

## Committee Meetings

### COMMODITY FUTURES TRADING COMMISSION REAUTHORIZATION

*Committee on Agriculture:* Subcommittee on Risk Management, Research and Specialty Crops continued hearings on Commodity Futures Trading Commission Reauthorization. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

Hearings continue June 8.

### LEGISLATIVE APPROPRIATIONS

*Committee on Appropriations:* Ordered reported the Legislative appropriations for fiscal year 2000.

### KEY INTERNATIONAL FINANCIAL ISSUES

*Committee on Banking and Financial Services:* Held a hearing on key international financial issues. Testimony was heard from Robert E. Rubin, Secretary of the Treasury; Alan Greenspan, Chairman, Board of Governors, Federal Reserve System; and public witnesses.

Hearings continue tomorrow.

### BUDGET PROCESS

*Committee on the Budget:* Held a hearing on the Budget Process. Testimony was heard from Representatives Nussle, Cardin and Minge; Jacob J. Lew, Director, OMB; Dan Crippen, Director, CBO; Rudolph G. Penner, former Director, CBO; and public witnesses.

### ELECTRICITY COMPETITION

*Committee on Commerce:* Subcommittee on Energy and Power continued hearings on Electricity Competition, focusing on PURPA, Stranded Costs, and the Environment. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

Hearings continue May 26.

### AMERICA—THREAT OF BIOTERRORISM

*Committee on Commerce:* Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations held a hearing on the Threat of Bioterrorism in America: Assessing the Adequacy of Federal Law Relating to Dangerous Biological Agents. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Justice: Jim Reynolds, Chief, Terrorism and Violent Crime Section, Criminal Division; and Robert M. Burnham, Chief, Domestic Terrorism Section, National Security Division, FBI; the following officials of the Department of Health and Human Services: William Raub, Deputy Assistant Secretary, Policy; and Stephen M. Ostroff, M.D., Associate Director, Epidemiologic Science, National Center for Infectious Diseases, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention; and public witnesses.

### FCC COMMISSION REFORM

*Committee on Commerce:* Subcommittee on Telecommunications, Trade, and Consumer Protection held a hearing on Federal Communications Commission Reform: The States' Perspective. Testimony was heard from Irma Muse Dixon, Commissioner, District 3, Public Service Commission, State of Louisiana; William R. Gillis, Commissioner, Utilities and Transportation Commission, State of Washington; David W. Rolka, Commissioner, Public Utility Commission, State of Pennsylvania; Bob Rowe, Commissioner, Public Service Commission, State of Montana; and a public witness.

### ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT

*Committee on Education and the Workforce:* Held a hearing on Academic Achievement for All: Increasing Flexibility and Improving Student Performance and Accountability. Testimony was heard from Representative Tanner; Bret Schundler, Mayor, Jersey City, New Jersey; William Moloney, Commissioner of Education, Department of Education, State of Colorado; and public witnesses.

### SCHOOL VIOLENCE

*Committee on Government Reform:* Subcommittee on Criminal Justice, Drug Policy, and Human Resources held a hearing on School Violence: What is Being Done to Combat School Violence? What Should be Done? Testimony was heard from Nelba Chavez, Administrator, Substance Abuse and Mental Health Administration, Department of Health and Human Services; William Modzeleski, Director, Safe and Drug-Free Schools Program, Department of Education; Charlie Condon, Attorney General, State of South Carolina; and public witnesses.

### NATIONAL YOUTH CRIME PREVENTION DEMONSTRATION ACT

*Committee on the Judiciary:* Began markup of H.R. 102, National Youth Crime Prevention Demonstration Act.

### MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

*Committee on the Judiciary:* Subcommittee on Courts, and Intellectual Property approved for full Committee action the following: H.R. 354, amended, Collections of Information Antipiracy Act; the American Inventors Protection Act; H.R. 1565, amended, Trademark Amendments Act of 1999; H.R. 1852, Multidistrict Trial Jurisdiction Act of 1999; H.R. 1761, amended, Copyright Damages Improvement Act of 1999; and H.R. 1225, United States Patent and Trademark Office Reauthorization Act, Fiscal Year 2000.

**OVERSIGHT—STELLER SEA LIONS**

*Committee on Resources:* Subcommittee on Fisheries Conservation, Wildlife and Oceans held an oversight hearing on Steller Sea Lions. Testimony was heard from Andrew Rosenberg, Deputy Assistant Administrator, Fisheries, National Marine Fisheries Service, NOAA, Department of Commerce; Frank V. Kelty, Mayor, Unalaska, State of Alaska; and public witnesses.

