

### MISCELLANEOUS CONSTRUCTION REQUESTS; GSA IMPROVEMENT ACT

*Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure*, Subcommittee on Public Buildings and Economic Development held a hearing on the Status of the Court-house Construction Program, U.S. Mission to the United Nations Construction Request and comments on H.R. 2751, General Services Administration Improvement Act of 1997. Testimony was heard from Judge Norman Stahl, Chairman, Security and Facilities Committee, Judicial Conference of the United States; Judge Ann C. Williams, U.S. District Court, Northern District of Illinois; Robert Peck, Commissioner, Public Buildings Service, GSA; and Ambassador A. Peter Burleigh, Deputy Representative to the U.S. Mission to the United Nations.

### OVERSIGHT—STANDARDS FOR ADJUDICATING CLAIMS

*Committee on Veterans' Affairs*: Subcommittee on Benefits held an oversight hearing on the standards for adjudicating claims presented by veterans suffering from hepatitis C, cerebral malaria and Persian Gulf illnesses. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Veterans Affairs: Teresa Wright, M.D., Director, Gastroenterology, VA Medical Center San Francisco; John Booss, Director, Neurology; Robert Epley, Director, Compensation and Pension Service, Veterans Benefits Administration; and Nils Roberts Varney, Psychologist, VA Medical Center Iowa City; and representatives of various veterans organizations.

### ADMINISTRATION'S PLAN TO DELAY IMPLEMENTATION OF BALANCED BUDGET ACT

*Committee on Ways and Means*: Subcommittee on Health held a hearing on the Administration's Plan to Delay Implementation of the Balanced Budget Act of 1997. Testimony was heard from Senator Collins; Representative Pappas; Nancy-Ann Min

DeParle, Administrator, Health Care Financing Administration, Department of Health and Human Services; William J. Scanlon, Director, Health Financing Systems, GAO; and public witnesses.

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### COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR FRIDAY, JULY 17, 1998

*(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)*

#### Senate

*Committee on Armed Services*, closed business meeting, to consider the nomination of Daryl L. Jones, of Florida, to be Secretary of the Air Force, 9:30 a.m., SR-222.

*Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs*, Subcommittee on Financial Institutions and Regulatory Relief and Subcommittee on Housing Opportunity and Community Development, to hold joint hearings to review a report on the Real Estate Settlements Procedure Act and the Truth in Lending Act from the Department of Housing and Urban Development and the Federal Reserve, 10:30 a.m., SD-538.

#### House

*Committee on Banking and Financial Services*, hearing on H.R. 4062, Financial Derivatives Supervisory Improvement Act of 1998, 10 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.

*Committee on Commerce*, to mark up H.R. 2281, Digital Millennium Copyright Act of 1998, 10 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

*Committee on Education and the Workforce*, Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations, to mark up a report on "Education at a Crossroads: What Works and What's Wasted in Education Today", 9:30 a.m., 2175 Rayburn.

*Committee on the Judiciary*, Subcommittee on the Constitution, oversight hearing on the Civil Rights Division of the Department of Justice, 9:30 a.m., 2237 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Crime, oversight hearing addressing the civil application of the Racketeering Influenced Corrupt Organization Act (RICO) to nonviolent advocacy groups, 9:30 a.m., 2141 Rayburn.

*Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence*, executive, hearing on Counternarcotics, 11 a.m., H-405 Capitol.