

STATE OF THE STATES: WILL Y2K DISRUPT ESSENTIAL SERVICES?

Committee on Government Reform: Subcommittee on Government Management, Information, and Technology and the Subcommittee on Technology of the Committee on Science held a joint hearing on State of the States: Will Y2K Disrupt Essential Services? Testimony was heard from Joel Willemsen, Director, Civil Agencies Information Systems, GAO; John Spotila, Administrator, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, OMB; John Callahan, Chief Information Officer, Department of Health and Human Services; Shirley Watkins, Under Secretary, Food, Nutrition, and Consumer Services, USDA; Edward Hugler, Deputy Assistant Secretary, Information Technology and the Acting Deputy Assistant Secretary, Administration and Management, Department of Labor; and a public witness.

IS CO₂ A POLLUTANT—DOES EPA HAVE POWER TO REGULATE

Committee on Government Reform: Subcommittee on National Economic Growth, Natural Resources and Regulatory Affairs and the Subcommittee on Energy and Environment of the Committee on Science held a joint hearing on Is CO₂ a Pollutant and Does EPA Have the Power to Regulate It? Testimony was heard from Gary S. Guzy, General Counsel, EPA; and public witnesses.

U.S. POLICY TOWARD RUSSIA

Committee on International Relations: Held a hearing on U.S. Policy Toward Russia, Part I: Warnings and Dissent. Testimony was heard from David Swartz, former Ambassador to Belarus; and public witnesses. Hearings continue tomorrow.

INTERNATIONAL RELIGIOUS FREEDOM—STATE DEPARTMENT REPORT

Committee on International Relations: Subcommittee on International Operations and Human Rights held a hearing on the First Annual State Department Report on International Religious Freedom. Testimony was heard from Robert Seiple, Ambassador-at-Large, International Religious Freedom, Department of State; and public witnesses.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Resources: Ordered reported the following bills: S. 278, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to convey certain lands to the County of Rio Arriba, New Mexico; S. 382, Minuteman Missile National Historic Site Establishment Act of 1999; H.R. 2496, amended, to reauthorize the Junior Duck Stamp Conservation and Design Program Act of 1999; H.R. 2669, amended, Coastal Community Conservation Act of 1999; H.R. 2821, to amend the North

American Wetlands Conservation Act to provide for appointment of 2 additional members of the North American Wetlands Conservation Council; H.R. 2970, Rongelap Resettlement Act of 1999; and H.R. 3002, Resources Reports Restoration Act.

BINATIONAL GREAT LAKES—SEAWAY ENHANCEMENT ACT

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure: Subcommittee on Water Resources and Environment held a hearing on H.R. 2332, Binational Great Lakes-Seaway Enhancement Act of 1999. Testimony was heard from Albert Jacquez, Administrator, St. Lawrence Seaway Development Corporation, Department of Transportation; Joe Comuzzi, Member of Parliament, Canada; and public witnesses.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR THURSDAY, OCTOBER 7, 1999

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry: to hold hearings to review public policy related to biotechnology, focusing on domestic approval process, benefits of biotechnology and an emphasis on challenges facing farmers to segregation of product, 9 a.m., SR-328A.

Committee on Armed Services: to hold hearings on the ability of the Stockpile Stewardship Program to adequately verify the safety and reliability of the United States nuclear deterrent under a Comprehensive Test Ban Treaty; to be followed by a closed hearing (SR-222), 9:30 a.m., SD-106.

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Subcommittee on Energy Research, Development, Production and Regulation, to hold hearings on S. 1183, to direct the Secretary of Energy to convey to the city of Bartlesville, Oklahoma, the former site of the NIPER facility of the Department of Energy; and S. 397, to authorize the Secretary of Energy to establish a multiagency program in support of the Materials Corridor Partnership Initiative to promote energy efficient, environmentally sound economic development along the border with Mexico through the research, development, and use of new materials, 2:30 p.m., SD-366.

Committee on Environment and Public Works: to hold hearings on S. 188, to amend the Federal Water Pollution Control Act to authorize the use of State revolving loan funds for construction of water conservation and quality improvements; S. 968, to authorize the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency to make grants to State agencies with responsibility for water source development, for the purposes of maximizing the available water supply and protecting the environment through the development of alternative water sources; and S. 914, to amend the Federal Water Pollution Control Act to require that discharges from combined storm and sanitary sewers conform to the Combined Sewer Overflow Control

Policy of the Environmental Protection Agency, 10 a.m., SD-406.

Committee on Finance: Subcommittee on International Trade, to hold hearings on the United States agricultural negotiating objectives for the Seattle World Trade Organization Ministerial Conference, 10 a.m., SD-215.