**OVERSIGHT—COUNTY SCHOOLS 25% FUNDING STABILIZATION**

*Committee on Resources:* Subcommittee on Forests and Forest Health held an oversight hearing on County Schools 25% Fund Stabilization. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

**OVERSIGHT—CALIFORNIA CENTRAL VALLEY WATER MANAGEMENT**

*Committee on Resources:* Subcommittee on Water and Power held an oversight hearing on California Central Valley Water Management. Testimony was heard from Bruce Babbitt, Secretary of the Interior; Mary Nichols, Secretary of Resources, State of California; and public witnesses.

**DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY SECURITY**

*Committee on Science:* Held a hearing on Security at the Department of Energy: Who's Protecting the Nation's Secrets. Testimony was heard from Bill Richardson, Secretary of Energy.

**EASING TRAFFIC CONGESTION AND IMPROVING VEHICLE SAFETY**

*Committee on Science:* Subcommittee on Technology, hearing on Easing Traffic Congestion and Improving Vehicle Safety: ITS and Transportation Technology Solutions for the 21st Century. Testimony was heard from Kenneth Wykle, Administrator, Federal Highway Administration, Department of Transportation; and public witnesses.

**VETERANS' MEASURES**

*Committee on Veterans' Affairs,* Subcommittee on Benefits held a hearing on the following bills: H.R. 1071, Montgomery GI Bill Improvements Act of 1999; and H.R. 1182, Servicemembers Educational Opportunity Act of 1999. Testimony was heard from Nora Egan, Deputy Under Secretary, Management, Veterans Benefits Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs; representatives of veterans organizations; and public witnesses.

**NATIONAL CEMETERIES**

*Committee on Veterans' Affairs:* Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations held a hearing on National Cemeteries, including Arlington National Cemetery.

Testimony was heard from Representative Chenoweth; Roger R. Rapp, Acting Under Secretary, National Cemetery Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs; Brian E. Burke, Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary, Army (Civil Works), Department of the Army; Ray Boland, Secretary, Department of Veterans Affairs, State of Wisconsin; Charles F. Smith, Assistant Secretary, Division of Veterans Affairs, State of North Carolina; Lt. Col. Robin L. Higgins, USMC (Ret.), Executive Director, Department of Veterans Affairs, State of Florida; and representatives of veterans organizations.

**TRADE AGENCY AUTHORIZATIONS, DRUG FREE BORDERS AND PREVENTION OF ON-LINE PORNOGRAPHY ACT**

*Committee on Ways and Means:* Ordered reported amended H.R. 1833, Trade Agency Authorizations, Drug Free Borders and Prevention of On-Line Pornography Act of 1999.

**FOSTER CARE INDEPENDENCE ACT**

*Committee on Ways and Means:* Subcommittee on Human Resources approved for full Committee action amended H.R. 1802, Foster Care Independence Act of 1999.

**CUSTOMS SERVICE PASSENGER INSPECTION OPERATIONS**

*Committee on Ways and Means:* Subcommittee on Oversight held a hearing on U.S. Customs Service passenger inspection operations. Testimony was heard from Raymond W. Kelly, Commissioner, U.S. Customs Service, Department of the Treasury; and public witnesses.

***Joint Meetings*****GLOBAL CLIMATE CHANGE**

*Joint Hearing:* Senate Committee on Energy and Natural Resources' Subcommittee on Energy Research, Development, Production and Regulation concluded joint oversight hearings with the House Committee on Government Reform's Subcommittee on National Economic Growth, Natural Resources and Regulatory Affairs on the Administration's fiscal year 2000 budget request for climate change programs and compliance with various statutory provisions in fiscal year 1999 appropriations acts requiring detailed accounting of climate change spending and performance measures for each requested increase in funding, after receiving testimony from Representative Knollenberg; Deidre A. Lee, Acting Deputy Director for Management, Office of Management and Budget; Peter F. Guerrero, Director, Environmental Protection Issues, Resources, Community, and Economic Development Division, General Accounting

Office; T.J. Glauthier, Deputy Secretary of Energy; David M. Gardiner, Assistant Administrator for Policy, Environmental Protection Agency; Jerry Taylor, Cato Institute, and David M. Nemtzwow, Alliance to Save Energy, both of Washington, D.C.; and William H. Lash, III, George Mason University, Arlington, Virginia.

