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#### SPORTFISHING AND BOATING IMPROVEMENT ACT

*Committee on Resources:* Subcommittee on Fisheries Conservation, Wildlife and Oceans held a hearing on H.R. 2973, Sportfishing and Boating Improvement Act of 1997. Testimony was heard from Representative Tanner; Dan Ashe, Assistant Director, External Affairs, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Department of the Interior; and public witnesses.

#### PUERTO RICO—FULL SELF GOVERNMENT

*Committee on Rules:* Granted, by voice vote, an open rule providing 90 minutes of general debate on H.R. 856, to provide a process leading to a full self government for Puerto Rico, equally divided and controlled by Representative Young (AK), Representative Miller (CA), Representative Solomon, and Representative Gutierrez or their designees. The rule makes in order the amendment in the nature of a substitute printed in the Congressional Record and numbered 1, which shall be considered as read. The rule waives clause 5(a) of rule XXI (prohibiting appropriations in a legislative bill) against the amendment in the nature of a substitute.

The rule provides for the consideration, before any other amendment, of amendment numbered 3, printed in the Congressional Record, which is debatable for 1 hour equally divided between Representative Serrano and an opponent. The rule provides for the consideration of amendment numbered 2, printed in the Congressional Record, which is debatable for 30 minutes equally divided between Representative Serrano and an opponent. The rule provides that amendments numbered 3 and 2 shall be considered as read and shall not be subject to a demand for a division of the question in the House or in the Committee of the Whole, and that consideration of those amendments, and all amendments thereto, shall not exceed one hour.

The rule authorizes the Chair to accord priority in recognition to Members who have preprinted their amendments in the Congressional Record. The rule allows for the Chairman of the Committee of the Whole to postpone votes during consideration of the bill, and to reduce voting time to five minutes on a postponed question if the vote follows a fifteen minute vote. Finally, the rule provides one motion to recommit, with or without instructions. Testimony was heard from Chairman Young; and Rep-

resentatives Rohrabacher, Barr of Georgia, Miller of California, Romero-Barcelo, Serrano and Gutierrez.

#### SBA'S BUDGET—ANNUAL PERFORMANCE PLAN

*Committee on Small Business:* Held a hearing on the SBA's fiscal year 1999 Budget and their annual performance plan. Testimony was heard from Aida Alvarez, Administrator, SBA.

#### REPORTS—MEDICARE PAYMENT POLICIES

*Committee on Ways and Means:* Subcommittee on Health held a hearing on reports regarding Medicare payment policies. Testimony was heard from Gail R. Wilensky, Chair, Medicare Payment Advisory Commission; William J. Scanlon, Director, Health Financing and Systems Issues, Health, Education, and Human Services Division, GAO; and public witnesses.

### Joint Meetings

#### VETERANS PROGRAMS

*Joint Hearing:* Senate Committee on Veterans Affairs concluded joint hearings with the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs to examine the legislative recommendations of the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States, after receiving testimony from John E. Moon, Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States, Washington, D.C.

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#### COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR WEDNESDAY, MARCH 4, 1998

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

##### Senate

*Committee on Appropriations,* Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, State, and the Judiciary, to hold hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 1999 for the Department of Commerce, 10 a.m., S-146, Capitol.

Subcommittee on Defense, to hold hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 1999 for the Department of Defense, focusing on Air Force programs, 10:30 a.m., SD-192.

*Committee on Armed Services,* Subcommittee on Airland Forces, to hold hearings to examine military transformation initiatives, 10 a.m., SR-222.

Subcommittee on Readiness, to hold hearings on the ongoing competitions to determine the dispositions workloads currently performed at Sacramento and San Antonio Air Logistics Centers, 10 a.m., SH-216.

Subcommittee on Personnel, to hold hearings on proposed legislation authorizing funds for fiscal year 1999 for the Department of Defense and the future years defense program, focusing on recruiting and retention policies, 2 p.m., SR-222.

Subcommittee on Acquisition and Technology, to hold hearings on proposed legislation authorizing funds for fiscal year 1999 for the Department of Defense and the future years defense program, focusing on policies of the industrial and technology base supporting national defense, 2 p.m., SR-232A.

*Committee on Energy and Natural Resources*, to hold hearings on the President's proposed budget request for fiscal year 1999 for the Department of Energy, 10 a.m., SD-366.

*Committee on Foreign Relations*, Subcommittee on East Asian and Pacific Affairs, to hold hearings to examine the World Trade Organization film case and its ramifications for United States-Japan relations, 2 p.m., SD-419.

*Committee on the Judiciary*, to hold hearings to review the national drug control strategy, 10 a.m., SD-226.

Subcommittee on Antitrust, Business Rights, and Competition, to hold hearings on the implementation of the Telecommunications Act of 1996, focusing on section 271, 2 p.m., SD-226.

*Committee on the Judiciary*, Subcommittee on Technology, Terrorism, and Government Information to hold joint hearings with the Select Committee on Intelligence, to examine the threat posed by the use of biological weapons by terrorists, 2:30 p.m., SH-216.

*Committee on Rules and Administration*, to hold hearings on S. 1578, to make available on the Internet, for the purposes of access and retrieval by the public, certain information available through the Congressional Research Service web site, and on the fiscal year 1999 budget request for the operation of the Library of Congress, and on proposed legislation authorizing funds for the American Folklife Center, 9:30 a.m., SR-301.

