

was heard from L. Nye Stevens, Director, Management Workforce Issues, General Government Division, GAO; Jere W. Glover, Chief Council for Advocacy, SBA; Thomas E. Kelly, Director, Office of Regulatory Management and Information, EPA; Greg Watchman, Acting Assistant Secretary, Occupational Safety and Health Administration, Department of Labor; and public witnesses.

FAA AND AIRPORT IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM REAUTHORIZATION

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure: Subcommittee on Aviation continued hearings on reauthorization of the Federal Aviation Administration and Airport Improvement Program. Testimony was heard from Jane F. Garvey, Administrator, FAA, Department of Transportation; Norman Y. Mineta, Chair, National Civil Aviation Review Commission; and public witnesses.

Hearings continue tomorrow.

SHIP SCRAPPING ACTIVITIES

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure: Subcommittee on Coast Guard and Maritime Transportation held a hearing on Ship Scrapping Activities of the United States Government. Testimony was heard from Representative Miller of California; David Heeter, Assistant Attorney General, Department of Justice, State of North Carolina; Patricia A. Rivers, Assistant Deputy Under Secretary, Cleanup, Office of the Deputy Under Secretary, Environmental Security, Department of Defense; and public witnesses.

BUDGET VIEWS AND ESTIMATES

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: Approved Fiscal Year 1999 Budget views and estimates for submission to the Committee on the Budget.

VA PARTICIPATION IN ENERGY MANAGEMENT PROGRAM

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations held a hearing on Department of Veterans Affairs participation in the Energy Management Program. Testimony was heard from John Archibald, Director, Federal Energy Management Program, Department of Energy; Maj. Gen. Milton Hunter, USA, Director, Military Programs, Army Corps of Engineers, Department of Army; and the following officials of the Department of Veterans Affairs: Kenneth Clark, Chief Network Officer, Veterans Health Administration; and Robert A. Palazzi, Chief Design Development, West Haven VA Medical Center; and a public witness.

COMMERCIAL MAPPING TECHNOLOGIES

Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence: Met in executive session to hold a briefing on Commercial Map-

ping Technologies. The Committee was briefed by departmental witnesses.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR THURSDAY, MARCH 19, 1998

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Appropriations, Subcommittee on Legislative Branch, to hold hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 1999 for the Architect of the Capitol, the General Accounting Office, and the Government Printing Office, 9 a.m., SD-116.

Subcommittee on VA, HUD, and Independent Agencies, to hold hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 1999 for the Department of Veterans Affairs, and cemeterial expenses for the Army, 9:30 a.m., SD-138.

Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, State, and the Judiciary, to hold hearings on proposed budget estimates for the Federal Communications Commission, and the Securities and Exchange Commission, 10 a.m., S-146, Capitol.

Subcommittee on Transportation, to hold hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 1999 for the Department of Transportation, 10 a.m., SD-124.

Subcommittee on Defense, to hold closed hearings to examine intelligence issues, 3:30 p.m., S-407, Capitol.

Committee on Armed Services, to hold hearings to examine issues related to NATO enlargement, 10 a.m., SR-222.

Subcommittee on Strategic Forces, to resume hearings on proposed legislation authorizing funds for fiscal year 1999 for the Department of Defense and the future years defense program, focusing on the Department of Energy's science-based stockpile stewardship and management program, 2:30 p.m., SR-232A.

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation, to resume hearings to examine the scope and depth of the proposed settlement between State Attorneys General and tobacco companies to mandate a total reformation and restructuring of how tobacco products are manufactured, marketed, and distributed in America, 9:30 a.m., SR-253.

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources, to hold hearings on S. 1488, to ratify an agreement between the Aleut Corporation and the United States to exchange land rights received under the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act for certain land interests on Adak Island, and S. 1670, to amend the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act to provide for selection of lands by certain veterans of the Vietnam era, 9:30 a.m., SD-366.

Committee on the Judiciary, business meeting, to mark up H.R. 927, to provide for appointment of United States marshals by the Attorney General, and S. Res. 198, designating April 1, 1998 as "National Breast Cancer Survivors' Day", and to consider the nomination of Richard A. Paez, of California, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Ninth Circuit, time and room to be announced.

Subcommittee on Antitrust, Business Rights, and Competition, to hold hearings to examine international aviation agreements and antitrust immunity implications, 2 p.m., SD-226.

Committee on Labor and Human Resources, to hold oversight hearings on the implementation of the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996 (P.L. 104-191), 10 a.m., SD-430.

Committee on Rules and Administration, to hold hearings on the proposed budget request for fiscal year 1999 for the Smithsonian Institution, the Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts, and the Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars, 8:30 a.m., SR-301.

NOTICE

For a listing of Senate committee meetings scheduled ahead, see pages E418-20 in today's Record.

