

Atmosphere, and Administrator, NOAA, Department of Commerce; I. Miley Gonzalez, Under Secretary, Research, Education, and Economics, USDA; and a public witness.

### TRANSPORTATION AND INFRASTRUCTURE ISSUES RELATED TO Y2K PROBLEM

*Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure:* Held a hearing to review transportation and infrastructure issues related to the Year 2000 Computer Problem Y2K: Will We Get There on Time? Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Transportation: Donald Itzkoff, Department Administrator, Federal Railroad Administration; Lee Gardner, Director, Office of Economics, Surface Transportation Board and Nuria Fernandez, Deputy Administrator, Federal Transit Administration; Robert Rose, Chief Information Officer, Railroad Retirement Board; Peter Benjamin, Assistant General Manager, Finance and Program Development, Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority; and Robert Hayward, Director, Management and Information Systems, Metropolitan Transit Authority, Harris County, Texas.

Hearings continue October 6th.

### FEDERAL PROTECTIVE SERVICE REFORM ACT

*Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure:* Subcommittee on Public Buildings and Economic Development held a hearing on H.R. 4034, Federal Protective Service Reform Act of 1998. Testimony was heard from Robert Peck, Commissioner, Public Buildings Service, GSA; and public witnesses.

### 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

### EMPLOYMENT—UNEMPLOYMENT

*Joint Economic Committee:* Committee held hearings to examine the employment-unemployment situation for September, receiving testimony from Katharine G. Abraham, Commissioner, Bureau of Labor Statistics, Department of Labor.

Committee recessed subject to call.

### APPROPRIATIONS—TRANSPORTATION

*Conferees* met to resolve the differences between the Senate- and House-passed versions of H.R. 4328, making appropriations for the Department of Transportation and related agencies for the fiscal year end-

ing September 30, 1999, but did not complete action thereon, and recessed subject to call.

### APPROPRIATIONS—TREASURY/POSTAL SERVICE

*Conferees* on Thursday, October 1, agreed to file a conference report on the differences between the Senate- and House-passed versions of 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.

### APPROPRIATIONS—AGRICULTURE

*Conferees* agreed to file a conference report on the differences between the Senate- and House-passed versions of H.R. 4101, making appropriations for Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1999.

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## CONGRESSIONAL PROGRAM AHEAD

### Week of October 5 through 10, 1998 Senate Chamber

On *Monday*, Senate will vote on a motion to close further debate on H.R. 10, Financial Services Act, at 5:30 p.m.

On *Tuesday*, Senate will vote on a motion to close further debate on 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*, October 6, 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:* October 6, to hold hearings on the worldwide threats facing the United States and potential United States operational and contingency requirements, 9 a.m., SH-216.

*Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs:* October 6, to hold hearings on S. 2178, proposed Children's Development Commission Act, 11 a.m., SD-538.

October 7, Full Committee, to hold hearings on the nomination of Ira G. Peppercorn, of Indiana, to be Director of the Office of Multifamily Housing Assistance Restructuring, 10 a.m., SD-538.

*Committee on Energy and Natural Resources:* October 6, business meeting, to consider pending calendar business, 9:30 a.m., SD-366.

*Committee on Environment and Public Works:* October 6, Subcommittee on Clean Air, Wetlands, Private Property,

and Nuclear Safety, to hold hearings on S. 1097, to reduce acid deposition under the Clean Air Act, 9:30 a.m., SD-406.

October 7, Full Committee, to hold hearings on the nominations of Isadore Rosenthal, of Pennsylvania, to be a Member of the Chemical Safety and Hazard Investigation Board, and William Clifford Smith, of Louisiana, to be a Member of the Mississippi River Commission, 9:30 a.m., SD-406.

October 8, Subcommittee on Drinking Water, Fisheries, and Wildlife, to hold oversight hearings on scientific and engineering issues relating to Columbia/Snake River system salmon recovery, 9:30 a.m., SD-406.

*Committee on Foreign Relations:* October 5, to hold closed hearings to examine START Treaty compliance issues, 2 p.m., SH-219.

October 6, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine the ballistic missile threat to the United States, 2:15 p.m., SD-419.

October 7, Full Committee, to hold hearings on the nominations of William B. Bader, of New Jersey, to be Associate Director for Educational and Cultural Affairs of the United States Information Agency, Harold Hongju Koh, of Connecticut, to be Assistant Secretary of State for Democracy, Human Rights, and Labor, and C. David Welch, of Virginia, to be Assistant Secretary of State for International Organization Affairs, 10 a.m., SD-419.

