

Agencies Information Systems, Accounting and Information Management Division, GAO; Kenneth W. Kizer, M.D., Under Secretary, Health, Department of Veterans Affairs; John J. Callahan, Assistant Secretary, Management and Budget, Department of Health and Human Services; and a public witness.

Joint Meetings

APPROPRIATIONS—ENERGY AND WATER

Conferees continued in evening session to resolve the differences between the Senate- and House-passed versions of H.R. 4060, making appropriations for energy and water development for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1999.

WIPO COPYRIGHT TREATY

Conferees met to resolve the differences between the Senate- and House-passed versions of H.R. 2281, to amend title 17, United States Code, to implement the WIPO Copyright Treaty and the WIPO Performances and Phonograms Treaty, to provide limitation on copyright liability relating to material online, but did not complete action thereon, and recessed subject to call.

NEW PUBLIC LAWS

(For last listing of Public Laws, see DAILY DIGEST, p. D1028)

S. 1683, to transfer administrative jurisdiction over part of the Lake Chelan National Recreation Area from the Secretary of the Interior to the Secretary of Agriculture for inclusion in the Wenatchee National Forest. Signed September 23, 1998. (P.L. 105-238)

S. 1883, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to convey the Marion National Fish Hatchery and the Claude Harris National Aquacultural Research Center to the State of Alabama. Signed September 23, 1998. (P.L. 105-239)

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 25, 1998

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Armed Services, closed briefing on the world wide threat and status of U.S. military forces and potential operational requirements, 10 a.m., SR-222.

Committee on Foreign Relations, to hold hearings on the nomination of Robert C. Randolph, of Washington, to be Assistant Administrator for Asia and Near East Affairs, Agency for International Development; to be followed by hearings on the nominations of B. Lynn Pascoe, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to Malaysia, and Diane Edith Watson, of California, to be Ambassador to the Federated States of Micronesia, 9:30 a.m., SD-419.

Committee on Governmental Affairs, Permanent Subcommittee on Investigations, to continue hearings to ex-

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

Committee on Rules and Administration, to continue hearings in open and closed session to examine United States Capitol securities issues, 9:30 a.m., SR-301.

House

Committee on Commerce, Subcommittee on Energy and Power, hearing on the Federal Hydroelectric Relicensing Process, 10:30 a.m., 2322 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations, hearing on Implementation of the Abstinence Education Provisions of the Welfare Reform Law, 10:30 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

Committee on Education and the Workforce, 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, Subcommittee on Government Management, Information, and Technology, to mark up the following: the Statistical Consolidation Act of 1998; H.R. 2635, Human Rights Information Act; H.R. 3032, Construction Subcontractors Payment Protection Enhancement Act of 1998; and a measure to provide for the conveyance of Federal land in New Castle, New Hampshire, to the Town of New Castle, New Hampshire, and to authorize the conversion of the use of certain lands in such town, 11 a.m., 2203 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Human Resources, hearing on VA Oversight: The Impact of Restructuring on Health Care Quality, 10:30 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

Committee on the Judiciary, executive, to consider the re-daction of and the withholding of certain documents, records, and materials received from the Independent Counsel, which would otherwise be required to be released on September 28, 1998, 10 a.m., 2141 Rayburn.

September 25, 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 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, 1 p.m., 2237 Rayburn.

Committee on National Security, 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.

Select Committee on U.S. National Security and Military/Commercial Concerns with the People's Republic of China, executive, to continue to receive briefings, 8 a.m., H-405 Capitol.

Joint Meetings

Conferees, on H.R. 4101, making appropriations for Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies programs, for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1999, 12 Noon, H-140, Capitol.