

of the Abstinence Education Provisions of the Welfare Reform Law. Testimony was heard from Peter Van Dyck, M.D., Acting Associate Director, Maternal and Child Health Bureau, Department of Health and Human Services; Claude Allen, Secretary, Department of Health and Human Services, State of Virginia; and public witnesses.

### AMERICAN WORKER PROJECT

*Committee on Education and the Workforce:* Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations held a hearing on American Worker Project: Retailers and Manufacturers Concerning the Garment Industry. Testimony was heard from Assemblywoman Catherine Nolan, Chairwoman, Standing Committee on Labor, State of New York; and Larry Martin, President, American Apparel Manufacturers Association.

### MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

*Committee on Government Reform and Oversight:* Subcommittee on Government Management, Information, and Technology began consideration of the following bills: H.R. 4620, 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 H.R. 4614, to provide for the conveyance of Federal land in New Castle, New Hampshire, to the Town of New Castle, New Hampshire, and to require the release of certain restrictions with respect to land in such town.

Will continue September 28.

### VA OVERSIGHT

*Committee on Government Reform and Oversight:* Subcommittee on Human Resources held a hearing on VA Oversight: The Impact of Restructuring on Health Care Quality. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Veterans Affairs: Thomas Garthwaite, M.D., Deputy Under Secretary, Health; Denis FitzGerald, M.D., Network Director, VISN-1; Bruce Woolette, D.D.S., Department of Dentistry and Jack Bachman, Department of Neurology, both with the Togus, Maine, VA Medical Center; and public witnesses.

### INDEPENDENT COUNSEL COMMUNICATION—REDACTION OF AND WITHHOLDING OF CERTAIN DOCUMENTS, RECORDS, AND MATERIALS

*Committee on the Judiciary:* Met in executive session and agreed to the redaction 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.

### MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

*Committee on the Judiciary:* Subcommittee on Commercial and Administrative Law approved for full Committee action the following measures: 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 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.

Prior to this action, the Subcommittee held a hearing on S.J. Res. 51. Testimony was heard from Senator Sarbanes; Representative Bartlett of Maryland; and a public witness.

### READINESS REALITIES

*Committee on National Security:* Subcommittee on Military Readiness, Subcommittee on Installations and Facilities, and the Subcommittee on Military Personnel held a joint hearing on readiness realities. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Defense: Vice Adm. Herbert A. Browne, Jr., II, USN, Commander, 3rd Fleet, U.S. Pacific Fleet; Gen. Richard E. Hawley, USAF, Commander, Air Combat Command; and Lt. Gen. Peter Pace, USMC, Commander, Marine Corps Forces Atlantic, Commanding General, Fleet Marine Force Atlantic, Marine Expeditionary Force; and Gen. David A. Bramlette, (USA, Ret.), former Commander, U.S. Army Forces Command.

### TECHNOLOGY TRANSFERS TO CHINA

*Select Committee on U.S. National Security and Military/Commercial Concerns with the People's Republic of China:* Met in executive session to continue to receive briefings.

## Joint Meetings

### APPROPRIATIONS—ENERGY AND WATER

*Conferees* on Thursday, September 24, agreed to file a conference report on 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.

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### CONGRESSIONAL PROGRAM AHEAD

Week of September 28 through October 3, 1998

#### Senate Chamber

On *Monday*, Senate will vote on a motion to close further debate on S. 2176, Federal Vacancies Reform Act, at 5:30 p.m.

On *Tuesday*, Senate will vote on a motion to close further debate on the motion to proceed to consideration of S. 442, Internet Tax Freedom Act.

During the balance of the week, Senate may consider further appropriations bills, and any legislative or executive items cleared for action, including conference reports, when available.

(Senate will recess on *Tuesday, September 29, 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 Armed Services:* September 29, to hold hearings to examine the status of United States military forces and their ability to successfully execute the National Military Strategy, 10 a.m., SH-216.

October 1, Full Committee, to hold hearings on issues regarding plans for Department of Energy national security programs, 9:30 a.m., SR-222.

*Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs:* September 29, Subcommittee on International Finance, to hold hearings to examine the Trade Promotion Coordinating Committee's annual report and the National Export Strategy, 10 a.m., SD-538.

*Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation:* October 1, to hold hearings on S. 2494, to enhance the ability of direct broadcast satellite and other multichannel video providers to compete effectively with cable television systems, 9:30 a.m., SR-253.

October 1, Full Committee, business meeting, to consider pending calendar business, 2:30 p.m., SR-253.

