

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

The House was not in session. It will next meet on Monday, October 25 at 12:30 p.m. for morning-hour debates.

Committee Meetings

No committee meetings were held.

Joint Meetings

FINANCIAL SERVICES MODERNIZATION

Conferees continued 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.

NEW PUBLIC LAWS

(For last listing of Public Laws, see DAILY DIGEST, p. D1172)

H.R. 3036, to provide for interim continuation of administration of motor carrier functions by the Federal Highway Administration. Signed October 19, 1999. (P.L. 106-73)

H.R. 2684, making appropriations for the Departments of Veterans Affairs and Housing and Urban Development, and for sundry independent agencies, boards, commissions, corporations, and offices for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2000. Signed October 20, 1999. (P.L. 106-74)

CONGRESSIONAL PROGRAM AHEAD

Week of October 25 through October 30, 1999

Senate Chamber

On *Monday*, Senate will resume consideration of the motion to proceed to the consideration of H.R. 434, African Growth and Opportunity Act.

On *Tuesday*, Senate will continue consideration of the motion to proceed to the consideration of H.R. 434, African Growth and Opportunity Act, with a vote on the motion to close further debate to occur thereon.

During the balance of the week, Senate will consider any cleared legislative and executive business, including conference reports, when available.

Senate Committees

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Committee on Armed Services: October 26, to hold hearings on the status of United States military forces, 9:30 a.m., SH-216.

October 26, Subcommittee on Readiness and Management Support, to hold hearings on the Real Property Management Program and the maintenance of the historic homes and senior officers' quarters, 2:30 p.m., SR-222.

October 27, Full Committee, to hold hearings on the nomination of the following named officer for appointment in the United States Air Force to the grade indicated while assigned to a position of importance and responsibility under title 10, U.S.C., section 601: Gen. Joseph W. Ralston, 9172, to be General; the nomination of the following named officer for appointment as Vice Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff and appointment to the grade indicated while assigned to a position of importance and responsibility under title 10, U.S.C., sections 601 and 154: Gen. Richard B. Myers, 7092, to be General; the nomination of the following named officer for appointment in the United States Army to the grade indicated while assigned to a position of importance and responsibility under title 10, U.S.C., section 601: Gen. Thomas A. Schwartz, 0711, to be General; and the nomination of the following named officer for appointment in the United States Air Force to the grade indicated while assigned to a position of importance and responsibility under title 10, U.S.C., section 601: Gen. Ralph E. Eberhart, 7375, to be General, 9:30 a.m., SH-216.

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: October 27, Subcommittee on Securities, to hold hearings on the impact of ECNs, focusing on the changing face of capital markets, 10 a.m., SD-538.

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: October 28, Subcommittee on Science, Technology, and Space, to hold hearings on issues relating to E-commerce, 10 a.m., SR-253.

October 28, Subcommittee on Manufacturing and Competitiveness, to hold hearings on challenges confronting the machine tool industry, 2:30 p.m., SR-253.

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: October 26, to hold oversight hearings on the interpretation and implementation plans of subsistence management regulations for public lands in Alaska, 9:30 a.m., SD-366.

October 27, Full Committee, business meeting to consider pending calendar business, 9:30 a.m., SD-366.

October 28, Subcommittee on Water and Power, to hold oversight hearings on the Federal hydroelectric licensing process, 2:30 p.m., SD-366.

Committee on Environment and Public Works: October 26, Subcommittee on Transportation and Infrastructure, to hold hearings on the courthouse construction program, 10 a.m., SD-406.

October 27, Full Committee, to hold hearings on S. 1405, to amend the Woodrow Wilson Memorial Bridge Authority Act of 1995 to provide an authorization of

contract authority for fiscal years 2004 through 2007, 2:30 p.m., SD-406.

Committee on Finance: October 26, to hold hearings on the use of seclusion and restraints in mental hospitals; to be followed by a hearing on the nomination of William A. Halter, of Arkansas, to be Deputy Commissioner of Social Security, 10 a.m., SD-215.

Committee on Foreign Relations: October 27, to hold hearings to examine the future of U.S.-China relations, 10:30 a.m., SD-419.

