

EPA'S SLUDGE RULE

Committee on Science: Held a hearing on EPA's Sludge Rule: Closed Minds or Open Debate. Testimony was heard from J. Charles Fox, Assistant Administrator, Office of Water, EPA; and public witnesses.

NASA'S BUDGET REQUEST

Committee on Science: Subcommittee on Space and Aeronautics held a hearing on NASA's Fiscal Year 2001 Budget Request: Life and Microgravity Research. Testimony was heard from Arnauld Nicogossian, Associate Administrator, Office of Life and Microgravity Sciences and Applications, NASA; Richard Hodes, Director, National Institute on Aging, NIH, Department of Health and Human Services; and public witnesses.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure: Subcommittee on Economic Development, Public Buildings, Hazardous Materials, and Pipeline Transportation, approved for full Committee action the following bills: H.R. 3171, amended, National Health Museum Site Selection Act; H.R. 3069, amended, Southeast Federal Center Public-Private Development Act of 2000; H.R. 1359, amended, to designate the Federal building and United States courthouse to be constructed at 10 East Commerce Street in Youngstown, Ohio, as the "Frank J. Battisti and Nathaniel R. Jones Federal Building and United States Courthouse"; and S. 1567, to designate the United States courthouse located at 223 Broad Street in Albany, Georgia, as the "C.B. King United States Courthouse."

PROGRAM DATA QUALITY

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure: Subcommittee on Oversight, Investigations, and Emergency Management held a hearing on Program Data Quality. Testimony was heard from J. Christopher Mihm, Associate Director, Federal Management and Workforce Issues, GAO; the following officials of the Department of Transportation: Raymond DeCarli, Deputy Inspector General; and Peter Basso, Assistant Secretary, Budget and Programs/Chief Financial Officer; the following officials of the GSA: Eugene L. Waszily, Assistant Inspector General, Auditing; and William C. Piatt, Chief Information Officer; and the following officials of the EPA: Nikki L. Tinsley, Inspector General; and Margaret N. Schneider, Assistant Administrator, Environmental Information.

ADMINISTRATION'S PROPOSALS—WATER RESOURCES DEVELOPMENT ACT

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure: Subcommittee on Water Resources and Environment

held a hearing on the Administration's proposals for a Water Resources Development Act of 2000. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of the Army: Joseph W. Westphal, Assistant Secretary (Civil Works); and Lt. Gen. Joe N. Ballard, USA, Chief of Engineers.

EDUCATION SAVINGS AND SCHOOL EXCELLENCE ACT

Committee on Ways and Means: Ordered reported, as amended, H.R. 7, Education Savings and School Excellence Act of 1999.

Joint Meetings**VETERANS PROGRAMS**

Joint Hearing: Senate Committee on Veterans' Affairs concluded joint hearings with the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs to review the legislative recommendations of certain veterans organizations, after receiving testimony from Raymond G. Boland, Wisconsin Department of Veterans Affairs, Madison, on behalf of the National Association of State Directors of Veteran Affairs; George C. Duggins, Vietnam Veterans of America, Robert F. Norton, Retired Officers Association, and Zack Roberts, American Ex-Prisoners of War, all of Washington, D.C.; and Charles L. Taylor, AMVETS, Lanham, Maryland.

TURKMENISTAN DEMOCRATIZATION

Commission on Security and Cooperation in Europe (Helsinki): On Tuesday, March 21, commission concluded hearings to examine Turkmenistan's prospects for democratization, fair elections, observance of human rights, and how the United States can promote Turkmenistan's observance of the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe commitments, after receiving testimony from John Byerle, Principal Deputy to the Ambassador-at-Large and Special Advisor to the Secretary of State for Independent States, and E. Wayne Merry, Atlantic Council of the United States, both of Washington, D.C.; Avdy Kuliev, Turkmen opposition leader in exile, Moscow, Russia; Pyotr Iwaszkiewicz, formerly of the OSCE Office in Ashgabat, Warsaw, Poland; Firuz Kazemzadeh, International Commission of Religious Freedom, Alta Loma, California; and Cassandra Cavanaugh, Human Rights Watch, Helsinki, New York, New York.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR THURSDAY, MARCH 23, 2000

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on VA, HUD, and Independent Agencies, to hold hearings on

proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2001 for the Environmental Protection Agency, 9:30 a.m., SD-138.

Subcommittee on Treasury and General Government, to hold hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2001 for the Internal Revenue Service, 10 a.m., SD-124.

