

**KOSOVO**

*Commission on Security and Cooperation in Europe (Hel-sinki Commission):* On Thursday, September 17, Commission held hearings to examine United States policy regarding current political and human rights developments in Kosovo, receiving testimony from former Senator Dole, on behalf of the International Commission on Missing Persons in Bosnia; and John H.F. Shattuck, Assistant Secretary of State for Democracy, Human Rights and Labor, and Commissioner, Commission on Security and Cooperation in Europe.

Commission recessed subject to call.

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**CONGRESSIONAL PROGRAM AHEAD**
**Week of September 21 through 26, 1998****Senate Chamber**

On *Monday and Tuesday*, Senate will resume consideration of S. 1301, Consumer Bankruptcy Reform.

On *Tuesday*, Senate will also consider a motion to close further debate on the committee substitute amendment to S. 1645, Child Custody Protection Act, with a cloture vote to occur thereon at 4:30 p.m.

During the balance of the week, Senate may resume consideration of S. 2237, Interior Appropriations, 1999, further appropriations bills, and any legislative or executive items cleared for action, including conference reports, when available.

*(Senate will recess on Tuesday, September 22, 1998, from 12:30 p.m. until 2:15 p.m. for respective party conferences.)*

**Senate Committees**

*(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)*

*Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry:* September 23, to hold hearings to examine public and private forestry issues, 2 p.m., SR-328A.

*Committee on Appropriations:* September 22 and 23, Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, Tuesday, to hold hearings to examine mind/body medical interactions and their potential clinical applications, 11 a.m.; Wednesday, to hold hearings to examine issues regarding the global eradication of polio and measles, 10 a.m.; Tuesday in SD-192 and Wednesday in SD-124.

*Committee on Armed Services:* September 22, to hold hearings on the nominations of Richard Danzig, of the District of Columbia, to be Secretary of the Navy, Bernard Daniel Rostker, of Virginia, to be Under Secretary of the Army, Stephen W. Preston, of the District of Columbia, to be General Counsel of the Department of the Navy, Herbert Lee Buchanan III, of Virginia, to be an Assistant Secretary of the Navy, and Jeh Charles Johnson, of New

York, to be General Counsel of the Department of the Air Force, 10 a.m., SR-222.

September 24, Full Committee, to hold open and closed hearings on the report of the Commission to Assess the Ballistic Missile Threat to the United States, 2 p.m., SH-216.

*Committee on Banking, Housing and Urban Affairs:* September 23, to hold hearings on the nominations of John D. Hawke, Jr., of the District of Columbia, to be Comptroller of the Currency, Department of the Treasury, and Saul N. Ramirez, Jr., of Texas, to be Deputy Secretary, William C. Apgar, Jr., of Massachusetts, to be Assistant Secretary for Housing and Federal Housing Administrator, Cardell Cooper, of New Jersey, to be Assistant Secretary for Community Planning and Development, and Harold Lucas, of New Jersey, to be Assistant Secretary for Public and Indian Housing, all of the Department of Housing and Urban Affairs, 11 a.m., SD-538.

*Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation:* September 22, to hold hearings on the nominations of Sylvia De Leon, of Texas, Linwood Holton, of Virginia, and Amy M. Rosen, of New Jersey, each to be a Member of the Reform Board (AMTRAK), 10 a.m., SR-253.

September 22, Subcommittee on Communications, to hold hearings to examine internet privacy issues, 2 p.m., SR-253.

September 23, Full Committee, business meeting, to consider pending calendar business, 9:30 a.m., SR-253.

September 23, Subcommittee on Science, Technology, and Space, to hold hearings to examine United States commercial space launch industry activities, 2 p.m., SR-253.

*Committee on Energy and Natural Resources:* September 23., business meeting, to consider pending calendar business, 9:30 a.m., SD-366.

September 24, Full Committee, to hold oversight hearings to examine recent Midwest electricity price spikes, 10 a.m., SD-366.

*Committee on Environment and Public Works:* September 22, to hold hearings on S. 2470, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to make technical corrections to a map relating to the Coastal Barrier Resources System, 9 a.m., SD-406.

September 23, Full Committee, business meeting, to consider pending calendar business, 9:30 a.m., SD-406.

September 23, Subcommittee on Transportation and Infrastructure, to hold hearings on the proposed consolidation of the Patent and Trademark Office, 4 p.m., SD-406.

*Committee on Foreign Relations:* September 23, to hold hearings on the nominations of Richard Henry Jones, of Nebraska, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Kazakhstan, and Robert Patrick John Finn, of New York, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Tajikistan, 10:30 a.m., SD-419.

*Committee on Governmental Affairs:* September 23, to resume hearings on information security issues, 10 a.m., SD-342.