October 27, Full Committee, to hold hearings on numerous tax treaties and protocol, 3 p.m., SD-419.

October 28, Full Committee, to hold hearings on the nomination of Joseph W. Prueher, of Tennessee, to be Ambassador to the People's Republic of China, 10:30 a.m., SD-419.

Committee on Indian Affairs: October 27, to hold a business meeting on pending calendar business; to be followed by hearings on proposed legislation authorizing funds for elementary and secondary education assistance, focusing on Indian educational programs, 9:30 a.m., SR-285.

Select Committee on Intelligence: October 28, to hold closed hearings on pending intelligence matters, 2 p.m., SH-219.

Committee on the Judiciary: October 26, Subcommittee on Administrative Oversight and the Courts, to hold hearings to examine Chinese espionage at United States nuclear facilities and the transfer of United States technology to China, 2 p.m., S-407, Capitol.

October 27, Full Committee, to hold hearings on terrorism issues, focusing on victims' access to terrorist assets, 10 a.m., SD-226.

October 27, Subcommittee on Criminal Justice Oversight, to hold hearings on the Justice Department's response to international parental kidnapping, 2:30 p.m., SD-226.

October 28, Subcommittee on Antitrust, Business Rights, and Competition, to hold hearings to examine media competition and consolidation in the new millennium, focusing on the Viacom/CBS merger, 1:30 p.m., SD-226.

Committee on Small Business: October 25, to hold hearings to examine the incidents of high-tech fraud on small businesses, 1 p.m., SD-562.

October 28, Full Committee, to hold hearings on the Environmental Protection Agency's recent rulemaking in regards to small businesses, 9:30 a.m., SR-428A.

House Chamber

Schedule to be announced.

House Committees

Committee on Agriculture, October 27, to consider H.R. 728, Small Watershed Rehabilitation Amendments of 1999, 10 a.m., 1300 Longworth.

October 28, Subcommittee on Department Operations, Oversight, Nutrition, and Forestry, hearing to review the EPA's new agricultural regulatory programs, 9:30 a.m., 1300 Longworth.

Committee on Armed Services, October 26, Subcommittee on Military Readiness, hearing on the readiness impact of operations in Kosovo: problems encountered, lessons learned, and reconstitution, 10 a.m., 2212 Rayburn.

October 26, Subcommittee on Military Research and Development, hearing on Russian threat perceptions and plans for sabotage against the United States, 2 p.m., 2118 Rayburn.

October 28, full Committee, hearing on U.S. policy regarding the export of high-performance computers, 10 a.m., and 2 p.m., 2118 Rayburn.

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

Committee on Commerce, October 26, Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations, hearing on the state of security at the Department of Energy's Los Alamos National Laboratory (New Mexico) and Sandia National Laboratory (New Mexico), 10 a.m., 2322 Rayburn.

October 26, Subcommittee on Telecommunications, Trade, and Consumer Protection, oversight hearing on Federal Communications Commission Reform for the New Millennium, 9:30 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

October 27, Subcommittee on Energy and Power, to mark up H.R. 2944, Electricity Competition and Reliability Act of 1999, 10 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

October 28, full Committee, to mark up 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, 1 p.m., 2123 Rayburn.

October 28, Subcommittee on Telecommunications, Trade, and Consumer Protection, hearing on WIPO One Year Later: Assessing Consumer Access to Digital Entertainment on the Internet and Other Media, 10 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

October 29, Subcommittee on Finance and Hazardous Materials, hearing on Increasing Disclosure to Benefit Investors, focusing on the following bills: H.R. 887, to amend the Securities and Exchange Act of 1934 to require improved disclosure of corporate charitable contributions; and H.R. 1089, Mutual Fund Tax Awareness Act of 1999, 10 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

Committee on Education and the Workforce, October 28, Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations, hearing on Telework: The Impact on Workplace Policy in the U.S., 9:30 a.m., 2175 Rayburn.

Committee on Government Reform, October 26, Subcommittee on Government Management, Information, and Technology, to mark up the following: Presidential Transition Act Amendment of 1999; and H.R. 2376, to require executive agencies to establish expedited review procedures for granting a waiver to a State under a grant program administered by the agency if another State has already been granted a similar waiver by the agency under such program, following joint meeting with Committee on Science, 2154 Rayburn.