Committee on Foreign Relations: to hold hearings on comprehensive Nuclear Test-Ban Treaty, opened for signature and signed by the United States at New York on September 24, 1996. Treaty includes two Annexes, a Protocol, and two Annexes to the Protocol (Treaty Doc. 105-28), 10:30 a.m., SD-419.

Full Committee, to continue hearings on comprehensive Nuclear Test-Ban Treaty, opened for signature and signed by the United States at New York on September 24, 1996. Treaty includes two Annexes, a Protocol, and two Annexes to the Protocol (Treaty Doc. 105-28), 2 p.m., SD-419.

Committee on Governmental Affairs: Subcommittee on International Security, Proliferation and Federal Services, to hold hearings to examine guidelines for the relocation, closing, consolidation or construction of Post Offices, 2 p.m., SD-608.

Committee on the Judiciary: business meeting to consider the nomination of Ronald A. Guzman, of Illinois, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of Illinois; the nomination of William Joseph Haynes, Jr., of Tennessee, to be United States District Judge for the Middle District of Tennessee vice Thomas A. Higgins, retired; the nomination of Barbara M. Lynn, of Texas, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of Texas; the nomination of Diana E. Murphy, of Minnesota, to be a Member of the United States Sentencing Commission; the nomination of Ruben Castillo, of Illinois, to be a Member of the United States Sentencing Commission; the nomination of Sterling R. Johnson, Jr., of New York, to be a Member of the United States Sentencing Commission; the nomination of Joe Kendall, of Texas, to be a Member of the United States Sentencing Commission; the nomination of Michael O'Neill, of Maryland, to be a Member of the United States Sentencing Commission; the nomination of William Sessions, III, of Vermont, to be a Member of the United States Sentencing Commission; and the nomination of John R. Steer, of Virginia, to be a Member of the United States Sentencing Commission for the remainder of the term expiring October 31, 1999, 10 a.m., SD-226.

House

Committee on Armed Services, Subcommittee on Military Readiness, hearing on spare and repair parts shortages, 9 a.m., 2212 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Research and Development, hearing on electromagnetic pulse (EMP) threats to U.S. military and civilian infrastructure, 10:30 a.m., 2118 Rayburn.

Committee on Commerce, Subcommittee on Finance and Hazardous Materials, hearing on PUHCA Repeal: Is The Time Now? 10 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

Committee on Education and the Workforce, to continue markup of H.R. 2, to send more dollars to the classroom, and other pending business, 9 a.m.; and to hold a hearing on Examining the Impact of Minimum Wage on Welfare to Work, 3 p.m., 2175 Rayburn.

Committee on International Relations, to continue hearings on U.S. Policy Toward Russia, Part II: Corruption in the Russian Government, 10 a.m., 2172 Rayburn.

Committee on the Judiciary. Subcommittee on Courts and Intellectual Property, to mark up H.R. 1714, Electronic Signatures in Global and National Commerce Act, 10 a.m., 2226 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Crime, to mark up the following bills: H.R. 1887, to amend title 18, United States Code, to punish the depiction of animal cruelty; and H.R. 1869, Stalking Prevention and Victim Protection Act of 1999, 2 p.m., 2237 Rayburn.

Committee on Resources, Subcommittee on Water and Power, to hold a hearing on the following: H.R. 2994, Sugar Pine Dam and Reservoir Conveyance Act; H.R. 1696, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to convey the Griffith Project to the Southern Nevada Water Authority; H.R. 2674, providing for conveyance of the Palmetto Bend project to the State of Texas; H.R. 2984, Middle Loup Conveyance Act; H.R. 2974, Lower Yellowstone Irrigation Project Facilities Conveyance Act of 1999; H.R. 2889, to amend the Central Utah Project Completion Act to provide for acquisition of water and water rights for Central Utah Project purposes, completion of Central Utah project facilities, and implementation of water conservation measures; and H.R. 1235, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to enter into contracts with the Solano County Water Agency, California, to use Solano Project facilities for impounding, storage, and carriage of nonproject water for domestic, municipal, industrial, and other beneficial purposes, 10 a.m., 1334 Longworth.

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, Subcommittee on Coast Guard and Maritime Transportation, hearing on Cruise Ship Safety, 10 a.m., 2253 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Ground Transportation, hearing on the Effect of the Fiscal Year 2000 Department of Transportation Appropriations Act on Motor Carrier Safety Enforcement, 10 a.m., 2167 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Oversight, Investigations, and Emergency Management, hearing on GSA's Federal Building Security Program, 2 p.m., 2167 Rayburn.