

FEDERAL MARITIME COMMISSION AUTHORIZATION ACT

Committee on Rules: Granted, by voice vote, an open rule providing 1 hour of debate on H.R. 819, Federal Maritime Commission Authorization Act of 1999. The rule provides that the bill shall be open for amendment at any point. The rule authorizes the Chair to accord priority in recognition to Members who have preprinted their amendments in the Congressional Record. The rule allows for the Chairman of the Committee of the Whole to postpone votes during consideration of the bill, and to reduce voting time to five minutes on a postponed question if the vote follows a fifteen minute vote. Finally, the rule provides one motion to recommit with or without instructions. Testimony was heard from Representative Gilchrest.

OVERSIGHT—DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY BUDGET AUTHORIZATION

Committee on Science: Subcommittee on Energy and the Environment held an oversight hearing on fiscal year 2000 Budget Authorization Request: Department of Energy—Offices of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy, Fossil Energy, and Nuclear Energy, Science and Technology. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Energy: Dan Reicher, Assistant Secretary, Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy; William D. Magwood, IV, Director, Office of Nuclear Energy, Science and Technology; and Robert S. Kripowicz, Acting Assistant Secretary, Fossil Energy.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure: Subcommittee on Aviation continued hearings on the following bills: H.R. 700, Airline Passenger Bill of Rights Act of 1999; H.R. 780, Passenger Entitlement and Competition Enhancement Act of 1999; and H.R. 908, Aviation Consumer Right To Know Act of 1999. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

CAPITAL ASSET PLANNING

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: Subcommittee on Health held a hearing on Veterans Health Administration capital asset planning. Testimony was heard from Stephen P. Backhus, Director, Veterans' Affairs and Military Health Care Issues, Health, Education, and Human Services, Division, GAO; Thomas Garthwaite, M.D., Deputy Under Secretary, Health, Department of Veterans Affairs; and a public witness.

STEEL IMPORTS; BUDGET REVENUE PROVISIONS

Committee on Ways and Means: Ordered adversely reported H.R. 975, to provide for a reduction in the volume of steel imports, and to establish a steel import notification and monitoring program.

The Committee also held a hearing on Revenue Provisions in the Administration's Fiscal Year 2000 Budget. Testimony was heard from Representative Etheridge; Donald C. Lubick, Assistant Secretary, Tax Policy, Department of the Treasury; and public witnesses.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR THURSDAY, MARCH 11, 1999

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Energy and Water Development, to hold hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2000 for the Department of Energy, focusing on defense programs, materials disposition, and non-proliferation, 9:30 a.m., SD-124.

Subcommittee on VA, HUD, and Independent Agencies, to hold hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2000 for Corporation for National and Community Service, 9:30 a.m., SD-116.

Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, State, and the Judiciary, to hold hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2000 for the Department of Commerce, 10 a.m., S-146, Capitol.

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Strategic, to hold hearings on proposed legislation authorizing funds for fiscal year 2000 for the Department of Defense focusing on ballistic missile defense programs and management, and the future years defense program, 10 a.m., SR-222.

Subcommittee on Personnel, to hold hearings on proposed legislation authorizing funds for fiscal year 2000 for the Department of Defense focusing on the defense health program, and the future years defense program, 2 p.m., SR-222. Subcommittee on Emerging Threats and Capabilities, to hold hearings on Department of Defense policies and programs to combat terrorism, 3 p.m., SR-232A.

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: to hold hearings on S. 383, to establish a national policy of basic consumer fair treatment for airline passengers, 9:30 a.m., SR-253.

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Subcommittee on Forests and Public Land Management, to hold oversight hearings on the President's proposed budget request for fiscal year 2000 for the Forest Service, Department of Agriculture, 2 p.m., SD-628.

Committee on Environment and Public Works: to hold hearings on S. 507, to provide for the conservation and development of water and related resources, to authorize the Secretary of the Army to construct various projects for

improvements to rivers and harbors of the United States, 9:30 a.m., SD-406.

Committee on Finance: to hold hearings to explore the ramifications of the changing world economy and the reforms that are needed in the international tax area, 10 a.m., SD-215.

Committee on Foreign Relations: to hold hearings to examine embassy security for a new millennium, 10 a.m., SD-419.

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: to hold hearings to examine patients' health protections, 10 a.m., SD-430.

Committee on the Judiciary: business Meeting to mark up S. 461, to assure that innocent users and businesses gain access to solutions to the year 2000 problem-related failures through fostering an incentive to settle year 2000 lawsuits that may disrupt significant sectors of the American economy, and other pending calendar business, 10 a.m., SD-226.

