

extend the tax benefits available with respect to services performed in a combat zone to services performed in the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia (Serbia/Montenegro) and certain other areas. The rule waives all points of order against consideration of the bill. The rule provides that the bill shall be considered as read. The rule further provides that the amendment recommended by the Committee on Ways and Means and printed in the bill be considered as adopted. Finally, the rule provides one motion to recommit with or without instructions.

CLIMATE CHANGE BUDGET AUTHORIZATION REQUEST

Committee on Science: Subcommittee on Energy and Environment held a hearing on the Fiscal Year 2000 Climate Change Budget Authorization Request. Testimony was heard from Neal F. Lane, Director, Office of Science and Technology Policy; David M. Gardiner, Assistant Administrator, Policy, EPA; and the following officials of the Department of Energy: Dan W. Reicher, Assistant Secretary, Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy; and Jay E. Hakes, Administrator, Energy Information Administration.

Joint Meetings

CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET

Conferees on Tuesday, April 13, agreed to file a conference report on H. Con. Res 68, establishing the congressional budget for the United States Government for fiscal year 2000 and setting forth appropriate budgetary levels for each of fiscal years 2001 through 2009.

NEW PUBLIC LAW

(For last listing of Public Laws, see DAILY DIGEST, p. D364)

H.R. 193, to designate a portion of the Sudbury, Assabet, and Concord Rivers as a component of the National Wild and Scenic Rivers System. Signed April 9, 1999. (P.L. 106-20)

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR THURSDAY, APRIL 15, 1999

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Interior, to hold hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2000 for the U.S. Forest Service, Department of Agriculture, 9:30 a.m., SD-124.

Subcommittee on Treasury and General Government, to hold hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2000 for the Department of the Treasury, focusing on law enforcement bureaus, 9:30 a.m., SD-192.

Subcommittee on VA, HUD, and Independent Agencies, to hold hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2000 for the Department of Veterans Affairs, 9:30 a.m., SD-138.

Committee on Armed Services: to hold hearings on United States policy regarding Kosovo, and a revised strategic concept for NATO, 9:30 a.m., SH-216.

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Subcommittee on Science, Technology, and Space, to hold hearings to review the research and development budget for fiscal year 2000, 10 a.m., SR-253.

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: to hold hearings on S. 501, to address resource management issues in Glacier Bay National Park, Alaska; and S. 744, to provide for the continuation of higher education through the conveyance of certain public lands in the State of Alaska to the University of Alaska, 9:30 a.m., SD-366.

Subcommittee on National Parks, Historic Preservation, and Recreation, to hold hearings on S. 109, to improve protection and management of the Chattahoochee River National Recreation Area in the State of Georgia; S. 340, to amend the Cache La Poudre River Corridor Act to make technical corrections; S. 582, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to enter into an agreement for the construction and operation of the Gateway Visitor Center at Independence National Historical Park; S. 589, to require the National Park Service to undertake a study of the Loess Hills area in western Iowa to review options for the protection and interpretation of the area's natural, cultural, and historical resources; S. 591, to authorize a feasibility study for the preservation of the Loess Hills in western Iowa; and H.R. 149, to make technical corrections to the Omnibus Parks and Public Lands Management Act of 1996, 2 p.m., SD-366.

Committee on Environment and Public Works: Subcommittee on Transportation and Infrastructure, to hold hearings on the implementation of the Transportation Equity Act for the 21st century, 9:30 a.m., SD-406.

Committee on Finance: to hold hearings on issues relating to the complexity of the individual income tax, 10 a.m., SD-215.

Committee on Foreign Relations: to hold hearings on United States vulnerability to ballistic missile attack, 10 a.m., SD-562.

Select Committee on Intelligence: to hold closed hearings on pending intelligence matters, 2 p.m., SH-219.

Committee on the Judiciary: business Meeting to mark up S. 625, to amend title 11, United States Code, 10 a.m., SD-226.

House

Committee on Agriculture, Subcommittee on General Farm Commodities, Resource Conservation, and Credit, hearing on the following: review of the Bexar-Medina-Atascosa Counties Small Watershed Project under Public Law 566; review of the status of aging small watershed projects; and H.R. 728, The Small Watershed Rehabilitation Amendments of 1999, 10:30 a.m., 1300 Longworth.

Committee on Appropriations, Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, State, and Judiciary, on Members of Congress, 10 a.m., and on NOAA, 2 p.m., H-309 Capitol.