

FARM AND RANCH RISK MANAGEMENT ACT

Committee on Small Business: Held a hearing on H.R. 3659, Farm and Ranch Risk Management Act. Testimony was heard from Senator Grassley; Representatives Thurman and Hulshof; and public witnesses.

SMALL BUSINESSES—PENSION REFORM

Committee on Small Business: Subcommittee on Tax, Finance, and Exports held a hearing on pension reform for small businesses. Testimony was heard from Representatives Blunt and Bentsen; and public witnesses.

BRIEFING—UPDATE ON NORTH KOREAN TAEPO DONG MISSILE LAUNCH

Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence: Met in executive session to hold a briefing on Update on North Korean Taepo Dong Missile Launch. The Committee was briefed by departmental witnesses.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 17, 1998

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on the Budget, to hold joint hearings with the Committee on Foreign Relations' Subcommittee on International Operations, to examine Department of State management and budget issues, 10 a.m., SD-419.

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation, to hold hearings to examine the Department of Commerce involvement in the transfer of satellite technology to China, 9:30 a.m., SR-253.

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources, to hold hearings on the nominations of Gregory H. Friedman, of Colorado, to be Inspector General, Department of Energy, Charles G. Groat, of Texas, to be Director of the United States Geological Survey, Department of the Interior, and T.J. Glauthier, of California, to be Deputy Secretary of Energy, 9:30 a.m., SD-366.

Subcommittee on National Parks, Historic Preservation, and Recreation, to hold hearings on miscellaneous bills, including S. 1175, S. 1641, S. 1960, S. 2086, S. 2133, S. 2239, S. 2240, S. 2241, S. 2246, S. 2247, S. 2248, S. 2285, S. 2297, S. 2309, S. 2401, and H.R. 2411, 2 p.m., SD-366.

Committee on Environment and Public Works, to hold hearings on the General Services Administration's fiscal year 1999 capital investment and leasing programs, the fiscal year 1999 courthouse construction requests of the Administrative Office of the United States Courts, and S. 2481, proposed Public Buildings Reform Act, 9 a.m., SD-406.

Committee on Foreign Relations, Subcommittee on International Operations to hold joint hearings with the Committee on the Budget, to examine Department of State management and budget issues, 10 a.m., SD-419.

Committee on Governmental Affairs, to hold hearings on the nominations of Kenneth Prewitt, of New York, to be Director of the Census, Department of Commerce, and Robert M. Walker, of Tennessee, to be Deputy Director of the Federal Emergency Management Agency, 10:30 a.m., SD-342.

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

Committee on Labor and Human Resources, to hold hearings to examine professional developments incorporating advances and teaching, 10 a.m., SD-430.

Special Committee on the Year 2000 Technology Problem, to hold hearings to examine the potential threat of the millennium bug on the solvency of America's pension plans and mutual funds, and to review internal and external activities of fund managers to protect the investments of Americans as they prepare for Y2K, 9:30 a.m., SD-192.

NOTICE

For a listing of Senate committee meetings scheduled ahead, see page E1741 in today's Record.

House

Committee on Banking and Financial Services, hearing on Preparing for the Year 2000: Financial Institutions, Customers, Telecommunications, and Power, 10 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.

Committee on Commerce, Subcommittee on Energy and Power, to mark up the following bills; H.R. 3610, National Oilheat Research Alliance Act of 1998; and H.R. 4081, to extend the deadline under the Federal Power Act applicable to the construction of a hydroelectric project in the State of Arkansas, 3 p.m., 2123 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations, to continue hearings on the circumstances surrounding the FCC's planned relocation to the Portals, including the efforts of Franklin L. Haney and his representatives with respect to this matter and the circumstances surrounding the payments of fees to those representatives, 10 a.m., 2322 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Telecommunications, Trade, and Consumer Protection, to mark up H.R. 3783, Child Online Protection Act, 10 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

Committee on Education and the Workforce, Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations, hearing on the Review of the Management of the Year 2000 Problem by the Department of Labor and the Department of Education, 10 a.m., 2175 Rayburn.

Committee on Government Reform and Oversight, Subcommittee on Census, hearing on "Oversight of the 2000 Census: Serious Problems with Statistical Adjustment Remain", 10 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on National Economic Growth, Natural Resources, and Regulatory Affairs, hearing on "A National ID Card: Big Government at its Worst or Technological Efficiency?" 10 a.m., 2247 Rayburn.

Committee on International Relations, hearing on the United States and Russia, Part II: Russia in Crisis, 10 a.m., 2172 Rayburn.

Committee on the Judiciary, executive, to consider the release of certain documents, records, and materials received

by the Committee from the Independent Counsel on September 9th, 10 a.m., 2141 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Commercial and Administrative Law, hearing and mark up of S.J.Res. 51, granting the consent of Congress to the Potomac Highlands Airport Authority Compact entered into between the States of Maryland and West Virginia; and to mark up the following bills: H.R. 4049, Regulatory Fair Warning Act of 1998; H.R. 4096, Taxpayers Defense Act; and H.R. 4572, to clarify that governmental pension plans of the possessions of the United States shall be treated in the same manner as State pension plans for purposes of the limitation on the State income taxation of pension income, 2 p.m., 2226 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Crime, hearing on H.R. 4258, No Second Chances for Murderers, Rapists, or Child Molesters Act of 1998, 1 p.m., 2141 Rayburn.

Committee on Resources, Subcommittee on Fisheries Conservation, Wildlife and Oceans, to mark up H.R. 4337, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to provide financial assistance to the State of Maryland for a pilot program to develop measures to eradicate or control nutria and restore marshland damaged by nutria; followed by a hearing on the following bills: H.R. 2304, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to make technical corrections to a map relating to the Coastal Barrier Resources System; and H.R. 4248, Migratory Bird Hunting and Conserva-

tion Stamp Promotion Act; and H.R. 4517, Neotropical Migratory Bird Habitat Enhancement Act, 10 a.m., 1324 Longworth.

Subcommittee on Forests and Forest Health, oversight hearing on Forest Service—Backcountry Airstrip Management, 10 a.m., 1334 Longworth.

Committee on Rules, hearing on proposals to amend the standing rules of the House, 10 a.m., H-313 Capitol.

Committee on Science, Subcommittee on Technology, oversight hearing on Industrial Biotechnology: A Solution for the Future? 1 p.m., 2318 Rayburn.

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, Subcommittee on Railroads, hearing on H.Con.Res. 52, urging that the railroad industry, including rail labor, management and retiree organizations, open discussions for adequately funding an amendment to the Railroad Retirement Act of 1974 to modify the guaranteed minimum benefit for widows and widowers whose annuities are converted from a spouse to a widow or widower annuity, 10 a.m., 2167 Rayburn.

Committee on Ways and Means, to mark up the Taxpayer Relief Act of 1998, 10 a.m., 1100 Longworth.

Joint Meetings

Commission on Security and Cooperation in Europe, to hold hearings to examine the current situation in Kosovo, 3 p.m., 2200 Rayburn Building.