Subcommittee on Foreign Operations, to hold hearings to examine the Administration's program in Haiti, 10:30 a.m., SD-192.

Committee on Armed Services: to hold hearings on S.1712, to provide authority to control exports, 9:45 a.m., SR-222.

Subcommittee on Seapower, 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 Navy and Marine Corps' seapower operational capability requirements, 2:30 p.m., SR-222.

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Subcommittee on Surface Transportation and Merchant Marine, to hold hearings on Surface Transportation Board's 15 month merger moratorium policy on railroad mergers, 10:30 a.m., SR-253.

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: to hold hearings on the nomination of Thomas A. Fry, III, of Texas, to be Director of the Bureau of Land Management, Department of the Interior, 9:30 a.m., SD-366.

Subcommittee on National Parks, Historic Preservation, and Recreation, to hold oversight hearings to examine the status of monuments and memorials in and around Washington, D.C., 2:30 p.m., SD-366.

Committee on Environment and Public Works: Subcommittee on Fisheries, Wildlife, and Drinking Water, to resume hearings to examine the Environmental Protection Agency's proposed rules regarding changes in the total maximum daily load and NPDES permit programs pursuant to the Clean Water Act, 10 a.m., SD-406.

Committee on Finance: to hold hearings to examine trade with the Peoples' Republic of China and its implications for United States national interests, 9:30 a.m., SD-215.

Committee on Foreign Relations: to hold hearings to examine India, Pakistan, and North Korea, focusing on non-proliferation policy, 9:30 a.m., SD-419.

Full Committee, business meeting to markup the proposed Technical Assistance, Trade Promotion and Anti-Corruption Act, 2:30 p.m., SD-419.

Committee on Governmental Affairs: business meeting to mark up S. 1993, to reform Government information security by strengthening information security practices throughout the Federal Government; S. 1964, to designate the United States Post Office located at 14071 Peyton Drive in Chino Hills, California, as the Joseph Iletto Post Office; H.R. 1374, to designate the United States Post Office building located at 680 State Highway 130 in Hamilton, New Jersey, as the "John K. Rafferty Hamilton Post Office Building"; and H.R. 3189, to designate the United States post office located at 14071 Peyton Drive in Chino Hills, California, as the "Joseph Iletto Post Office", 10:30 a.m., SD-342.

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: Subcommittee on Public Health, to hold hearings on health

care for the uninsured, focusing on safety net providers, 9:30 a.m., SD-430.

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

Committee on the Judiciary: business meeting to consider pending calendar business, 10 a.m., SD-226.

Full Committee, to hold hearings on the nomination of David M. Lawson, of Michigan, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Michigan vice Avern Cohn, retired; and the nomination of Richard C. Tallman, of Washington, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Ninth Circuit, 3 p.m., SD-226.

House

Committee on Agriculture, Subcommittee on Department Operations, Oversight, Nutrition, and Forestry, to consider H.R. 852, Freedom to E-File Act, 10 a.m., 1300 Longworth.

Committee on Appropriations, Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, State, and Judiciary, on Drug Enforcement, 10 a.m., on Members of Congress, 2 p.m., H-309 Capitol.

Subcommittee on Defense, on Army budget overview, 9:30 a.m., 2212 Rayburn, and, executive, on Army acquisitions, 1:30 p.m., H-140 Capitol.

Subcommittee on the District of Columbia, on Corrections and Related Activities, 2 p.m., 2362-A Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Energy and Water Development, executive, on Department of Energy—Atomic Energy Defense Activities, 10 a.m., 2362-B Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Interior, on National Endowment for the Humanities, 10 a.m., on National Endowment for the Arts, 11 a.m., B-308 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, on Employment and Training Administration/Veterans Employment; and Employment Standards Administration, 10 a.m., on Occupational Safety and Health Administration; and Mine Safety and Health Administration, 2 p.m., 2358 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Treasury, Postal Service, and General Government, on Office of National Drug Control Policy, 10 a.m., on Executive Office of the President, 2 p.m., 2358 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on VA, HUD and Independent Agencies, on Department of Housing and Urban Development, 9:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m., 2359 Rayburn.

Committee on Armed Services, hearing on U.S. policy towards Colombia, 9:30 a.m., 2118 Rayburn.

Committee on Banking and Financial Services, hearing on International Financial Architecture, 9:30 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.

