

IRS STRUCTURING AND REFORM ACT IMPLEMENTATION

Committee on Ways and Means: Subcommittee on Oversight held a hearing on implementation of the Internal Revenue Service Restructuring and Reform Act of 1998 (Public Law 105-206). Testimony was heard from Charles O. Rossotti, Commissioner, IRS, Department of the Treasury; James R. White, Director, Tax Policy and Administration Issues, General Government Division, GAO; and a public witness.

CHINESE EMBASSY BOMBING

Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence: Held a hearing on Chinese Embassy Bombing. Testimony was heard from George J. Tenet, Director, CIA; and John J. Hamre, Deputy Secretary, Department of Defense.

NEW PUBLIC LAWS

(For last listing of Public Laws, see DAILY DIGEST, p. D 738)

H.R. 775, to establish certain procedures for civil actions brought for damages relating to the failure of any device or system to process or otherwise deal with the transition from the year 1999 to the year 2000. Signed July 20, 1999. (P.L. 106-37)

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR FRIDAY, JULY 23, 1999

Senate

No meetings/hearings scheduled.

House

No Committee meetings are scheduled.

CONGRESSIONAL PROGRAM AHEAD

Week of July 26 through July 31, 1999

Senate Chamber

On *Monday*, Senate will consider S. Res. 160, to restore enforcement of Rule 16, with a vote on final adoption thereon. Also, Senate will resume consideration of the motion to proceed to the consideration of H.R. 1501, Juvenile Justice, with a vote on a motion to close further debate on the motion to proceed, to occur at 5:30 p.m.

During the balance of the week, Senate expects to begin consideration of the Reconciliation legislation and any other cleared legislative and executive business, including appropriation bills, when available.

(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)

Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry: July 27, to hold hearings on agricultural concentration and anti-trust issues, 9:30 a.m., SR-328A.

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: July 28, to hold oversight hearings on the Monetary Policy Report to Congress pursuant to the Full Employment and Balanced Growth Act of 1978, 10 a.m., SH-216.

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: July 27, Subcommittee on Communications, to hold hearings on privacy issues on the internet, 9:30 a.m., SR-253.

July 28, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine telecommunication mergers and consolidation, 9:30 a.m., SR-253.

July 28, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine fraud against seniors, 2:15 p.m., SR-253.

July 29, Subcommittee on Oceans and Fisheries, to hold hearings on authorizing funds for programs of the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act, 9:30 p.m., SR-253.

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: July 27, Subcommittee on Forests and Public Land Management, to hold hearings on S. 930, to provide for the sale of certain public land in the Ivanpah Valley, Nevada, to the Clark County, Nevada, Department of Aviation; S. 719, to provide for the orderly disposal of certain Federal land in the State of Nevada and for the acquisition of environmentally sensitive land in the State; S. 1030, to provide that the conveyance by the Bureau of Land Management of the surface estate to certain land in the State of Wyoming in exchange for certain private land will not result in the removal of the land from operation of the mining laws; S. 1288, to provide incentives for collaborative forest restoration projects on National Forest System and other public lands in New Mexico; S. 1374, to authorize the development and maintenance of a multiagency campus project in the town of Jackson, Wyoming; and S. 439, to amend the National Forest and Public Lands of Nevada Enhancement Act of 1988 to adjust the boundary of the Toiyabe National Forest, Nevada, 2:30 p.m., SD-366.

July 28, Full Committee, business meeting to consider pending calendar business, 9:30 a.m., SD-366.

July 28, Subcommittee on Water and Power, to hold hearings on S. 624, to authorize construction of the Fort Peck Reservation Rural Water System in the State of Montana; S. 1211, to amend the Colorado River Basin Salinity Control Act to authorize additional measures to carry out the control of salinity upstream of Imperial Dam in a cost-effective manner; S. 1275, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to produce and sell products and to sell publications relating to the Hoover Dam, and to deposit revenues generated from the sales into the Colorado River Dam fund; S. 1236, to extend the deadline under the Federal Power Act for commencement of the construction of the Arrowrock Dam Hydroelectric Project in the State of Idaho; S. 1377, to amend the Central Utah Project Completion Act regarding the use of funds for water development for the Bonneville Unit; and S. 986, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to convey the Griffith Project to the Southern Nevada Water Authority, 2:30 p.m., SD-366.

