

OCEANOGRAPHIC MONITORING STATUS

Committee on Resources: Subcommittee on Fisheries Conservation, Wildlife and Oceans held a hearing on the status of oceanographic monitoring and assessment efforts on both global and local scales. Testimony was heard from D. James Baker, Under Secretary, Oceans and Atmosphere, Department of Commerce; Rita Colwell, Director, NSF; Rear Adm. Paul G. Gaffney, II, USN, Chief, Naval Research, Department of the Navy; and public witnesses.

OVERSIGHT—NATIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL POLICY ACT PARITY

Committee on Resources: Subcommittee on Forests and Forest Health held an oversight hearing on National Environmental Policy Act Parity. Testimony was heard from Michael Dombeck, Chief, Forest Service, USDA; Ted Ferroli, Senator, State of Oregon; L. Earl Peterson, State Forester, Division of Forestry, State of Florida; and public witnesses.

WORKFORCE IMPROVEMENT AND PROTECTION ACT

Committee on Rules: Granted, by voice vote, a modified closed rule providing 1 hour of general debate on H.R. 3736. Workforce Improvement and Protection Act of 1998. The rule waives all points of order against consideration of the bill in the House. The rule provides that in lieu of the amendment recommended by the Committee on the Judiciary now printed in the bill, the amendment printed in the Congressional Record numbered 1 shall be considered as adopted. The rule makes in order the further amendment printed in the Congressional Record numbered 2, which will be in order without the intervention of any point of order, and will be debatable for one hour equally divided and controlled by the proponent and an opponent. Finally, the rule provides one motion to recommit, with or without instructions. Testimony was heard from Representatives Smith of Texas and Watt of North Carolina.

AFRICAN AVIATION INITIATIVE; AVIATION BILATERAL ACCOUNTABILITY ACT; TRANSATLANTIC ALLIANCES

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure: Subcommittee on Aviation held a hearing on the Department of Transportation's African Aviation Initiative, H.R. 3741, Aviation Bilateral Accountability Act of 1998, and European Commission's preliminary position on 2 transatlantic alliances. Testimony was heard from Rodney Slater, Secretary of Transportation; and public witnesses.

FATHERHOOD INITIATIVE

Committee on Ways and Means: Subcommittee on Human Resources held a hearing on the Fatherhood Initiative. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR FRIDAY, JULY 31, 1998

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry, to hold hearings on pending nominations, 9 a.m., SR-332.

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs, to hold oversight hearings on mandatory arbitration agreements in employment contracts in the securities industry, 10 a.m., SD-538.

Committee on the Judiciary, to hold hearings to examine issues with regard to physician assisted suicide, 10 a.m., SD-226.

Special Committee on the Year 2000 Technology Problem, to hold hearings to examine the Y2K status of the telecommunications industry, 9:30 a.m., SD-192.

House

Committee on Government Reform and Oversight, hearing on Solving the Cancer Crisis: Comprehensive Research, Coordination and Care, 10 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.