

employee who were killed on April 14, 1994, when United States fighter aircraft mistakenly shot down 2 United States helicopters; and H.R. 1788, Nazi Benefits Termination Act of 1999.

The Committee also approved pending Committee business.

PAIN RELIEF PROMOTION ACT

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on the Constitution approved for full Committee action H.R. 2260, Pain Relief Promotion Act of 1999.

OVERSIGHT

Committee on Resources: Held an oversight hearing on Federal Aid Programs (under the Dingell-Johnson Act and Wallop-Breaux Act) administered by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. Testimony was heard from Barry Hill, Associate Director, Energy, Resources and Science, GAO; James Beers, Wildlife Biologist, Division of Federal Aid, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Department of the Interior; and public witnesses.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Resources: Subcommittee on National Parks and Public Lands held a hearing on the following bills: H.R. 1615, Lamprey Wild and Scenic River Extension Act; H.R. 1665, 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; and H.R. 2140, to improve protection and management of the Chattahoochee River National Recreation Area in the State of Georgia. Testimony was heard from Representatives Sununu, Bateman, Deal of Georgia and Isakson; Katherine Stevenson, Associate Director, Cultural Resource Stewardship and Partnerships, National Park Service, Department of the Interior; and public witnesses.

FINANCIAL FREEDOM ACT

Committee on Rules: Granted, by voice vote, a structured rule on H.R. 2488, Financial Freedom Act of 1999, providing two hours of debate equally divided and controlled by the chairman and ranking minority member of the Committee on Ways and Means. The rule waives all points of order against consideration of the bill. The rule makes in order the amendment recommended by the Committee on Ways and Means, as modified by the amendments printed in Part A of the Rules Committee report. The rule provides for consideration of the amendment in the nature of a substitute offered by Representative Rangel or his designee printed in Part B of the Rules Committee report which shall be considered as read and shall be debatable for one hour

equally divided and controlled by the proponent and an opponent. The rule waives all points of order against the amendment printed in Part B of the report. Finally, the rule provides one motion to recommit with or without instructions. Testimony was heard from Chairman Archer and Representatives Hunter, Castle, Smith of Michigan, McIntosh, Pickering, Spratt, Rangel, Stenholm, Tanner, Stupak, Maloney of Connecticut, Roemer, Baird, Clement, and John.

HEALTH INFORMATION CONFIDENTIALITY

Committee on Ways and Means: Subcommittee on Health held a hearing on confidentiality of health information. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Health and Human Services: Margaret Hamburg, M.D., Assistant Secretary, Planning and Evaluation; and Michael Hash, Deputy Administrator, Health Care Financing Administration; Leslie Aronovitz, Associate Director, Health Financing and Public Health Issues, Health, Education, and Human Services Division, GAO; and public witnesses.

PROMOTING ADOPTION AND OTHER PERMANENT PLACEMENTS

Committee on Ways and Means: Subcommittee on Human Resources held a hearing on promoting adoption and other permanent placements. Testimony was heard from Representatives Bliley and Lewis of Kentucky; Karen Spar, Specialist in Social Legislation, Domestic Social Policy Division, Congressional Research Service, Library of Congress; and public witnesses.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR WEDNESDAY, JULY 21, 1999

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry: to hold hearings on the nomination of William Rainer to be Chairman of the Commodity Futures Trading Commission and to conduct an oversight review of the farmland protection program, 9 a.m., SR-328A.

Committee on Armed Services: to hold hearings on the nomination of F. Whitten Peters, of the District of Columbia, to be Secretary of the Air Force; and the nomination of Arthur L. Money, of Virginia, to be an Assistant Secretary of Defense, 9:30 a.m., SR-222.

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Subcommittee on Forests and Public Land Management, to hold hearings on S. 1184, to authorize the Secretary of Agriculture to dispose of land for recreation or other public purposes; S. 1129, to facilitate the acquisition of inholdings in Federal land management units and the disposal of surplus

public land; and H.R. 150, to amend the Act popularly known as the Recreation and Public Purposes Act to authorize disposal of certain public lands or national forest lands to local education agencies for use for elementary or secondary schools, including public charter schools, 2 p.m., SD-366.

Committee on Environment and Public Works: Subcommittee on Fisheries, Wildlife, and Drinking Water, to continue hearings on the habitat conservation plans, 9:30 a.m., SD-406.

Committee on Finance: business meeting to continue markup of the proposed Taxpayer Refund Act of 1999, 10 a.m., SH-216.

Committee on Foreign Relations: Subcommittee on East Asian and Pacific Affairs, to hold hearings on issues relating to Taiwan-China relations, 10 a.m., SD-419.

Full Committee, to hold hearings on the role of sanctions in United States National Security Policy, 3:30 p.m., SD-419.

Full Committee, to hold hearings on the nomination of Barbara J. Griffiths, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Iceland; the nomination of Richard Monroe Miles, of South Carolina, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Bulgaria; the nomination of Carl Spielvogel, of New York, to be Ambassador to the Slovak Republic; the nomination of J. Richard Fredericks, of California, to be Ambassador to Switzerland, and to serve concurrently and without additional compensation as Ambassador to the Principality of Liechtenstein; and the nomination of William B. Taylor, Jr., of Virginia, for the Rank of Ambassador during tenure of service as Coordinator of U.S. Assistance for the New Independent States, 4:30 p.m., SD-419.

Committee on Governmental Affairs: Subcommittee on International Security, Proliferation and Federal Services, to hold hearings to examine the purpose of Russian space launch quota, 2 p.m., SD-342.

Committee on Indian Affairs: to hold hearings on S. 985, to amend the Indian Gaming Regulatory Act, 9:30 a.m., SD-106.