July 29, Subcommittee on National Parks, Historic Preservation, and Recreation, to hold hearings on S. 710, to authorize the feasibility study on the preservation of certain Civil War battlefields along the Vicksburg Campaign Trail; S. 905, to establish the Lackawanna Valley American Heritage Area; S. 1093, to establish the Galisteo Basin Archaeological Protection Sites, to provide for the protection of archaeological sites in the Galisteo

Basin of New Mexico; S. 1117, to establish the Corinth Unit of Shiloh National Military Park, in the vicinity of the city of Corinth, Mississippi, and in the State of Tennessee; S. 1324, to expand the boundaries of the Gettysburg National Military Park to include Wills House; and S. 1349, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to conduct special resource studies to determine the national significance of specific sites as well as the suitability and feasibility of their inclusion as units of the National Park System, 2:15 p.m., SD-366.

Committee on Environment and Public Works: July 29, Subcommittee on Clean Air, Wetlands, Private Property, and Nuclear Safety, to hold hearings on the Environmental Protection Agency's proposed sulfur standard for gasoline as contained in the proposed Tier Two standards for automobiles, 9:30 a.m., SD-406.

Committee on Foreign Relations: July 26, to hold hearings on the nomination of Evelyn Simonowitz Lieberman, of New York, to be Under Secretary of State for Public Diplomacy, 3:30 p.m., SD-419.

July 27, Subcommittee on African Affairs, to hold hearings to examine barriers to trade and investment in Africa, 2:15 p.m., SD-419.

July 28, Full Committee, business meeting to mark up S. 720, to promote the development of a government in the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia (Serbia and Montenegro) based on democratic principles and the rule of law, and that respects internationally recognized human rights, to assist the victims of Serbian oppression, to apply measures against the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia, and proposed legislation to prevent the further proliferation of nuclear, chemical, and biological weapons; and to authorize appropriations for the provision of security assistance to certain foreign countries, 11 a.m., SD-419.

Committee on Governmental Affairs: July 29, Subcommittee on Oversight of Government Management, Restructuring and the District of Columbia, to hold hearings on total quality management, focusing on state success stories as a model for the Federal Government, 9:30 a.m., SD-342.

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: July 27, to hold hearings to examine innovations in child care programs, 9:30 a.m., SD-430.

July 28, Full Committee, business meeting to consider S. Con. Res. 28, urging the Congress and the President to increase funding for the Pell Grant Program and existing Campus-Based Aid Programs; S. 976, to amend title V of the Public Health Service Act to focus the authority of the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration on community-based services children and adolescents, to enhance flexibility and accountability, to establish programs for youth treatment, and to respond to crises, especially those related to children and violence; and S. 632, to provide assistance for poison prevention and to stabilize the funding of regional poison control centers, and pending nominations, 9:30 a.m., SD-430.

July 29, Subcommittee on Employment, Safety and Training, to hold hearings on certain implications of the Fair Act on small businesses, 9:30 a.m., SD-430.

Committee on Indian Affairs: July 28, to hold hearings on S. 979, to amend the Indian Self-Determination and Education Assistance Act to provide for further self-governance by Indian tribes, 9:30 a.m., SR-485.

Select Committee on Intelligence: July 29, to hold closed hearings on pending intelligence matters, 2 p.m., SH-219.

Committee on the Judiciary: July 27, Subcommittee on Criminal Justice Oversight, to hold oversight hearings on activities of the Criminal Division of the Department of Justice, 2 p.m., SD-628.

July 28, Full Committee, to hold hearings on combating methamphetamine proliferation in America, 10 a.m., SD-628.

