

## ***Committee Meetings***

### **YOUTH ANTI-DRUG MEDIA CAMPAIGN**

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Treasury, Postal Service, and General Government held a hearing on the Youth Anti-Drug Media Campaign. Testimony was heard from Barry McCaffrey, Director, Office of National Drug Control Policy; Susan David, National Institute of Drug Abuse, Department of Health and Human Services; and public witnesses.

### **POSTURE, READINESS ISSUES, AND UNFUNDED REQUIREMENTS**

*Committee on Armed Services:* Held a hearing on posture, readiness issues, and unfunded requirements. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Defense: Gen. Eric K. Shinseki, USA, Chief of Staff, Department of the Army; Adm. Jay L. Johnson, USN, Chief of Naval Operations, Department of the Navy; Gen. Michael E. Ryan, USAF, Chief of Staff, Department of the Air Force; and Gen. James L. Jones, USMC, Commandant, U.S. Marine Corps.

### **Y2K AND MEDICAL DEVICES**

*Committee on Commerce:* Subcommittee on Health and Environment and the Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations held a joint hearing on Y2K and Medical Devices: Testing for the Y2K Bug. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Health and Human Services: Thomas Shope, Special Assistant to the Director, Office of Science and Technology, Center for Devices and Radiological Health; William Hubbard, Senior Associate Commissioner, Policy, Planning and Legislation, both with the FDA; and George Grob, Deputy Inspector General; Joel C. Willemssen, Director, Civil Agencies Information Systems, Accounting and Management Division, GAO; and public witnesses.

### **MSPA CLARIFICATION ACT; OPPORTUNITIES FOR MIGRANT EMPLOYEES**

*Committee on Education and the Workforce:* Subcommittee on Workforce Protections held a hearing on the following bills: H.R. 1886, MSPA Clarification Act of 1999; and H.R. 2757, Opportunities for Migrant Employees. Testimony was heard from Representatives Canady of Florida, Hastings of Washington and Radanovich; and public witnesses.

### **SUBSTANCE ABUSE TREATMENT PARITY**

*Committee on Government Reform:* Subcommittee on Criminal Justice, Drug Policy and Human Resources held a hearing on Substance Abuse Treatment Parity: A Viable Solution to the Nation's Epidemic of Ad-

diction? Testimony was heard from Senator Wellstone; Representative Ramstad; Capt. Ronald Smith, M.D., USN, Vice Chairman, Department of Psychiatry, National Naval Medical Center, Department of Defense; and public witnesses.

### **MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES; OVERSIGHT—POSTAL SERVICE**

*Committee on Government Reform:* Subcommittee on Postal Service approved for full Committee action the following bills: H.R. 2952, to redesignate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 100 Orchard Park Drive in Greenville, South Carolina, as the "Keith D. Oglesby Station"; and H.R. 3018, amended, to designate the United States Post Office located at 557 East Bay Street in Charleston, South Carolina, as the "Marybelle H. Howe Post Office".

The Subcommittee also held an oversight hearing on the U.S. Postal Service. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the U.S. Postal Service: Karla W. Corcoran, Inspector General; and William J. Henderson, Postmaster General and CEO; and Bernard L. Ungar, Director, Government Business Operations Issues, GAO.

### **COMMITTEE BUSINESS**

*Committee on House Administration:* Met and considered pending Committee business.

### **Y2K: A THREAT TO U.S. INTERESTS ABROAD?**

*Committee on International Relations:* Held a hearing on Y2K: A Threat to U.S. Interests Abroad? Testimony was heard from the following officials of the U.S. Agency for International Development: Richard C. Nygard, Chief Information Officer; and Theodore Alves, Director, Assistant Inspector General, Audits; the following officials of the Department of State: John O'Keefe, Special Representative for the Year 2000; and Jacquelyn L. Williams-Bridgers, Inspector General; Lawrence K. Gershwin, National Intelligence Officer, Science and Technology, CIA; and Linda D. Koontz, Associate Director, Accounting and Information Management Division, GAO.