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Criminal Justice Oversight, to hold oversight hearings on Federal asset forfeiture, focusing on its role in fighting crime, 2 p.m., SD-628.

House

Committee on Agriculture, Subcommittee on Risk Management, Research, and Specialty Crops, to consider legislation to improve the Federal Crop Insurance Program, 10 a.m., 1300 Longworth.

Committee on Appropriations, Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, to mark up appropriations for fiscal year 2000, 10 a.m., 2358 Rayburn.

Committee on Armed Services, to mark up H.R. 850, Security and Freedom through Encryption (SAFE) Act, 11:30 a.m., 2118 Rayburn.

Committee on Banking and Financial Services, Subcommittee on Financial Institutions and Consumer Credit, to continue hearings on financial privacy, 10 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.

Committee on Commerce, Subcommittee on Energy and Power, hearing on H.R. 2531, Nuclear Regulatory Commission Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2000, 2 p.m., 2322 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Finance and Hazardous Materials, to mark up the following bills: H.R. 1714, Electronic Signatures in Global and National Commerce Act; and H.R. 1858, Consumer and Investor Access to Information Act of 1999, 10 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Health and Environment, hearing on H.R. 1070, to amend title XIX of the Social Security Act to provide medical assistance for certain women screened and found to have breast or cervical cancer under a federally funded screening program, 10 a.m., 2322 Rayburn.

Committee on Education and the Workforce, Subcommittee on Employer-Employee Relations, hearing on Union Democracy, Part VII: Government Supervision of the Hotel Employees and Restaurant Employees International Union, 10:30 a.m., 2175 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations, hearing on Examining the Effect of Davis-Bacon Helper Rules on Job Opportunities in Construction, 2 p.m., 2175 Rayburn.

Committee on Government Reform, Subcommittee on Government Management, Information, and Technology, to consider the following bills: H.R. 1788, Nazi Benefits Termination Act of 1999; and H.R. 1827, Government Waste Corrections Act of 1999, 10:30 a.m., 2247 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on National Security, Veterans Affairs and International Relations, hearing on Anthrax Vaccine Adverse Reactions, 10 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

Committee on the Judiciary, hearing on the following bills: H.R. 1875, Interstate Class Action Jurisdiction Act of 1999; and H.R. 2005, Workplace Goods Job Growth and Competitiveness Act of 1999, 10 a.m., 2141 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on the Constitution, hearing on H.R. 2436, Unborn Victims of Violence Act of 1999, 1:30 p.m., 2237 Rayburn.

Committee on Resources, to consider the following: H.R. 940, Lackawanna Valley Heritage Act of 1999; H.R. 1619, Quinebaug and Shetucket Rivers Valley National Heritage Corridor Reauthorization Act of 1999; H.R. 2435, to expand the boundaries of the Gettysburg National Military Park to include the Wills House; H. Con. Res. 63, expressing the sense of the Congress opposing removal of dams on the Columbia and Snake Rivers for fishery restoration purposes; S. 323, Black Canyon of the Gunnison National Park and Gunnison Gorge National Conservation Area Act of 1999; H.R. 795, Chippewa Cree Tribe of the Rocky Boy's Reservation Indian Reserved Water Rights Settlement Act of 1999; H.R. 970, Perkins County Rural Water System Act of 1999; H.R. 1231, to direct the Secretary of Agriculture to convey certain National Forest lands to Elko County, Nevada, for continued use as a cemetery; H.R. 1444, to authorize the Secretary of the Army to develop and implement projects for fish screens, fish passage devices, and other similar

measures to mitigate adverse impacts associated with irrigation system water diversions by local governmental entities in the States of Oregon, Washington, Montana, and Idaho; H.R. 2368, to assist in the resettlement and relocation of the people of Bikini Atoll by amending the terms of the trust fund established during the United States administration of the Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands; H.R. 2454, to assure the long-term conservation of mid-continent light geese and the biological diversity of the ecosystem upon which many North American migratory birds depend, by directing the Secretary of the Interior to implement rules to reduce the overabundant population of mid-continent light geese; a motion to adopt a resolution and report recommending that Ferdinand Aranza be held in contempt of Congress for failure to comply with the subpoena served on him on July 13, 1999, and reporting the matter to the full House for appropriate action; and a motion to adopt a resolution granting the Chairman authority to issue such subpoenas as he may deem necessary in relation to an inquiry into partisan political activities by employees at the Office of Insular Affairs and the Department of the Interior, 11 a.m., 1324 Longworth.

Committee on Rules, hearing on Guaranteed Spending Rules, 10 a.m., and to consider the following: a measure

making appropriations for the Department of Defense for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2000; and H.R. 1074, Regulatory Right-to-Know Act of 1999, 2 p.m., H-313 Capitol.

Committee on Science, Subcommittee on Energy and Environment, hearing on Sulfur in Gasoline and Diesel Fuel, 1 p.m., 2318 Rayburn.

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, Subcommittee on Economic Development, Public Buildings, Hazardous Materials and Pipeline Transportation, hearing on National Health Museum proposals, 10 a.m., 2253 Rayburn.

Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence, executive, to discuss pending Intelligence Issues, 12:30 p.m., H-405 Capitol.

Joint Meetings

Commission on Security and Cooperation in Europe: to hold hearings to examine the scope of bribery and corruption in the OSCE region, 2 p.m., SD-138.

Joint Economic Committee: to hold hearings to examine the financial structure of the International Monetary Fund, focusing on IMF costs, including quotas, reserves, gold holdings, and the treatment of the IMF in the budget, 10 a.m., 311 Cannon Building.