Special Committee on the Year 2000 Technology Problem: July 29, to hold hearings on year 2000 Information Ordination Center, 9:30 a.m., SD-192.

House Chamber

Consideration of Suspensions, and consideration of H.R. 1074, Regulatory Right to Know Act; H.J. Res. 57, Disapproving Normal Trade Relations Treatment for China; Energy and Water Appropriations; District of Columbia Appropriations; and Foreign Operations Appropriations.

Any further schedule will be announced later.

House Committees

Committee on Agriculture, July 27, to consider H.R. 2559, Agricultural Risk Protection Act of 1999, 10 a.m., 1300 Longworth.

July 28, Subcommittee on Department Operations, Oversight, Nutrition, and Forestry, hearing to review the effects of the implementation of the Food Quality Protection Act on public health, 10:30 a.m., 1300 Longworth.

Committee on Appropriations, July 26, Subcommittee on VA, HUD and Independent Agencies, to mark up appropriations for fiscal year 2000, 5 p.m., H-140 Capitol.

Committee on Banking and Financial Services, July 28, hearing on H.R. 21, Homeowners' Insurance Availability Act of 1999, 10 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.

Committee on Commerce, July 27, Subcommittee on Energy and Power, hearing on H.R. 623, to amend the Energy Policy and Conservation Act to eliminate certain regulation of plumbing supplies, 2 p.m., 2322 Rayburn.

July 27, Subcommittee on Finance and Hazardous Materials, hearing on the Impact of Market Volatility in Securities Transaction Fees, 10 a.m., 2322 Rayburn.

July 28, Subcommittee on Health and Environment, hearing on Medicare+Choice: An Evaluation of the Program, 10 a.m., 2322 Rayburn.

July 28, Subcommittee on Telecommunications, Trade, and Consumer Protection, hearing on H.R. 1746, Schools and Libraries Internet Access Act, 10 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

July 29, Subcommittee on Energy and Power, hearing on H.R. 1117, to provide relief from unfair interest and penalties on refunds retroactively ordered by the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 10 a.m., 2322 Rayburn.

July 30, Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations, hearing on Drugstores on the Net: The Benefits and Risks of On-line Pharmacies, 10 a.m., 2322 Rayburn.

Committee on Education and the Workforce, July 27, hearing on Title I: What's Happening at the School District and School Building Level, 1:30 p.m., 2175 Rayburn.

July 30, to mark up the following bills: H.R. 1441, Truth in Employment Act of 1999; H.R. 1987, Fair Access to Indemnity and Reimbursement Act; and other pending business, 9 a.m., 2175 Rayburn.

Committee on Government Reform, July 27, Subcommittee on Civil Service, hearing on Life Insurance: New Options

for Federal Employees; and to mark up H.R. 915, to authorize a cost of living adjustment in the pay of administrative law judges, 10 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

July 29, full Committee, hearing on the State Department's Handling of Allegations of Visa Fraud and Other Irregularities at the U.S. Embassy in Beijing, 10 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

Committee on the Judiciary, July 27, to mark up the following bills: H.R. 1752, Federal Courts Improvement Act of 1999; H.R. 2112, Multidistrict, Multiparty, Multiforum Trial Jurisdiction Act of 1999; H.R. 2260, Pain Relief Promotion Act of 1999; and H.R. 1875, Interstate Class Action Jurisdiction Act of 1999, 10 a.m., 2141 Rayburn.

July 28, oversight hearing Competitive Issues in Electricity Deregulation, 10 a.m., 2141 Rayburn.

July 28, Subcommittee on Courts and Intellectual Property, oversight hearing on Internet Domain Names and Intellectual Property Rights, 10 a.m., 2237 Rayburn.

July 29, Subcommittee on Commercial and Administrative Law, oversight hearing on Reinvented Taxation and The Taxpayers Defense Act, 10 a.m., 2237 Rayburn.