### **PARTICIPATION AND REHABILITATION**

*Committee on the Judiciary:* Subcommittee on the Constitution held a hearing on H.R. 906, Civic Participation and Rehabilitation Act of 1999. Testimony was heard from Representative Davis of Illinois; and public witnesses.

### **ANTITAMPERING ACT**

*Committee on the Judiciary:* Subcommittee on Courts and Intellectual Property held a hearing on H.R.

2100, Antitampering Act of 1999, Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

#### MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

*Committee on Resources:* Subcommittee on Energy and Mineral Resources held a hearing on the following bills: H.R. 3063, to amend the National Leasing Act to increase the maximum acreage of Federal leases for sodium that may be held by an entity in any one State; and H.R. 2818, to prohibit oil and gas drilling in Mosquito Creek Lake in Cortland, Ohio. Testimony was heard from Representative Traficant; the following officials of the Bureau of Land Management, Department of the Interior: Gwen Mason, Associate State Director, Eastern States Office; and Robert M. Anderson, Deputy Assistant Director, Minerals, Realty and Resource Protection; Brig. Gen. Hans A. VanWinkle, USA, Deputy Commander for Civil Works, Corps of Engineers, Department of the Army; and public witnesses.

#### MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

*Committee on Resources:* Subcommittee on Fisheries Conservation, Wildlife and Oceans held a hearing on the following measures: H. Con. Res. 189, expressing the sense of the Congress regarding the wasteful and unsportsmanlike practice known as shark finning; and H.R. 2903, Coral Reef Conservation and Restoration Act of 1999. Testimony was heard from Representative Cunningham; from the following officials of NOAA, Department of Commerce: Sally Yozell, Deputy Assistant Secretary, Oceans and Atmosphere; and Andrew Rosenberg, Deputy Assistant Administrator, Fisheries, National Marine Fisheries Service; and public witnesses.

#### LAND EXCHANGE

*Committee on Resources:* Subcommittee on National Parks and Public Lands held a hearing on H.R. 2950, to provide for the exchange of certain land in the State of Oregon. Testimony was heard from Representative Walden of Oregon; Carson Culp, Assistant Director, Minerals, Realty and Resource Protection, Bureau of Land Management, Department of the Interior; Jack Craven, Director, Lands, Forest Service, USDA; and public witnesses.

#### MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

*Committee on Resources:* Subcommittee on Water and Power held a hearing on the following: H.R. 2348, to authorize the Bureau of Reclamation to provide cost sharing for the endangered fish recovery implementation programs for the Upper Colorado and San Juan River Basins; H.R. 2619, 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; H.R. 3067, Nampa and Meridian Conveyance Act; and a measure to amend the Act that authorized construction of the San Luis Unit of the Central Valley Project, California, to facilitate water transfers in the Central Valley Project. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Bureau of Reclamation, Department of the Interior: David Hayes, Acting Deputy Secretary; and Eluid Martinez, Commissioner; Katheen Clarke, Executive Director, Department of Natural Resources, State of Utah; and public witnesses.

#### PAIN RELIEF PROMOTION ACT

*Committee on Rules:* Granted, by voice vote, a structured rule providing 1 hour of general debate on H.R. 2260, Pain Relief Promotion Act of 1999, equally divided and controlled by the chairman and ranking member of the Committee on Commerce and the chairman and ranking member of the Committee on the Judiciary. The rule waives clause 4(a) of rule XIII (requiring a three-day lay-over of the committee report) against consideration of the bill. The rule makes in order as an original bill for the purpose of amendment the amendment in the nature of a substitute consisting of the bill as modified by the amendments recommended by the Committee on Commerce and printed in the bill. The rule provides for consideration of only the amendments printed in the Rules Committee report accompanying the resolution. The rule provides that the amendments will be considered only in the order specified in the report, may be offered only by a Member designated in the report, shall be considered as read, shall be debatable for the time specified in the report equally divided and controlled by the proponent and an opponent and shall not be subject to amendment. The rule allows the Chairman of the Committee of the Whole to postpone votes during consideration of the bill, and to reduce voting time to five minutes on a postponed question if the vote follows a fifteen minute vote. Finally, the rule provides one motion to recommit with or without instructions. Testimony was heard from Representatives Bilirakis, Canady of Florida, Scott, Watt of North Carolina, Rothman, Hoyer, Maloney of New York, Hooley of Oregon and Wu.