October 28, full Committee, to consider pending business, 10 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

October 28, Subcommittee on Government Management, Information, and Technology, hearing on Implementation of the Federal Activities Inventory Reform (FAIR) Act of 1998, 2 p.m., 2154 Rayburn.

October 29, Subcommittee on Government Management, Information, and Technology, and the Subcommittee on Technology of the Committee on Science, joint hearing on Y2K Contingency and Day 1 Plans: If Computers Fail, What Will You Do? 10 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

Committee on International Relations, October 26, to mark up H.R. 1838, Taiwan Security Enhancement Act, 10:30 a.m., 2172 Rayburn.

October 26, Subcommittee on International Economic Policy and Trade, hearing on U.S. Trade Policies and Agricultural Disease: Safety, Economic, and Global Considerations, 1:30 p.m., 2200 Rayburn.

October 27, full Committee, to continue hearings on U.S. Policy Toward North Korea II: Misuse of U.S. Aid to North Korea, 10 a.m., 2172 Rayburn.

October 27, Subcommittee on Asia and the Pacific, to mark up the following measures: H. Res. 169, expressing the sense of the House of Representatives with respect to democracy, free elections, and human rights in the Lao People's Democratic Republic; and H. Con. Res. 200, expressing the strong opposition of Congress to the military coup in Pakistan and calling for a civilian, democratically-elected government to be returned to power in Pakistan, 1:30 p.m., 2255 Rayburn.

October 29, full Committee, hearing on The Cuban Program: Torture of American Prisoners by Cuban Agents, 10:30 a.m., 2172 Rayburn.

Committee on the Judiciary, October 25, to continue markup of H.R. 2366, Small Business Liability Reform Act of 1999 and to mark up the following bills: H.R. 1304, Quality Health-Care Coalition Act of 1999; H.R. 1283, Fairness in Asbestos Compensation Act of 1999; and H.R. 2558, Prison Industries Reform Act of 1999, 4 p.m., 2141 Rayburn.

October 26, Subcommittee on Commercial and Administrative Law, oversight hearing on Bankruptcy Judgeship Needs; followed by a hearing on H.J. Res. 72, granting the consent of the Congress to the Red River Boundary Compact, 2 p.m., 2226 Rayburn.

October 26, Subcommittee on the Constitution, hearing on H.R. 2442, Wartime Violation of Italian American Civil Liberties Act, 9:30 a.m., 2237 Rayburn.

October 27, Subcommittee on Commercial and Administrative Law, hearing on H.R. 1924, Federal Agency Compliance Act, 2 p.m., 2237 Rayburn.

October 28, Subcommittee on Commercial and Administrative Law, hearing on the following measures: H. Con. Res. 30, to express the sense of the Congress that any Executive order that infringes on the powers and duties of the Congress under article I, section 8 of the Constitution, or that would require the expenditure of Federal funds not specifically appropriated for the purpose of the Executive order, is advisory only and has no force or effect unless enacted as law; and H.R. 2655, Separation of Powers Restoration Act, 10 a.m., 2237 Rayburn.

October 28, Subcommittee on the Constitution, hearing on H.R. 2437, Justice in Fair Housing Enforcement Act of 1999, 2 p.m., 2237 Rayburn.

October 28, Subcommittee on Crime, oversight hearing on the COPS (Community Oriented Policing Services) Programs, 9:30 a.m., 2141 Rayburn.

Committee on Resources, October 26, to continue oversight hearings on the Federal Aid Programs administered by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (Part II), 11 a.m., 1324 Longworth.

October 26, Subcommittee on Energy and Mineral Resources, oversight hearing on Limitations on Patenting Millsites under the Mining Law of 1872 and the Approval of Mining Plans of Operations Pursuant to the Federal Land Policy and Management Act, 2 p.m., 1324 Longworth.

October 26, Subcommittee on National Parks and Public Lands, hearing on the following bills: H.R. 1509, to authorize the Disabled Veterans' LIFE Memorial Foundation to establish a memorial in the District of Columbia or its environs to honor veterans who became disabled while serving in the Armed Forces of the United States; and H.R. 2532, National Heritage Areas Policy Act of 1999, 10 a.m., 1324 Longworth.