July 29, Subcommittee on Commercial and Administrative Law, hearing on the following measures: H.J. Res. 54, granting the consent of Congress to the Missouri-Nebraska Boundary Compact; and H.J. Res. 62, to grant the consent of Congress to the boundary change between Georgia and South Carolina; and to mark up the following measures: H.R. 744, to rescind the consent of Congress to the Northeast Interstate Dairy Compact; H.R. 1604, Dairy Consumers and Producers Protection Act; H.J. Res. 54; and H.J. Res. 62, 2 p.m., 2237 Rayburn.

July 29, Subcommittee on Crime, oversight hearing on the Drug Enforcement Administration, Department of Justice, 9:30 a.m., 2141 Rayburn.

July 29, Subcommittee on Immigration and Claims, hearing on H.R. 2528, Immigration Reorganization and Improvement Act of 1999, 9:30 a.m., 2226 Rayburn.

July 30, Subcommittee on the Constitution, to mark up H.R. 2436, Unborn Victims of Violence Act of 1999, 10 a.m., 2141 Rayburn.

Committee on Resources, July 28, hearing on H.R. 2547, to provide for the conveyance of land interests to Chugach, Alaska Corporation to fulfill the intent, purpose, and promise of the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act, 11 a.m., 1324 Longworth.

July 29, Subcommittee on Fisheries Conservation, Wildlife and Oceans, hearing on the Pribilof Islands Transition Act, 11 a.m., 1334 Longworth.

July 29, Subcommittee on Water and Power, oversight hearing on Rural Water Project Financing, 2 p.m., 1324 Longworth.

Committee on Rules, July 27, to consider the following appropriation bills for fiscal year 2000: Energy and Water Development; and District of Columbia, 5 p.m., H-313 Capitol.

July 28, Subcommittee on Legislative and Budget Process, hearing on "The Rescissions Process After the Line Item Veto: Tools for Controlling Spending", 10 a.m., H-313 Capitol.

Committee on Science, July 29, Subcommittee on Basic Research, hearing on Attracting a New Generation to Math and Science: The Role of Public-Private Partnerships in Education and H.R. 1265, Mathematics and Science Proficiency Partnership Act of 1999, 10 a.m., 2318 Rayburn.

Committee on Small Business, July 27, Subcommittee on Empowerment, hearing to discuss the "The Digital Divide: Bridging The Technological Gap", 2 p.m., 2360 Rayburn.

July 27, Subcommittee on Government Programs and Oversight, hearing on the burden that needless regulations and lack of common sense in enforcement of regulations place upon Small Businesses, 10 a.m., 2360 Rayburn.

July 28, full Committee, hearing to discuss the EPA's inclusion of propane within the Clean Act Amendments, 10 a.m., 2360 Rayburn.

July 29, to mark up legislation making changes to the SBA's 7(a) and 504 business loan programs, 10 a.m., 2360 Rayburn.

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, July 27, Subcommittee on Economic Development, Public Buildings, Hazardous Materials and Pipeline Transportation, hearing on reauthorization of the Natural Gas and Hazardous Liquid Pipeline Safety Program, 11 a.m., 2253 Rayburn.

July 27, Subcommittee on Ground Transportation, hearing on TEA 21 Environmental Streamlining Provisions, 2 p.m., 2167 Rayburn.

July 28, Subcommittee on Coast Guard and Maritime Transportation, hearing on H.R. 316, Cruises-to-Nowhere Act of 1999, 10 a.m., 2167 Rayburn.

Committee on Veterans' Affairs, July 28, Subcommittee on Benefits, hearing on Veterans' Employment regarding Civilian Credentialing Requirements for Military Job Skills, 10 a.m., 334 Cannon.

July 29, Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations, hearing to evaluate the Veterans Education and Training Service (VETS) program effectiveness and strategic planning, 10 a.m., 334 Cannon.

Committee on Ways and Means, July 29, Subcommittee on Social Security, hearing on Y2K and Other Social Security Information Technology Issues, 10 a.m., B-318 Rayburn.