*Committee on Energy and Natural Resources:* October 1, to hold hearings on the nominations of Eljay B. Bowron, of Michigan, to be Inspector General, Department of the Interior, and Rose Eilene Gottemoeller, of Virginia, to be Assistant Secretary for Non-Proliferation and National Security, and David Michaels, of New York, to be Assistant Secretary for Environment, Safety and Health, both of the Department of Energy, 9:30 a.m., SD-366.

October 1, Subcommittee on Forests and Public Land Management, to hold oversight hearings on the Forest Service cabin fees, 2:30 p.m., SD-366.

*Committee on Environment and Public Works:* September 29, to hold hearings on H.R. 2863, to amend the Migratory Bird Treaty Act to clarify restrictions under that Act on baiting, and to facilitate acquisition of migratory bird habitats, 10 a.m., SD-406.

October 1, Subcommittee on Clean Air, Wetlands, Private Property, and Nuclear Safety, to hold hearings on regional haze and mercury pollution, 2 p.m., SD-406.

October 2, Full Committee, business meeting, to consider pending calendar business, 9:30 a.m., SD-406.

*Committee on Foreign Relations:* September 29, to hold hearings on the nominations of R. Rand Beers, of the District of Columbia, to be Assistant Secretary of State for International Narcotics and Law Enforcement Affairs, and Simon Ferro, of Florida, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Panama, 10 a.m., SD-419.

October 1, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine the United States response to international parental abduction issues, 10 a.m., SD-419.

October 2, Full Committee, to hold hearings on the nomination of Frank E. Loy, of the District of Columbia, to be Under Secretary of State for Global Affairs, 2 p.m., SD-419.

*Committee on Governmental Affairs:* October 1, Subcommittee on International Security, Proliferation and Federal Services, to hold oversight hearings to examine United States Postal Service activities, 2 p.m., SD-342.

October 2, Full Committee, to hold hearings on the nominations of John U. Sepulveda, of New York, to be Deputy Director of the Office of Personnel Management, and Joseph Swerdzewski, of Colorado, to be General Counsel of the Federal Labor Relations Authority, 9 a.m., SD-342.

*Committee on the Judiciary:* September 28, Subcommittee on Administrative Oversight and the Courts, to hold oversight hearings to review financial control failures at the Department of Defense, 1 p.m., SD-226.

October 1, Full Committee, business meeting, to consider pending calendar business, 9:30 a.m., SD-226.

October 1, Full Committee, to hold hearings on pending nominations, 3 p.m., SD-226.

October 2, Subcommittee on Antitrust, Business Rights, and Competition, to hold hearings to examine the status of international antitrust cooperation, 10 a.m., SD-226.

*Committee on Indian Affairs:* September 30, business meeting, to consider pending calendar business; to be followed by hearings on S. 2010, to provide for business development and trade promotion for Native Americans, 9:30 a.m., SR-485.

*Special Committee on the Year 2000 Technology Problem:* October 2, to hold hearings to examine general government emergency preparedness, 9:30 a.m., SD-192.

### House Committees

*Committee on Agriculture,* October 2, Subcommittee on Department Operations, Nutrition, and Foreign Agriculture, hearing to review H.R. 4128, to amend the Soil Conservation and Domestic Allotment Act to ensure that States and local governments can quickly and safely remove flood debris so as to reduce the risk and severity of subsequent flooding, 10 a.m., 1300 Longworth.

*Committee on Commerce,* September 28, Subcommittee on Telecommunications, Trade, and Consumer Protection, hearing on Protecting Consumers Against Cramming and Spamming, 10 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

September 29, Subcommittee on Health and Environment, hearing on H.R. 4431, the HIV Partner Protection Act, 10 a.m., 2322 Rayburn.

October 2, Subcommittee on Energy and Power, hearing on Energy Security: What Will The New Millennium Bring? 10 a.m., 2322 Rayburn.

October 2, Subcommittee on Health and Environment, hearing on The Medicare Choice Program After One Year, 10 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

October 2, Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations, hearing on Imported Drugs: U.S.—EU (European

Union) Mutual Recognition Agreement on Drug Inspections, 10 a.m., 2216 Rayburn.

*Committee on Education and the Workforce*, September 28, Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations, hearing on American Worker Project: Department of Labor—Financial Analysis and Management Accountability, 1:30 p.m., 2261 Rayburn.

September 29, Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations, hearing on Correcting Corruption: An Update on the Re-run of the 1996 Teamsters Election, 9 a.m., 2175 Rayburn.