Subcommittee on Administrative Oversight and the Courts, to hold joint hearings with the House Committee on the Judiciary's Subcommittee on Commercial and Administrative Law on bankruptcy reform issues, 2 p.m., 2237, Rayburn Building.

Special Committee on the Year 2000 Technology Problem: to hold hearings to explore claims that failures caused by the Y2K computer glitch will result in a large number of lawsuits that could negatively impact the courts and business community, 9:30 a.m., SD-106.

House

Committee on Agriculture, Subcommittee on Department Operations, Oversight, Nutrition, and Forestry, hearing on Review of Forest Service fiscal year 2000 Budget, 10:30 a.m., 1300 Longworth.

Committee on Appropriations, to mark up Supplemental Appropriations for fiscal year 1999, 1 p.m., 2359 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, State, and Judiciary, on the Attorney General, 10 a.m., 2358 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Defense, on fiscal year 2000 Navy/Marine Corps Budget, 9:30 a.m., and, executive, on fiscal year 2000 Navy/Marine Corps Acquisition Programs, 1:30 p.m., H-140 Capitol.

Subcommittee on Energy and Water Development, on Energy Resources and Science, 10 a.m., 2362-A Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Foreign Operations, Export Financing and Related Programs, on Security Assistance, 10 a.m., H-144 Capitol.

Subcommittee on Interior, on the Smithsonian, 10 a.m., B-308 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, on Postsecondary Education, and Special Institutions for the Disabled, 10 a.m., and on Secretary of Labor, 2 p.m., 2358 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Military Construction, on Navy Construction, 9:30 a.m., B-3000 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on VA, HUD, and Independent Agencies, to continue Department of Housing and Urban Development, 9:30 a.m., 2359 Rayburn.

Committee on Armed Services, hearing on the various combatant commanders-in-chief (CINC's) on their geographic areas of responsibility and assess the impact of the fiscal year 1999 defense budget request on their respective missions, 9:30 a.m., 2118 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Military Research and Development, hearing on the federal response to domestic terrorism involving weapons of mass destruction—increasing the effectiveness of the domestic emergency preparedness program, 2 p.m., 2118 Rayburn.

Committee on Banking and Financial Services, to continue markup of the Financial Services Act of 1999, 10 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.

Committee on the Budget, hearing on "The Clinton Defense Plan: Shipshape or Treading Water?" 10 a.m., 210 Cannon.

Committee on Commerce, Subcommittee on Energy and Power, to continue hearings on the Exxon-Mobil merger, 10:30 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations, hearing on "Date Rape" Drugs, 9:15 a.m., 2322 Rayburn.

Committee on Education and the Workforce, Subcommittee on Early Childhood, Youth, and Families, hearing on School Violence: Protecting our Children, 10 a.m., 2175 Rayburn.

Committee on Government Reform, Subcommittee on Census, to consider the following bills: H.R. 928, 2000 Census Mail Outreach Improvement Act; H.R. 929, 2000 Census Language Barrier Removal Act; H.R. 1009, to authorize the awarding of grants to cities, counties, tribal organizations, and certain other entities for the purpose of improving public participation in the 2000 decennial census; and H.R. 1010, to improve participation in the 2000 decennial census by increasing the amounts available to the Bureau of the Census for marketing, promotion, and outreach, 10 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on National Security, Veterans Affairs, and International Relations, hearing on "Government-wide Spending to Combat Terrorism: GAO Views on the President's Annual Report", 1 p.m., 2247 Rayburn.

Committee on International Relations, to continue markup of H. Con. Res. 24, expressing congressional opposition to the unilateral declaration of a Palestinian state and urging the President to assert clearly United States opposition to such a unilateral declaration of statehood; followed by a hearing on U.S. Policy Considerations on the Fortieth Anniversary of the Tibetan Uprising and the Dalai Lama's Flight into Exile, 10 a.m., 2172 Rayburn.

Committee on the Judiciary, Subcommittee on Courts and Intellectual Property, to mark up the following bills: H.R. 768, Copyright Compulsory License Improvement Act; H.R. 850, Security and Freedom through Encryption (SAFE) Act; H.R. 769, Madrid Protocol Implementation Act; and H.R. 771, to amend rule 30 of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure to restore the stenographic preference for recording depositions; and H.R. 1027, Satellite Television Improvement Act, 9 a.m., 2237 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Crime, to continue oversight hearings on putting consequences back into juvenile justice, Federal, State, and local efforts, 10 a.m., 2141 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Immigration and Claims, to mark up H.R. 441, Nursing Relief for Disadvantaged Areas Act of 1999; and to hold an oversight hearing on the impact of immigration on low-skilled American workers and on American minority communities, 10 a.m., 2226 Rayburn.