*Select Committee on Intelligence*, to hold joint hearings with the Committee on the Judiciary's Subcommittee on Technology, Terrorism, and Government Information, to examine the threat posed by the use of biological weapons by terrorists, 2:30 p.m., SH-216.

### House

*Committee on Agriculture*, to mark up H.R. 2515, Forest Recovery and Protection Act of 1997, 10 a.m., 1300 Longworth.

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

Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, State and Judiciary, on Federal Judiciary, 10 a.m., and on the SBA, H-309 Capitol.

Subcommittee on Foreign Operations, Export Financing, and Related Programs, on the Secretary of State, 9:30 a.m., 2359 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Interior, on Public Witnesses (Energy Programs), 10 a.m., and 1:30 p.m., B-308 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, on Health Resources and Services Administration 10 a.m., and on the Health Care Financing Administration and the Agency for Health Care Policy and Research, 2 p.m., 2358 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Military Construction, on the Air Force, 9:30 a.m., B-300 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on National Security, on Ballistic Missile Defense, 10 a.m., and, executive, on the U.S. Pacific Command/U.S. Forces Korea, 1:30 p.m., H-140 Capitol.

Subcommittee on Transportation, on the Federal Highway Administration and the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, 10 a.m., 2358 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Treasury, Postal Service, and General Government, on Departmental Offices; and the Treasury Inspector General, 2 p.m., 2359 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on VA, HUD, and Independent Agencies, on the Corporation for National and Community Service, 10 a.m., and 2:30 p.m., H-143 Capitol.

*Committee on Banking and Financial Services*, Subcommittee on Financial Institutions and Consumer Credit, hearing to Review the Proposed Rules Regarding the Management of Federal Agency Payments through the Use of Electronic Funds Transfers (EFT), 10 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.

*Committee on the Budget*, hearing on the State of the Economy, 10 a.m., 210 Cannon.

*Committee on Commerce*, Subcommittee on Energy and Power, hearing on the Kyoto Protocol and Its Economic Implications, 10 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Telecommunications, Trade, and Consumer Protection, to mark up H.R. 1872, Communications Satellite Competition and Privatization Act of 1997, 11 a.m., 2322 Rayburn.

*Committee on Education and the Workforce*, Subcommittee on Postsecondary Education, Training, and Life-Long Learning, to mark up H.R. 6, Higher Education Amendments of 1998, 10:30 a.m., 2175 Rayburn.

*Committee on Government Reform and Oversight*, executive, hearing on the activities of China and other countries to influence U.S. policies and elections, 10 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Government Management, Information and Technology, to continue mark up of H.R. 2883, Government Performance and Results Act Technical Amendments of 1997, 3:30 p.m., 2154 Rayburn.

*Committee on International Relations*, hearing on H.R. 2870, Tropical Forest Protection Act, 10 a.m., 2172 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on the Western Hemisphere, hearing on the visit of His Holiness Pope John Paul II to Cuba, an assessment of its impact on religious freedom in Cuba to be followed by a markup on the following measures: H. Con. Res. 222, expressing the sense of Congress, congratulating the former International Support and Verification Commission of the Organization of American States (OAS-CIAV) for successfully aiding in the transition of Nicaragua from a war-ridden state into a newly formed democracy and providing continued support through the recently created Technical Cooperation Mission (OAS-TCM) which is responsible for helping to stabilize Nicaraguan democracy by supplementing institution building, and H. Con. Res. 215, congratulating the people of Cooperative Republic of Guyana for holding multiparty elections, 1:30 p.m., 2172 Rayburn.

*Committee on the Judiciary*, to markup the following measures: H.R. 1704, Congressional Office of Regulatory Analysis Creation Act; H.J. Res. 78, proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States regarding religious freedom; H.R. 3117, Civil Rights Commission Act of 1998; H.R. 2589, Copyright Term Extension Act; H.R. 1252, Judiciary Reform Act of 1997; H.Res. 372, expressing the sense of the House of Representatives that marijuana is a dangerous and addictive drug and should not be legalized for medicinal use; and H.R. 118, Traffic Stops Statistics Act of 1997, 10 a.m., 2141 Rayburn.

*Committee on National Security*, full Committee, hearing on the fiscal year 1999 National Defense authorization budget request, 9:30 a.m., 2118 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Military Procurement and Subcommittee on Military Research and Development, joint hearing on FY 1999 Department of Defense, emphasis on Navy and Marine Corps modernization programs, 1:30 p.m., 2118 Rayburn.

*Committee on Rules*, to consider the following: H.R. 3130, Child Support Performance and Incentive Act of

1998; and H.R. 2369, Wireless Privacy Enhancement Act of 1997, 10 a.m., H-313 Capitol.

*Committee on Science*, oversight hearing on Math and Science Education I; Maintaining the Interest of Young Kids in Science, 2 p.m., 2318 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Energy and Environment, oversight hearing on FY 1999 Budget Authorization Request: NOAA, 10 a.m., 2318 Rayburn.

*Committee on Small Business*, Subcommittee on Regulatory Reform and Paperwork Reduction, hearing on the Regulatory Fairness Program and the first annual Report to Congress submitted by the national Small Business Ombudsman, 2 p.m., 311 Cannon.

*Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure*, Subcommittee on Coast Guard and Maritime Transportation, hearing on the Administration's FY 1999 budget request for the U.S. Coast Guard, 10 a.m., 2203 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Water Resources and Environment, to markup H.R. 2727, Superfund Acceleration, Fairness, and Efficiency Act, 10 a.m., 2167 Rayburn.