Committee on Commerce, Subcommittee on Health and Environment, hearing on Patient Access to Self-injectable Prescription Drugs in the Medicare Program, 10 a.m., 2322 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Telecommunications, Trade, and Consumer Protection, to mark up the following bills: H.R. 3615, Rural Local Broadcast Signal Act; H.R. 3113, Unsolicited Electronic Mail Act of 1999; and H.R. 3439, Radio Broadcasting Preservation Act of 1999, 10 a.m., 21123 Rayburn.

Committee on Government Reform, hearing on “Missing White House E-Mails: Mismanagement of Subpoenaed Records”, 10 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

Committee on International Relations, to mark up the following measures: H. Con. Res. 292, congratulating President-elect Chen Shui-bian and Vice President-elect Annette Lu of Taiwan and reaffirming United States policy toward Taiwan and the People’s Republic of China; and H.R. 3707, American Institute in Taiwan Facilities Enhancement Act; followed by a hearing on U.S. Policy Toward Iraq, 10 a.m., 2200 Rayburn.

Committee on the Judiciary, Subcommittee on the Constitution, hearing on H.J. Res. 9, proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States to allow an item veto of appropriation bills, 10 a.m., 2237 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Courts and Intellectual Property, to mark up the following bills: H.R. 4034, United States and Trademark Office Reauthorization Act; and H.R. 2100, Antitampering Act of 1999, 2 p.m., B-352 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Crime, hearing on the following bills: H.R. 2810, Violent Offender DNA Identification Act; H.R. 3087, DNA Backlog Elimination Act; and H.R. 3375, Convicted Offender DNA Index System Support Act, 2 p.m., 2226 Rayburn.

Committee on Resources, Subcommittee on Fisheries Conservation, Wildlife and Oceans, to mark up the following bills: H.R. 2090, Exploration of the Seas Act; and H.R. 3919, Coral Reef Conservation and Restoration Partnership Act of 2000; followed by an oversight hearing on the Fiscal Year 2001 budget recommendations for the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, 10 a.m., 1334 Longworth.

Subcommittee on Forests and Forest Health, hearing on H.R. 3327, Cabin User Fee Fairness Act of 1999, 2 p.m., 1334 Longworth.

Subcommittee on National Parks and Public Lands, to mark up the following bills: H.R. 1500, Americas’ Wilderness Protection Act; 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; H.R. 1864, Public Hearing Standardization Act of 1999; H.R. 2932, Golden Spike/Crossroads of the West National Heritage Area Act of 1999; H.R. 3293, to amend the law that authorized the Vietnam Veterans Memorial to authorize the place-

ment within the site of the memorial of a plaque to honor those Vietnam veterans who died after their service in the Vietnam war, but as a direct result of that service; and H.R. 3605, San Rafael Western Legacy District and National Conservation Act, 10 a.m., 1324 Longworth.

Committee on Science, Subcommittee on Energy and Environment, hearing on Fiscal Year 2001 Budget Authorization Request: Environmental Protection Agency Science and Technology Budget, 10 a.m., 2318 Rayburn.

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, to consider the following: H.R. 3069, Southeast Federal Center Public-Private Development Act of 2000; H.R. 3171, National Health Museum Site Selection Act; H.R. 1359, to designate the Federal building and United States courthouse to be constructed at 10 East Commerce Street in Youngstown, Ohio, as the “Frank J. Battisti and Nathaniel R. Jones Federal Building and United States Courthouse”; S. 1567, to designate the United States courthouse located at 223 Broad Street in Albany, Georgia, as the “C.B. King United States Courthouse”; reinstatement of selected reports required from Federal agencies; and other pending business, 9:30 a.m., 2167 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Economic Development, Public Buildings, Hazardous Materials and Pipeline Transportation, hearing on GSA’s Fiscal Year 2001 Capital Investment Programs, 10 a.m., 2167 Rayburn.

Committee on Veterans’ Affairs, Subcommittee on Benefits, hearing on the Department of Veterans Affairs obligation to assist veterans in filing claims for benefits, and H.R. 3193, Duty to Assist Veterans Act of 1999, 9:30 a.m., 334 Cannon.

Committee on Ways and Means, Subcommittee on Human Resources, hearing on Child Protection Issues, 1 p.m., B-318 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Social Security, hearing on Work Incentives for Blind and Disabled Social Security Beneficiaries, 10 a.m., 1100 Longworth.

Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence, executive, hearing on National Security Agency Legal Authorities, 1 p.m., followed by, executive, hearing on Consolidated Cryptologic Program, 2 p.m., H-405 Capitol.

Joint Meetings

Commission on Security and Cooperation in Europe: to hold hearings on the impact of organized crime and corruption on democratic and economic reform, 2:30 p.m., SR-485.