House

Committee on Appropriations, Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, State, and Judiciary, on the DEA, 10 a.m., 2358 Rayburn, and on NOAA, 2 p.m., H-309 Capitol.

Subcommittee on Energy and Water Development, on Power Marketing Administrations, 10 a.m., 2362-B Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Interior, on Secretary of Agriculture, 10 a.m., and on Forest Service, 11 a.m. and 1:30 p.m., B-308 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, on National Institute of Drug Abuse and the National Institute of Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism, 10 a.m., and on National Institute of Mental Health and the National Institute on Aging, 2 p.m., 2358 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on National Security, on Congressional and public witnesses, 10 a.m., H-140 Capitol.

Subcommittee on Treasury, Postal Service, and General Government, on the FEC, 10:45 a.m., and on US Postal Service, 2 p.m., 2359 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on VA, HUD and Independent Agencies, on American Battle Monuments Commission, 10 a.m., and on Office of Inspector General, FDIC, 11 a.m., H-143 Capitol.

Committee on Commerce, Subcommittee on Health and Environment, to continue hearings on the Tobacco Settlement, 10:30 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations, hearing on GAO's Investigative Findings of Alleged Medicare Improperities by a Home Health Agency, 10 a.m., 2322 Rayburn.

Committee on Education and the Workforce, to continue markup of H.R. 6, Higher Education Amendments of 1998, 9:30 a.m., 2175 Rayburn.

Committee on Government Reform and Oversight, to consider the following: H.R. 3310, Small Business Paperwork Reduction Act Amendments of 1998; and Fiscal Year 1999 Budget views and estimates, 10 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

Committee on the Judiciary, Subcommittee on Commercial and Administrative Laws, to continue hearings on the consumer bankruptcy issues in H.R. 3150, Bankruptcy Reform Act of 1998, H.R. 2500, Responsible Borrower

Protection Bankruptcy Act; and H.R. 3146, Consumer Lenders and Borrowers Bankruptcy Accountability Act of 1998, 10 a.m., 2226 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Courts and Intellectual Property, oversight hearing on the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office (PTO), 10 a.m., 2237 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Crime, hearing on H.R. 1524, Rural Law Enforcement Assistance Act of 1997, 10 a.m., 2141 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Immigration and Claims, oversight hearing on the pending and anticipated caseload of naturalization applications, 2 p.m., B-352 Rayburn.

Committee on National Security, Subcommittee on Military Procurement, hearing on the Department of Energy fiscal year 1999 authorization request and related matters, 10 a.m., 2118 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Military Research and Development, hearing on Russian nuclear security issues, 2 p.m., 2118 Rayburn.

Committee on Resources, Subcommittee on Energy and Mineral Resources, hearing on H.R. 3334, Royalty Enhancement Act of 1998, 2 p.m., 1334 Longworth.

Subcommittee on Fisheries Conservation, Wildlife and Oceans, hearing on the following: S. 1213 and H.R. 2547, Oceans Act of 1997, and the Ocean Commission Act, 10 a.m., 1334 Longworth.

Subcommittee on Forests and Forest Health, oversight hearing on Impact and Status of Northern Spotted Owl on National Forests, 2 p.m., 1324 Longworth.

Committee on Science, Subcommittee on Space and Aeronautics, oversight hearing on FY 99 Budget Request: Human Space Flight, 10 a.m., 2318 Rayburn.

Committee on Small Business, hearing on SBA Budget, 10 a.m., 2360 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Empowerment, hearing on H.R. 3241, Charitable Giving Partnership Act, 2 p.m., 2360 Rayburn.

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, Subcommittee on Aviation, to continue hearings on reauthorization of the Federal Aviation Administration and Airport Improvement Program, 9:30 a.m., 2167 Rayburn.

Committee on Veterans' Affairs, Subcommittee on Health, to mark up Fiscal Year 1999 Construction Authorization legislation; followed by a hearing on quality management at the Veterans Health Administration, 9:45 a.m., 334 Cannon.

Committee on Ways and Means, Subcommittee on Human Resources, oversight hearing on implementation of the Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) block grant, 11 a.m., B-318 Rayburn.

Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence, executive, briefing on Overhead Signals Intelligence Study, 2 p.m., H-405 Capitol.

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 Disabled American Veterans, after receiving testimony from Harry R. McDonald, Jr., National Commander, Disabled American Veterans.

KOSOVO SITUATION

Commission on Security and Cooperation in Europe: Commission concluded hearings to examine the current repressive and violent situation in Kosovo, focusing

on the appropriate international response to achieve peace and instill human rights in the region, after receiving testimony from Bishop Artemije, Prizren and Raska; Isa Zymberi, Kosovo Information Center, London, England; Janusz Bugajski, Center for Strategic and International Studies, and Nancy Lindberg, Mercy Corps International, both of Washington, D.C.; and Fred Abrahams, Human Rights Watch, New York, New York.