---

### COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR FRIDAY, MAY 21, 1999

#### Senate

No meetings/hearings scheduled.

#### House

*Committee on Banking and Financial Services*, to continue hearings on key international financial issues, 10 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.

---

### CONGRESSIONAL PROGRAM AHEAD

Week of May 24 through May 29, 1999

#### Senate Chamber

On *Monday*, Senate will begin consideration of S. 1059, Department of Defense Authorization.

During the balance of the week, Senate expects to continue consideration of S. 1059, Department of Defense Authorization, and any other cleared legislative and executive business.

*(On Tuesday, Senate will recess from 12:30 p.m. until 2:15 p.m., for their respective party conferences.)*

#### Senate Committees

*(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)*

*Special Committee on Aging*: May 24, to hold hearings to examine Health Care Financing Administration assessment's of home health care access, 1 p.m., SD-366.

*Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry*: May 26, to hold hearings to examine the live stock industry, including mandatory pricing and country of origin labeling, 9 a.m., SH-216.

May 27, Full Committee, to hold hearings on S. 935, to amend the National Agricultural Research, Extension, and Teaching Policy Act of 1977 to authorize research to promote the conversion of biomass into biobased industrial products, 9 a.m., SR-328A.

*Committee on Appropriations*: May 24, Subcommittee on Defense, business meeting to mark up proposed legislation making appropriations for fiscal year 2000 for the Department of Defense, 1:30 p.m., SD-192.

May 25, Full Committee, to hold hearings on proposed legislation making appropriations for fiscal year 2000 for the Department of Defense, 2:30 p.m., SH-216.

*Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation*: May 25, to hold hearings on S. 798, to promote electronic commerce by encouraging and facilitating the use of

encryption in interstate commerce consistent with the protection of national security, 9:30 a.m., SR-253.

May 25, Subcommittee on Aviation, to hold hearings on proposed legislation authorizing funds for research and development programs for the Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, 2:15 p.m., SR-253.

May 26, Full Committee, to hold oversight hearings on activities of the Federal Communications Commission, 2 p.m., SR-253.

May 27, Full Committee, to hold hearings on S. 761, to regulate interstate commerce by electronic means by permitting and encouraging the continued expansion of electronic commerce through the operation of free market forces, 10 a.m., SR-253.

*Committee on Energy and Natural Resources*: May 25, to hold oversight hearings on state progress in retail electricity competition, 10 a.m., SD-366.

May 25, Subcommittee on National Parks, Historic Preservation, and Recreation, to hold hearings on S. 140, to establish the Thomas Cole National Historic Site in the State of New York as an affiliated area of the National Park System; S. 734, entitled the "National Discovery Trails Act of 1999"; S. 762, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to conduct a feasibility study on the inclusion of the Miami Circle in Biscayne National Park; S. 938, to eliminate restrictions on the acquisition of certain land contiguous to Hawaii Volcanoes National Park; S. 939, to correct spelling errors in the statutory designations of Hawaiian National Parks; S. 946, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to transfer administrative jurisdiction over land within the boundaries of the Home of Franklin D. Roosevelt National Historic Site to the Archivist of the United States for the construction of a visitor center; and S. 955, to allow the National Park Service to acquire certain land for addition to the Wilderness Battlefield in Virginia, as previously authorized by law, by purchase or exchange as well as by donation, 2:15 p.m., SD-366.

May 26, Subcommittee on Forests and Public Land Management, to hold hearings on S. 510, to preserve the sovereignty of the United States over public lands and acquired lands owned by the United States, and to preserve State sovereignty and private property rights in non-Federal lands surrounding those public lands and acquired lands, 2:30 p.m., SD-366.

May 27, Full Committee, to hold hearings on the nomination of David L. Goldwyn, of the District of Columbia to be an Assistant Secretary of Energy (International Affairs), 9:30 a.m., SD-366.

May 27, Subcommittee on Water and Power, to hold hearings on S. 623, to amend Public Law 89-108 to increase authorization levels for State and Indian tribal, municipal, rural, and industrial water supplies, to meet current and future water quantity and quality needs of the Red River Valley, to deauthorize certain project features and irrigation service areas, to enhance natural resources and fish and wildlife habitat; S. 244, to authorize the construction of the Lewis and Clark Rural Water System and to authorize assistance to the Lewis and Clark Rural