September 24 and 25, Permanent Subcommittee on Investigations, to resume hearings to examine the safety of

food imports, focusing on legislative, administrative and regulatory remedies, 9:30 a.m., SD-342.

September 24, Full Committee, business meeting, to consider pending calendar business, 2:15 p.m., SD-342.

*Committee on the Judiciary:* September 22, Subcommittee on Antitrust, Business Rights, and Competition, to hold hearings to examine issues with regard to the BP/Amoco merger, 2 p.m., SD-226.

September 23, Subcommittee on Constitution, Federalism, and Property Rights, to hold hearings to examine issues regarding the right to keep and bear arms, focusing on the Second Amendment as a source to individual rights, 2 p.m., SD-226.

*Committee on Labor and Human Resources:* September 23, business meeting, to consider pending calendar business, 9:30 a.m., SD-430

*Committee on Rules and Administration:* September 24, to hold closed followed by open hearings to examine United States Capitol securities issues, 9:30 a.m., SR-301.

*Committee on Small Business:* September 24, to hold hearings to examine how small businesses can compete with campus bookstores, 10 a.m., SR-428A

*Committee on Veterans' Affairs:* September 22, to hold hearings to examine the quality of care in the VA health care system, 10 a.m., SR-418.

*Committee on Indian Affairs:* September 23, to hold hearings on H.R. 1833, to provide for further self-governance by Indian tribes, 9 a.m., SD-562.

September 24, Full Committee, to hold hearings on H.R. 1805, to amend the Auburn Indian Restoration Act to establish restrictions related to gaming on and use of land held in trust for the United Auburn Indian Community of the Auburn Rancheria of California, and S. 2010, to provide for business development and trade promotion for Native Americans, 2 p.m., SR-485.

*Select Committee on Intelligence:* September 23, to hold closed hearings on intelligence matters, 2:30 p.m., SH-219.

### House Chamber

*Monday, September 21:* The House will not be in session.

*Tuesday, September 22:* The House will meet at 10:00 a.m.—No legislative business.

*Wednesday, September 23* and the balance of the week:

*Wednesday,* the House will meet at 2:00 p.m. for legislative business—no recorded votes are expected before 5:00 p.m.

*Thursday,* the House will meet at 10:00 a.m. for legislative business.

*Friday,* the House will meet at 9:00 a.m. for legislative business.

*Saturday,* the House will meet at 9:00 a.m. for legislative business (Please note it is possible the House will be in session on Saturday).

### Program for the week:

Suspensions (12 bills):

(1) H.R. 2000—Amending the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act;

(2) H.R. 4068—Making Certain Technical Corrections in Laws Relating to Native Americans;

(3) H.R. 2314—Kickapoo Tribe of Oklahoma Federal Indian Services Restoration Act ;

(4) H.R. 1659—Mount St. Helens National Volcanic Monument Completion Act;

(5) H.R. 3381—Gallatin Land Consolidation Act of 1998;

(6) H.R. 1481—Great Lakes Fish and Wildlife Restoration Act;

(7) H. Res. 144—Expressing Support for the Bicentennial of the Lewis and Clark Expedition;

(8) H. Res. 505—Expressing the Sense of the House of Representatives with Respect to the Importance of Diplomatic Relations with the Pacific Island Nations;

(9) H. Con. Res. 315—Expressing the Sense of the Congress Condemning the Atrocities by Serbian Police and Military Forces Against Albanians in Kosovo;

(10) H.R. 4558—Making Technical Amendments to Clarify the Provision of Benefits for Noncitizens, and to Improve the Provision of Unemployment Insurance, Child Support, and Supplemental Security Income Benefits;

(11) S. 1355—Designating the Richard C. Lee United States Courthouse; and

(12) H.R. 81—Robert K. Rodibaugh United States Bankruptcy Courthouse.

Consideration of H.R. 4006—Lethal Drug Abuse Prevention Act (Modified Open Rule);

Consideration of H.R. 3736—Workforce Improvement and Protection Act of 1998 (Modified Closed Rule);

Consideration of H.R. 2621—Reciprocal Trade Agreement Authorities Act (Subject to a Rule);

Consideration of H.R. 4579—Taxpayer Relief Act of 1998 (Subject to a Rule); and

Consideration of H.R. 4578—The Save Social Security Act (Subject to a Rule).

### House Committees

*Committee on Agriculture,* September 23, Subcommittee on Department Operations, Nutrition, and Foreign Agriculture, hearing to review the Emergency Food Assistance Program Enhancement Act of 1998, 10 a.m., 1300 Longworth.