*Committee on Government Reform and Oversight*, September 28, Subcommittee on Government Management, Information, and Technology, to continue consideration of the following bills: H.R. 4620, 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 H.R. 4614, to provide for the conveyance of Federal land in New Castle, New Hampshire, to the Town of New Castle, New Hampshire, and to require the release of certain restrictions with respect to land in such town, 3 p.m., 2154 Rayburn.

October 2, Subcommittee on National Security, International Affairs, and Criminal Justice, hearing on Combating Terrorism: The Status of the Defense Department Domestic Preparedness Program, 10 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

October 2, Subcommittee on the District of Columbia, the Subcommittee on Government Management, Information, and Technology and the Subcommittee on Technology of the Committee on Science, joint hearing on the District of Columbia's Year 2000 Compliance Challenges, 1:30 p.m., 2318 Rayburn.

*Committee on International Relations*, September 28, Subcommittee on Asia and the Pacific, meeting on Cambodia: Where Do We Go From Here?, 1:30 p.m., 2172 Rayburn.

September 28, Subcommittee on International Operations and Human Rights and the Subcommittee on Asia and the Pacific, joint meeting on Human Rights in Burma, 10 a.m., 2172 Rayburn.

October 2, Subcommittee on International Economic Policy and Trade, oversight hearing on Ex-Im Bank, 1:30 p.m., 2172 Rayburn.

*Committee on National Security*, September 28, Subcommittee on Military Personnel, hearing on awarding the Medal of Honor to Theodore Roosevelt, 2 p.m., 2212 Rayburn.

October 2, Subcommittee on Military Personnel, oversight hearing on POW/MIA oversight, 9 a.m., 2118 Rayburn.

*Committee on Resources*, September 28, Subcommittee on Forests and Forest Health, oversight hearing on GAO's Office Study on Forest Health, 2 p.m., 1324 Longworth.

September 29, Subcommittee on Fisheries Conservation, Wildlife and Oceans, oversight hearing on research in National Marine Sanctuaries, 10 a.m., 1334 Longworth.

September 29, Subcommittee on Water and Power, oversight hearing on Garrison Unit Reformulation; to be followed by a hearing on H.R. 1213, Perkins County

Rural Water System Act of 1997, 2 p.m., 1324 Longworth.

October 1, full committee, and the Subcommittee on Asia and the Pacific of the Committee on International Relations, joint oversight hearing on Compacts of Free Association with the Marshall Islands, Federated States of Micronesia, and Palau, 2 p.m., 1324 Longworth.

*Committee on Science*, September 28, Subcommittee on Basic Research, hearing on Remote Sensing Applications as a Research and Management Tool, 2 p.m., 2318 Rayburn.

September 29, Subcommittee on Space and Aeronautics, the Subcommittee on Military Research and Development and the Subcommittee on Military Procurement, of the Committee on National Security, joint hearing on U.S. Spacepower in the 21st Century, 9 a.m., 2318 Rayburn.

*Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure*, September 29, the Subcommittee on Government Management, Information, and Technology of the Committee on Government Reform and Oversight and the Subcommittee on Technology of the Committee on Science, joint hearing to review Aviation Issues related to the Year 2000 Computer Problem Y2K: Will We Get There on Time?, 9:30 a.m., 2167 Rayburn.

September 29, Subcommittee on Coast Guard and Maritime Transportation, oversight hearing on the Overview of the U.S. Coast Guard's Drug Interdiction Strategy, 10 a.m., 2253 Rayburn.

October 2, full committee, hearing to review transportation and infrastructure issues related to the Year 2000 Computer Problem Y2K: Will We Get There on Time?, 9:30 a.m., 2167 Rayburn.

October 2, Subcommittee on Public Buildings and Economic Development, hearing on H.R. 4034, Federal Protective Service Reform Act of 1998, 9 a.m., 2253 Rayburn.

### Joint Meetings

*Joint Economic Committee*: October 2, to hold hearings on the employment-unemployment situation for September, 9:30 a.m., 1334 Longworth Building.

*Conferees*: September 28, 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, 3 p.m., H-144, Capitol.

*Conferees*: September 28, On H.R. 4104, making appropriations for the Treasury Department, the United States Postal Service, the Executive Office of the President, and certain independent agencies, for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1999, 6 p.m., H-140, Capitol.

*Conferees*: October 1, Closed, on H.R. 3694, to authorize funds for fiscal year 1999 for intelligence and intelligence-related activities of the United States Government, the Community Management Account, and the Central Intelligence Agency Retirement and Disability System, 2 p.m., S-407, Capitol.