October 8, Subcommittee on Near Eastern and South Asian Affairs, to hold hearings to examine recent events in Afghanistan, 10 a.m., SD-419.

*Committee on Governmental Affairs:* October 6, to hold hearings on the nomination of Sylvia M. Mathews, of West Virginia, to be Deputy Director of the Office of Management and Budget, 10:30 a.m., SD-342.

October 6, Subcommittee on Oversight of Government Management, Restructuring and the District of Columbia, to hold oversight hearings on the implementation of the Coal Act, 2 p.m., SD-342.

October 7, Full Committee, to hold hearings on the nominations of Dana Bruce Covington, Sr., of Mississippi, and Edward Jay Gleiman, of Maryland, each to be a Commissioner of the Postal Rate Commission, 10 a.m., SD-342.

October 7, Subcommittee on Oversight of Government Management, Restructuring and the District of Columbia, to hold hearings to examine the implications of military adultery standards, 2 p.m., SD-342.

*Committee on the Judiciary:* October 5, Subcommittee on Technology, Terrorism, and Government Information, to hold hearings to examine certain national security considerations in asylum applications, 2 p.m., SD-226.

October 6, Full Committee, to hold hearings on pending nominations, 9 a.m., SD-226.

October 7, Full Committee, business meeting, to consider pending calendar business, 9:30 a.m., SD-226.

October 7, Full Committee, to hold hearings on the implementation of the Radiation Exposure Compensation Act, 2 p.m., SD-226.

*Committee on Veterans' Affairs:* October 6, to hold joint hearings with the House Committee on Veterans Affairs

on the legislative recommendations of the American Legion, 9:30 a.m., 345 Cannon Building.

*Special Committee on the Year 2000 Technology Problem:* October 7, to hold hearings to examine information technology readiness of general business services for the Year 2000, 9:30 a.m., SD-192.

### House Chamber

*Monday,* Consideration of Suspensions.

NOTE: No votes are expected before 5 p.m.

*Tuesday and the Balance of the Week,* Consideration of the Conference report on H.R. 3694, Intelligence Authorization;

Consideration of H.R. 4274, Labor, HHS Appropriations Act (open rule);

Consideration of H.R. 4570, Omnibus National Parks and Public Lands Act (subject to a rule);

Consideration of H.R. 3789, Class Action Jurisdiction Act (open rule); and

Consideration of H.R. 4259, Haskell Indian Nations University and Southwestern Indian Polytechnic Institute Administrative Systems Act (subject to a rule).

NOTE: Conference reports may be brought up at any time.

### House Committees

*Committee on Agriculture,* October 7, 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, 1 p.m., 1300 Longworth.

October 8, Subcommittee on General Farm Commodities, hearing on current U.S. trade issues with Canada, 10:30 a.m., 1300 Longworth.

October 8, Subcommittee on Risk Management and Specialty Crops, hearing on Review of the Commodity Futures Trading Commission's FY 2000 Budget and Annual Performance Plan, 9 a.m., 1302 Longworth.

*Committee on Banking and Financial Services,* October 8, Subcommittee on Domestic and International Monetary Policy, hearing on Will Jumbo Euro Notes Threaten the Greenback?, 9:30 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.

*Committee on Commerce,* October 5, Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations, hearing on Abuses of the Medicare Partial Hospitalization Benefit at Community Mental Health Centers, 1 p.m., 2322 Rayburn.

October 5, Subcommittee on Telecommunications, Trade, and Consumer Protection, hearing on H.R. 4067, Public Broadcasting Reform Act of 1998, 10 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

October 6, Subcommittee on Energy and Power, hearing on The Kyoto Protocol: The Outlook for Buenos Aires and Beyond, 9:30 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

October 6, Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations, to consider the authorization of subpoenas with regard to the ongoing Portals investigation and other pending Committee business, 9 a.m., 2322 Rayburn.

October 6 and 9, 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 payment of fees to those representatives, 9:30 a.m., 2322 Rayburn on October 6 and 2123 Rayburn on October 9.

October 7, full committee, hearing on the Implementation of the Food and Drug Administration Modernization Act of 1997, 2 p.m., 2123 Rayburn.

October 8, Subcommittee on Health and Environment, hearing on the Implementation of the 1996 Safe Drinking Water Act Amendments, 10 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

October 8, Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations, hearing on A Review of the Department of Energy's Hanford Radioactive Tank Waste Privatization Contract, 10 a.m., 2322 Rayburn.

