

# House of Representatives

## *Chamber Action*

The House was not in session. The House will meet at 12:30 p.m. on Tuesday, February 29 for morning-hour debates.

## *Committee Meetings*

### AGRICULTURE, RURAL DEVELOPMENT, FDA, AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS

*Committee on Appropriations:* On February 17, the Subcommittee on Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies held a hearing on the Inspector General. Testimony was heard from Roger C. Viadero, Inspector General, USDA.

### COMMERCE, JUSTICE, STATE, AND JUDICIARY APPROPRIATIONS

*Committee on Appropriations:* On February 17, the Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, State, and Judiciary held a hearing on the Legal Services Corporation. Testimony was heard from John McKay, President, Legal Services Corporation.

### DEFENSE APPROPRIATIONS

*Committee on Appropriations:* On February 17, the Subcommittee on Defense held a hearing on Defense Medical Programs. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Defense: Rudy DeLeon, Under Secretary; William Lynn, II, Under Secretary; and Sue Bailey, Assistant Secretary.

### LABOR-HHS-EDUCATION APPROPRIATIONS

*Committee on Appropriations:* On February 17, Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education held a hearing on the National Heart, Lung, and Blood Institute, the National Institute of Dental and Craniofacial Research, the National Institute of Drug Abuse and the National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the NIH, Department of Health and Human Services: Claude Lenfant, M.D., Director, National Heart, Lung and Blood Institute; Harold Slavkin, DDS, Director, National Institute of Dental and Craniofacial Research; Alan I. Leshner, M.D., Director, National Institute of Drug Abuse; and Enoch Gordis, M.D., Director, National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism.

### DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION

*Committee on Armed Services:* On February 17, the Committee continued hearings on the Fiscal Year 2001 National Defense Authorization Budget Request. Testimony was heard from the following Gen. Wesley K. Clark, USA, Commander in Chief, U.S. European Command, Department of Defense.

### CONDUCT OF MONETARY POLICY

*Committee on Banking and Financial Services:* On February 17, the Committee held a hearing on the Conduct of Monetary Policy (Humphrey-Hawkins). Testimony was heard from Alan Greenspan, Chairman, Board of Governors, Federal Reserve System.

### OVERSIGHT—HIGH-RISK GOVERNMENT PROGRAMS

*Committee on the Budget:* On February 17, the Committee held a hearing on "Oversight of 'High-Risk' Government Programs." Testimony was heard from David M. Walker, Comptroller, GAO; Donald Mancuso, Deputy Inspector General, Department of Defense; Susan Gaffney, Inspector General, Department of Housing and Urban Development; June Gibbs, Brown, Inspector General, Department of Health and Human Services; and Lorraine Pratte Lewis, Inspector General, Department of Education.

### LOW-POWER FM STATIONS—REGULATION BY FCC

*Committee on Commerce:* On February 17, the Subcommittee on Telecommunications, Trade, and Consumer Protection held a hearing on the FCC's Low-power FM: A Review of the FCC's Spectrum Management Responsibilities in addition to H.R. 3439, Radio Broadcasting Preservation Act of 1999. Testimony was heard from Bruce Franca, Deputy Chief, Office of Engineering and Technology, FCC; and public witnesses.

### 21ST CENTURY WORKER SHORTAGES

*Committee on Education and the Workforce:* On February 17, the Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations held a hearing on 21st Century Worker Shortages. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

### HHS DRUG TREATMENT SUPPORT

*Committee on Government Reform:* On February 17, the Subcommittee on Criminal Justice, Drug Policy and Human Resources held a hearing on HHS Drug Treatment Support: Is SAMHSA Optimizing Resources? Testimony was heard from Janet Heinrich, Associate Director, Health, Finance and Public Health Issues, GAO; and public witnesses.

**MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES**

*Committee on the Judiciary:* On February 17, the Subcommittee on Immigration and Claims held a hearing on the following bills: H.R. 3058, Anti-Atrocity Alien Deportation Act; and H.R. 2883, Adopted Orphans Citizenship Act. Testimony was heard from Representative Foley; the following officials of the Department of Justice: Gerri Ratliff, Director, Business Process and Re-engineering Services and Acting Director, Office of Congressional Relations, Immigration and Naturalization Service; and James Castello, Associate Deputy Attorney General; Edward A. Betancourt, Director, Office of Policy Review and Interagency Liaison, Bureau of Consular Affairs, Department of State; and public witnesses.

**DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS  
BUDGET**

*Committee on Veterans' Affairs:* On February 17, the Committee held a hearing on the Fiscal Year 2001 budget for the Department of Veterans Affairs. Testimony was heard from Togo D. West, Jr., Secretary, Department of Veterans Affairs; and representatives of veterans organizations.

**PATIENT RECORDS CONFIDENTIALITY**

*Committee on Ways and Means:* On February 17, the Subcommittee on Health held a hearing on the Confidentiality of Patient Records. Testimony was heard from Margaret Hamburg, M.D., Assistant Secretary, Planning and Evaluation, Department of Health and Human Services; and public witnesses.

**CHILD PROTECTION REVIEW SYSTEM**

*Committee on Ways and Means:* On February 17, the Subcommittee on Human Resources held a hearing on Child Protection Review System. Testimony was heard from Representative Greenwood; Olivia A. Golden, Assistant Secretary, Children and Families, Department of Health and Human Services; and public witnesses.

***Joint Meetings*****RUSSIA RELIGIOUS FREEDOM**

*Commission on Security and Cooperation in Europe (Helsinki Commission):* On Thursday, February 17, commission concluded hearings to examine the current status of religious liberty in Russia, focusing on minority religious group harassment, after receiving testimony from Robert Seiple, Ambassador-at-Large for International Religious Freedom, Department of State; Anatoly Krasikov, International Religious Liberty Association, Moscow, Russia; Pastor Igor Nikitin, Union of Christians, St. Petersburg, Russia; Rabbi Levi Shemtov, American Friends of Lubavitch,

Washington, D.C.; and Father Leonid Kishkovsky, Seacliff, New Jersey.

**NEW PUBLIC LAWS**

*(For last listing of Public Laws, see DAILY DIGEST, p. D100)*

H.R. 2130, to amend the Controlled Substances Act to direct the emergency scheduling of gamma hydroxybutyric acid, to provide for a national awareness campaign. Signed February 18, 2000. (P.L. 106-172)

**CONGRESSIONAL PROGRAM AHEAD**

**Week of February 23 through February 26, 2000**

**Senate Chamber**

To be announced.

**Senate Committees**

*(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)*

*Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry:* February 23, to hold hearings to examine issues dealing with water quality, 9 a.m., SD-106.

*Committee on Appropriations:* February 23, Subcommittee on Defense, to hold hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2001 for the Department of Defense, 9:30 a.m., SD-192.

February 24, Subcommittee on Foreign Operations, to hold hearings on proposed supplemental appropriations for fiscal year ending September 30, 2000 for foreign assistance to Colombia, 10:30 a.m., SD-192.

February 24, Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, State, and the Judiciary, to hold hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2001 for the Department of Commerce, 11 a.m., SD-138.

February 24, Subcommittee on Transportation, to hold hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2001 for the Department of Defense, focusing on safety initiatives, 11 a.m., SD-124.

*Committee on Armed Services:* February 23, to hold closed hearings on issues dealing with the situation in Kosovo, 9:30 a.m., SR-222.

February 24, Subcommittee on Personnel, to hold hearings on proposed legislation authorizing funds for fiscal year 2001 for the Department of Defense and the future years defense program, focusing on recruiting and retention within DOD and the Military Services, 2:30 p.m., SR-222.

*Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs:* February 23, 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.

February 24, Subcommittee on Housing and Transportation, to hold oversight hearings on HUD's Community Builders' Program, 9:30 a.m., SD-628.

February 24, Full Committee, to hold hearings on the nomination of Kathryn Shaw, of Pennsylvania, to be a