October 27, full Committee, to mark up the following: H. Con. Res. 189, expressing the sense of the Congress regarding the wasteful and unsportsmanlike practice known as shark finning; 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; H.R. 2278, to require the National Park Service to conduct a feasibility study regarding options for the protection and expanded visitor enjoyment of nationally significant natural and cultural resources at Fort Hunter Liggett, California; H.R. 2541, to adjust the boundaries of the Gulf Islands National Seashore to include Cat Island, Mississippi; H.R. 2879, to provide for the placement at the Lincoln Memorial of a plaque commemorating the speech of Martin Luther King, Jr., known as the "I Have A Dream" speech; H.R. 2903, Coral Reef Conservation and Restoration Act of 1999; 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. 3077, 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; followed by a hearing on H.R. 2958, to provide for the continuation of higher education through the conveyance of certain public lands in the State of Alaska to the University of Alaska, 11 a.m., 1324 Longworth.

October 27, Subcommittee on Fisheries Conservation, Wildlife, and Oceans, hearing on H.R. 2090, Exploration of the Seas Act, 10 a.m., 1334 Longworth.

October 28, Subcommittee on Energy and Mineral Resources, oversight hearing on the Proposed World Heritage Committee Policy Prohibiting Mining in Areas Surrounding World Heritage Sites, 2 p.m., 1334 Longworth.

October 28, Subcommittee on Fisheries Conservation, Wildlife and Oceans, oversight hearing on Pacific Salmon Treaty, 11 a.m., 1334 Longworth.

October 28, Subcommittee on National Parks, and Public Lands, hearing on H.R. 2874, Wild Horse and Burro Preservation and Management Act of 1999, 10 a.m., 1334 Longworth.

Committee on Rules, October 25, to consider H.R. 1987, Fair Access to Indemnity and Reimbursement Act, 5 p.m., H-313 Capitol.

October 27, Subcommittee on Legislative and Budget Process, hearing on "The Impact of Executive Orders on the Legislative Process: Executive Lawmaking?" 10 a.m., H-313 Capitol.

Committee on Science, October 26, Subcommittee on Basic Research, hearing on Education Research: Is What We Don't Know Hurting Our Children? 2 p.m., 2318 Rayburn.

October 26, 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?, 11 a.m., 2318 Rayburn.

October 27, Subcommittee on Space and Aeronautics, hearing on Space Transportation Architecture Studies: The Future of Earth-to-Orbit Spaceflight, 10 a.m., 2318 Rayburn.

October 27, Subcommittee on Technology, hearing on Competing in the New Millennium: Challenges Facing Small Biotechnology Firms, 2 p.m., 2318 Rayburn.

October 28, Subcommittee on Energy and Environment, hearing on the following bills: H.R. 2819, Biomass Research and Development Act of 1999; and H.R. 2827, National Sustainable Fuels and Chemicals Act of 1999, 1:30 p.m., 2318 Rayburn.

Committee on Small Business, October 28, hearing on California Prop. 65's effect on small businesses, 11 a.m., 2360 Rayburn.

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, October 27, Subcommittee on Public Buildings, Hazardous Materials and Pipeline Transportation, hearing on the Bellingham, Washington, Hazardous Liquid Pipeline Incident, 10 a.m., 2253 Rayburn.

October 28, Subcommittee on Ground Transportation, oversight hearing on Amtrak, 10 a.m., 2167 Rayburn.

Committee on Veterans' Affairs, October 26, Subcommittee on Benefits, hearing on Persian Gulf War veterans issues, 10 a.m., 334 Cannon.

October 28, Subcommittee on Benefits, hearing on draft concepts for 21st Century Veterans' Employment and Training legislation and draft legislative concepts for miscellaneous VA Education Programs, 9 a.m., 340 Cannon.

October 28, Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations, hearing on Year 2000 readiness in the Department of Veterans Affairs, 10 a.m., 334 Cannon.

Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence, executive, briefing on Kosovo: Lessons Learned, 2 p.m., H-405 Capitol.