*Committee on Education and the Workforce*, October 6, Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations, hearing on Efforts to Settle the Teamsters' strike at Diamond Walnut Growers, Ind., 9 a.m., 2175 Rayburn.

October 8, Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations, hearing on the Year 2000 Problem at the Department of Education, Part II, 10 a.m., 2175 Rayburn.

*Committee on Government Reform and Oversight*, October 9, Subcommittee on National Economic Growth, Natural Resources, and Regulatory Affairs, hearing on Will the Administration Implement the Kyoto Protocol Through the Back Door? 11 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

*Committee on International Relations*, October 7, hearing on Developments in Europe, 10 a.m., 2172 Rayburn.

October 7, Subcommittee on International Economic Policy and Trade, oversight hearing on Ex-Im Bank, 1:30 p.m., 2172 Rayburn.

October 8, full committee, hearing on Assessing the Administration's Foreign Policy: The Record After Six Years, 10 a.m., 2172 Rayburn.

*Committee on the Judiciary*, October 5, executive, to consider the following: Presentation by Inquiry Staff; a resolution to authorize an investigation as to whether sufficient grounds exist for the House of Representatives to exercise its constitutional power to impeach William Jefferson Clinton, President of the United States; and Committee Impeachment Inquiry Procedures, 9 a.m., 2141 Rayburn.

*Committee on National Security*, October 6, Subcommittee on Military Procurement, hearing on the Department of Energy's Foreign Visitor Program, 10 a.m., 2118 Rayburn.

October 7, full committee, hearing on the state of U.S. military forces and their ability to execute the National military strategy, 10 a.m., 2118 Rayburn.

October 8, Subcommittee on Military Procurement and the Subcommittee on Military Research and Development, joint hearing on Department of Defense modernization, 9:30 a.m., 2118 Rayburn.

October 8, Subcommittee on Military Procurement, hearing on Navy ship donation procedures, 2 p.m., 2118 Rayburn.

*Committee on Resources*, October 6, Subcommittee on National Parks and Public Lands, hearing on H.R. 4119, Tohono O'odham Religious Area Restoration Act, 10 a.m., 1324 Longworth.

October 7, full committee, hearing on H.R. 2822, Swan Creek Black River Confederated Ojibwa Tribes of Michigan Act, 11 a.m., 1324 Longworth.

*Committee on Rules*, October 5, to consider the following; H.R. 4570, Omnibus National Parks and Public Lands Act of 1998; the conference report to accompany H.R. 4194, making appropriations for the Departments of Veterans Affairs and Housing and Urban Development, and for sundry independent agencies, boards, commissions, corporations, and offices for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1999; and H.R. 4259, Haskell Indian Nations University and Southwestern Indian Polytechnic Institute Administrative Systems Act of 1998, 5:30 p.m., H-313 Capitol.

*Committee on Science*, October 6, Subcommittee on Basic Research, oversight hearing on High Performance Computing, 2 p.m., 2318 Rayburn.

October 7, full committee, oversight hearing on the International Space Station, The Administration's Proposed Bail-Out for Russia, 10 a.m., 2318 Rayburn.

October 7, Subcommittee on Basic Research and the Subcommittee on Technology, joint oversight hearing on Transferring the Domain Name System to the Private Sector: Private Sector Implementation of the Administration's Internet "White Paper", 2 p.m., 2318 Rayburn.

October 8, Subcommittee on Technology, hearing on the Fastener Quality Act: Needed or Outdated?, 10 a.m., 2318 Rayburn.

October 9, full committee, oversight hearing on The Road from Kyoto—Part 4: The Kyoto Protocol's Impacts on U.S. Energy Markets and Economic Activity, 10:30 a.m., 2318 Rayburn.

*Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure*, October 6 and 7, to continue hearings to review Transportation and Infrastructure Issues related to the Year 2000 Computer Problem "Y2K: Will We Get There On Time?" 10 a.m., on October 6 and 9:30 a.m., on October 7, 2167 Rayburn.

### Joint Meetings

*Joint Economic Committee*: October 7, to hold hearings on proposals to stabilize the international economy, 10 a.m., 311 Cannon Building.

*Joint hearing*: October 6, Senate Committee on Veterans' Affairs, to hold joint hearings with the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs on the legislative recommendations of the American Legion, 9:30 a.m., 345 Cannon Building.