Committee on Resources, Subcommittee on Fisheries Conservation, Wildlife and Oceans, hearing on the reauthorization of the Yukon River Salmon Act, the Fishermen's Protective Act of 1967, and the Intergovernmental Consultative Committee Agreement Between the Government of the United States and the Government of the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics on Mutual Fisheries Relations of May 31, 1988, 10 a.m., 1334 Longworth.

Subcommittee on National Parks and Public Lands, hearing on the following bills: H.R. 66, to preserve the cultural resources of Route 66 Corridor and to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to provide assistance; and H.R. 659, to authorize appropriations for the protection of Paoli and Brandywine Battlefields in Pennsylvania, to direct the National Park Service to conduct a special resource study of Paoli and Brandywine Battlefields, to authorize the Valley Forge Museum of the American Revolution at Valley Forge National Historical Park, 10 a.m., 1324 Longworth.

Subcommittee on Water and Power, to mark up the following bills: H.R. 992, to convey the Sly Park Dam and Reservoir to the El Dorado Irrigation District; H.R. 1019, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to convey lands and interests comprising the Carlsbad Irrigation Project to the Carlsbad Irrigation District; H.R. 841, Welton-Mohawk Transfer Act; and H.R. 862, Clear Creek Distribution System Conveyance Act, 2 p.m., 1334 Longworth.

Committee on Science, Subcommittee on Space and Aeronautics, oversight hearing on fiscal year 2000 Budget: Regulations and Operations, 10 a.m., 2318 Rayburn.

Committee on Small Business, Subcommittee on Regulatory Reform and Paperwork Reduction and the Subcommittee on Government Programs and Oversight, joint hearing on the Small Business Advocacy Review Panels created by the Small Business Regulatory Enforcement Fairness Act, 10 a.m., 311 Cannon.

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, to mark up the following measures: H.R. 1000, Aviation Investment and Reform Act for the 21st Century; H.R. 130, to designate the United States Courthouse located at 40 Centre Street in New York, New York, as the "Thurgood

Marshall United States Courthouse"; H.R. 751, to designate the Federal building and United States courthouse located at 504 Hamilton Street in Allentown, Pennsylvania, as the "Edward N. Cahn Federal Building and United States Courthouse;" H.R. 717, National Parks Air Tour Management Act of 1999; H.R. 820, Coast Guard Authorization Act of 1999; H. Con. Res. 44, authorizing the use of the Capitol Grounds for the 18th annual National Peace Officers' Memorial Service; H. Con. Res. 47, authorizing the use to the Capitol grounds for the Greater Washington Soap Box Derby; H. Con. Res. 48, authorizing the use of the Capitol Grounds for the opening ceremonies of Sunrayce 99; and other pending business, 10 a.m., 2167 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Economic Development, Public Buildings, Hazardous Materials and Pipeline Transportation, to mark up the following: H.R. 130, to designate the United States Courthouse located at 40 Centre Street in New York, New York as the "Thurgood Marshall United States Courthouse; H.R. 751, to designate the Federal building and United States courthouse located at 504 Hamilton Street in Allentown, Pennsylvania, as the "Edward N. Cahn Federal Building and United States Courthouse;" an 11(b) resolution; and other pending resolutions, 9 a.m., 2253 Rayburn.

Committee on Veterans' Affairs, to consider the Committee's Budget Views and Estimates for fiscal year 2000 for submission to the Committee on the Budget, 1:30 p.m., 334 Cannon.

Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations, hearing on whistleblowing and retaliation in the Department of Veterans Affairs, 9:30 a.m., 334 Cannon.

Committee on Ways and Means, Subcommittee on Social Security, hearing on Barriers Preventing Disability Beneficiaries from Returning to Work, 10 a.m., 1100 Longworth.

Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence, executive, briefing on Findings of the Cox/Dicks Committee, 3 p.m., H-405 Capitol.

Joint Meetings

Joint Meetings: Senate Committee on the Judiciary, Subcommittee on Administrative Oversight and the Courts, to hold joint hearings with the House Committee on the Judiciary's Subcommittee on Commercial and Administrative Law on bankruptcy reform issues, 2 p.m., 2237, Rayburn Building.