism, to hold hearings to examine drug trafficking and certification, 2 p.m., SD-419.

Committee on Governmental Affairs, Subcommittee on International Security, Proliferation and Federal Services, to hold hearings on S. 1495, to strengthen the ability of the Office of Personnel Management to obtain judicial review to protect the merit system, 2 p.m., SD-342.

Committee on the Judiciary, business meeting, to consider pending calendar business, 10:30 a.m., SD-226.

Subcommittee on Antitrust, Business Rights, and Competition, to hold hearings on oversight of the Antitrust Division of the Department of Justice, focusing on international and criminal enforcement, 2 p.m., SD-226.

Committee on Labor and Human Resources, to resume hearings on proposed legislation to protect the confidentiality of medical information, 9:30 a.m., SD-430.

Committee on Veterans Affairs, to hold joint hearings with the House Committee on Veterans Affairs to review the legislative recommendations of the Non-Commissioned Officers Association, the Paralyzed Veterans of America, the Jewish War Veterans, the Military Order of the Purple Heart, the Blinded Veterans Association, and the Veterans of World War I, 9:30 a.m., 345 Cannon Building.

Committee on Indian Affairs, to hold oversight hearings on the Bureau of Indian Affairs' tribal priority allocations, 11 a.m., SD-562.

Select Committee on Intelligence, to hold closed hearings on intelligence matters, 2:30 p.m., SH-219.

NOTICE

For a listing of Senate committee meetings scheduled ahead, see pages E232-35 in today's Record.

House

Committee on Agriculture, Subcommittee on Livestock, Dairy, and Poultry, hearing to review livestock, dairy, and poultry trade between the United States, Australia, and New Zealand, 1 p.m., 1300 Longworth.

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

Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, State, and Judiciary, on the Attorney General, 10 a.m., 2141 Rayburn and on the USIA, 2 p.m., H-309 Capitol.

Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, on Occupational Safety and Health Administration, 10 a.m., and on GAO, Department of Health and Human Services oversight, 2 p.m., 2358 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Military Construction, on Congressional and public witnesses, 9:30 a.m., B-300 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on National Security, on FY 1999 Army Budget Overview, 10 a.m., and, executive, on FY 1999 Army Acquisition Program, 1:30 p.m., H-140 Capitol.

Subcommittee on Treasury, Postal Service, and General Government, on the IRS, 10 a.m., 2359 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on VA, HUD and Independent Agencies, on Court of Veterans Appeals, 2:30 p.m., and on the Selective Service System, 3:30 p.m., H-143 Capitol.

Committee on Commerce, to mark up H.R. 2369, Wireless Privacy Enhancement Act, 10 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

Committee on Education and the Workforce, Subcommittee on Employer—Employee Relations, to mark up H.R. 3246, Fairness for Small Business and Employees Act of 1998, 10:30 a.m., 2175 Rayburn.

Committee on House Oversight, to continue hearings on Campaign Reform, 10 a.m., 1310 Longworth.

Committee on International Relations, hearing on U.S. Narcotics Policy Toward Colombia, 11 a.m., 2172 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Asia and the Pacific, hearing on Shattered Dream, the Uncertain State of Democracy in Cambodia, 2 p.m., 2172 Rayburn.

Committee on the Judiciary, Subcommittee on Commercial and Administrative Law, oversight hearing on Administrative Taxation: The FCC's Universal Service Tax, 10 a.m., 2237 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on the Constitution, oversight hearing regarding the need for federal protection of religious freedom after *Boerne v. Flores*, 10 a.m., 2226 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Courts and Intellectual Property, to markup the following bills: H.R. 2696, Vessel Hull Design Protection Act; H.R. 2294, Federal Courts Improvement Act of 1997; H.R. 2281, WIPO Copyright Treaties Implementation Act; and H.R. 3209, the On-line Copyright Infringement Liability Limitation Act, 10 a.m., B-352 Rayburn.

Committee on National Security, Subcommittee on Military Installations & Facilities, hearing on FY 1999 budget request for military construction and military family housing of the Department of Defense, 10:30 a.m., 2212 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Military Personnel, hearing on the status and effectiveness of the TRICARE program, 10 a.m., 2118 Rayburn.

Subcommittee Military Procurement and the Subcommittee on Military Research and Development, joint hearing on Department of Defense Modernization for FY 1999, 2 p.m., 2118 Rayburn.

Committee on Resources, Subcommittee on Energy and Mineral Resources, oversight hearing on the Administration's FY 1999 budget request for three agencies within the Department of Interior: Office of Surface Mining, Minerals Management Service, and the Energy and Minerals programs of the Bureau of Land Management, 2 p.m., 1334 Longworth.

Subcommittee on Fisheries Conservation, Wildlife and Oceans, oversight hearing on the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, NOAA, and National Marine Service FY 1999 Budget request, 10 a.m., 1334 Longworth.

Subcommittee on National Parks and Public Lands, oversight hearing on Fee Demonstration Programs-Successes and Failures, 10 a.m., 1324 Longworth.

Committee on Science, Subcommittee on Technology, oversight hearing on the FY 1999 Administration Request for the Technology Administration and the National Institute of Standards and Technology, 10 a.m., 2318 Rayburn.

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, Subcommittee on Aviation, hearing on Issues related to Stolen Airline Ticket Stocks from Travel Agents, 9:30 a.m., 2167 Rayburn.

Committee on Ways and Means, Subcommittee on Health, hearing on Assessing Health Care Quality, 10 a.m., 1100 Longworth.

Subcommittee on Social Security, hearing on the Future of Social Security for this Generation and the Next, 1 p.m., B-318 Rayburn.

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Joint Hearing: Senate Committee on Veterans Affairs, to hold joint hearings with the House Committee on Veterans Affairs to review the legislative recommendations of

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