#### SUPERFUND RD&D

*Committee on Science:* Subcommittee on Energy and Environment held a hearing on Superfund RD&D. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the EPA: Norine Noonan, Assistant Administrator, Research and Development, Office of Research and Development; and Ed Berkey, Committee on Environmentalk Engineering, Science Advisory Board; and public witnesses.

#### NASA'S SPACE SHUTTLE—SAFETY AND PERFORMANCE UPGRADES

*Committee on Science:* Subcommittee on Space and Aeronautics held a hearing on Safety and Performance Upgrades to NASA's Space Shuttle. Testimony was heard from William F. Readdy, Deputy Associate

Administrator, Space Flight, NASA; and public witnesses.

### CONTRACTOR RESPONSIBILITY

*Committee on Small Business:* Held a hearing on the proposed changes to Part 9 of the Federal Acquisition Regulation relating to contractor responsibility. Testimony was heard from Representative Davis of Virginia; Deidre Lee, Administrator, Office of Federal Procurement Policy, OMB; Eleanor Spector, Director, Defense Procurement, Department of Defense; James Ballentine, Acting Associate Deputy Administrator, Government Contracting and Minority Enterprise Development, SBA; and public witnesses.

### STATE OF AIRLINE COMPETITION

*Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure:* Subcommittee on Aviation continued hearings on the State of Airline Competition, (including the Status of New Low-Cost Airlines and the DOT Response to the TRB Report). Testimony was heard from Nancy E. McFadden, General Counsel, Department of Transportation; and public witnesses.

### FATHERS COUNT ACT; MEDICARE BALANCED BUDGET REFINEMENT ACT

*Committee on Ways and Means:* Ordered reported, amended the following bills: H.R. 3073, amended, Fathers Count Act of 1999 and H.R. 3075, Medicare Balanced Budget Refinement Act of 1999.

### MANAGEMENT OF DISABILITY CASES

*Committee on Ways and Means:* Subcommittee on Social Security and the Subcommittee on Human Resources held a joint hearing on the Management of Disability Cases. Testimony was heard from Kenneth S. Apfel, Commissioner, SSA; Cynthia M. Fagnoni,

Director, Income Security Issues, Health, Education and Human Services Division, GAO; the following Administrative Law Judges: Ronald G. Bernoski; and Kathleen A. McGraw; and public witnesses.

## Joint Meetings

### FINANCIAL SERVICES MODERNIZATION

*Conferees* continued in evening session to resolve the differences between the Senate and House passed versions of S. 900/H.R.10, bills to enhance competition in the financial services industry by providing a prudential framework for the affiliation of banks, securities firms, insurance companies, and other financial service providers.

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## COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR FRIDAY, OCTOBER 22, 1999

*(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)*

### Senate

*Committee on Armed Services:* to hold hearings to examine the security of the Panama Canal, 9:30 a.m., SH-216.

### House

*Committee on Commerce,* to mark up the following: 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; and the Health Care Restoration Act of 1999, 9:30 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

*Committee on Science,* Subcommittee on Technology and the Subcommittee on Government Management, Information and Technology of the Committee on Government Reform, joint hearing on Y2K and Nuclear Power: Will Reactors React Responsibly, 10 a.m., 2318 Rayburn.