*Committee on Banking and Financial Services,* September 23, hearing on H.R. 4179, to authorize qualified organizations to provide technical assistance and capacity building services to microenterprise development organizations and programs and to disadvantaged entrepreneurs using funds from the Community Development Financial Institutions Fund, 12:00 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.

September 24, Subcommittee on Capital Markets, Securities and Government Sponsored Enterprises, oversight hearing on the Federal Housing Finance Board, 11:00 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.

*Committee on Commerce*, September 25, Subcommittee on Energy and Power, hearing on the Federal Hydroelectric Relicensing Process, 9:30 a.m., 2322 Rayburn.

September 25, Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations, hearing on Implementation of the Abstinence Education Provisions of the Welfare Reform Law, 10 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

*Committee on Education and the Workforce*, September 24, Subcommittee on Employer-Employee Relations, to continue hearings on Impediments to Union Democracy, Part IV: Rank and File Rights at the American Radio Association, 2:30 p.m., 2261 Rayburn.

September 25, Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations, hearing on American Worker Project: Retailers and Manufacturers Concerning the Garment Industry, 10:00 a.m., 2175 Rayburn.

*Committee on Government Reform and Oversight*, September 24, Subcommittee on Civil Service, hearing on FEHB Premium Increases for 1999, 9:00 a.m., 2203 Rayburn.

September 24, Subcommittee on Government Management, Information, and Technology, to consider pending business, 10:30 a.m., 2247 Rayburn.

September 24, Subcommittee on Human Resources, to consider pending business, 9:30 a.m., 2247 Rayburn.

September 24, Subcommittee on Postal Service, to mark up H.R. 22, Postal Reform Act of 1997, 10 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

September 25, Subcommittee on Human Resources, hearing on VA Oversight: The Impact of Restructuring on Health Care Quality, 10:30 a.m., 2203 Rayburn.

*Committee on International Relations*, September 24, hearing on U.S. Policy Toward North Korea, 2:00 p.m., 2172 Rayburn.

September 24, Subcommittee on Africa, hearing on The Future of the Western Sahara Referendum, 10:00 a.m., 2255 Rayburn.

*Committee on the Judiciary*, September 25, Subcommittee on Immigration and Claims, hearing on the following bills: H.R. 4416, to provide a limited waiver for certain foreign students of the requirement to reimburse local educational agencies for the costs of the students' education; and H.R. 4293, to establish a cultural and training program for disadvantaged individuals from Northern

Ireland and the Republic of Ireland, 9:30 a.m., 2226 Rayburn.

*Committee on National Security*, September 24, Subcommittee on Military Personnel, hearing on the adequacy of the fiscal year 1999 Defense health program, 3:00 p.m., 2212 Rayburn.

September 25, Subcommittee on Military Readiness, Subcommittee on Installations and Facilities, and the Subcommittee on Military Personnel, joint hearing on readiness realities, 9:30 a.m., 2118 Rayburn.

*Committee on Resources*, September 23, Subcommittee on Water and Power, hearing on H.R. 3658 Chippewa Cree Tribe of the Rocky Boy's Reservation Indian Reserved Rights Settlement Act of 1998, 2:00 p.m., 1334 Longworth.

September 24, full Committee, to consider pending business, 11:00 a.m., 1324 Longworth.

September 24, Subcommittee on Fisheries Conservation, Wildlife and Oceans, hearing on H.R. 4500, Atlantic Swordfish Management Improvement Act of 1998, 2:00 p.m., 1334 Longworth.

September 24, Subcommittee on National Parks and Public Lands, oversight hearing on Grand Canyon National Park, 9:00 a.m., 1334 Longworth.

*Committee on Science*, September 23, Subcommittee on Basic Research and the Subcommittee on Energy and Environment, joint oversight hearing on the GAO Report on Department of Energy National Laboratory Management Reform, 10 a.m., 2318 Rayburn.

September 24, Subcommittee on Technology and the Subcommittee on Government Management of the Committee on Government Reform and Oversight, joint hearing on Y2K: What Every Consumer Should Know, 2:00 p.m., 2318 Rayburn.

*Committee on Small Business*, September 23, Subcommittee on Government Programs and Oversight, hearing with respect to the SBA Secondary Market in Guaranteed Portion of 7(a) Loans, 2 p.m., 2360 Rayburn.

*Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure*, September 24, Subcommittee on Public Buildings and Economic Development, to mark up the following: GSA Fiscal Year 1999 Leasing Program, Courthouse Construction Projects; and other pending resolutions, 9:00 a.m., 2253 Rayburn.

*Committee on Veterans' Affairs*, September 24, Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations, hearing on 2000 (Y2K) biomedical device issues and their impact on the Department of Veterans Affairs, 9:30 a.m., 334 Cannon.