

NOAA/NMFS BUDGET REQUEST OVERSIGHT

Committee on Resources: Subcommittee on Fisheries Conservation, Wildlife and Oceans, held an oversight hearing on the Administration's Budget Request for NOAA/NMFS for Fiscal Year 2001. Testimony was heard from D. James Baker, Under Secretary, Oceans and Atmosphere, NOAA, Department of Commerce.

OVERSIGHT—CONVENTION ON INTERNATIONAL TRADE IN ENDANGERED SPECIES CONFERENCE

Committee on Resources: Subcommittee on Fisheries Conservation, Wildlife and Oceans held an oversight hearing on the Eleventh Meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora. Testimony was heard from Don Barry, Assistant Secretary, Fish and Wildlife and Parks, Department of the Interior.

DILLONWOOD GIANT SEQUOIA GROVE EXPANSION ACT

Committee on Resources: Subcommittee on Forests and Forest Health held a hearing on H.R. 4021, Dillonwood Giant Sequoia Grove Park Expansion Act. Testimony was heard from Representatives Radanovich, Thomas and Dooley of California; and Randle G. Phillips, Deputy Chief, Programs and Legislation, Forest Service, USDA.

SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Rules: Granted, by voice vote, an open rule on H.R. 3908, making supplemental appropriations for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2000, providing one hour of general debate equally divided between the Chairman and ranking minority member of the Committee on Appropriations. The rule waives all points of order against consideration of the bill. The rule waives points of order against provisions in the bill for failure to comply with clause 2 of rule XXI (prohibiting unauthorized appropriations or legislative provisions in a general appropriations bill) except as specified in the rule. The rule provides, prior to the consideration of any other amendment, for consideration of the amendments printed in Part A of the Rules Committee report which may be offered only in the order printed in the report. The rule provides for consideration of the amendments printed in Part B of the Report which may be offered only at the appropriate point in the reading of the bill. The rule provides that amendments printed in the Rules Committee 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, shall not

be subject to amendment, and shall not be subject to a demand for a division of the question in the House or in the Committee of the Whole. The rule waives all points of order against the amendments printed in the Rules Committee report. Testimony was heard from Chairman Young of Florida, Lewis of California, Goodling, Bereuter, Kasich, Shays, Weldon of Pennsylvania, Ramstad, Campbell, Camp, Bachus, Smith of Michigan, Hoekstra, Largent, Sanford, Hutchinson, Schaffer, Isakson, Obey, Murtha, Hoyer, Kaptur, Pelosi, DeLauro, Hinchey, Farr, Frank of Massachusetts, Sawyer, Taylor of Mississippi, Waters, Stupak, Wynn, Delahunt, and Wu.

BRIDGING THE TECHNOLOGICAL GAP: COMBATING DIGITAL DIVIDE

Committee on Small Business: Subcommittee on Empowerment held a hearing on Bridging the Technological Gap: Initiatives to Combat the Digital Divide. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

2000 RETURN FILING SEASON AND IRS FY 2001 BUDGET

Committee on Ways and Means: Subcommittee on Oversight held a hearing on the 2000 Tax Return Filing Season and the IRS Budget for Fiscal Year 2001. Testimony was heard from Charles O. Rossotti, Commissioner, IRS, Department of the Treasury; James R. White, Director, Tax Policy and Administration Issues, General Government Division, GAO; and public witnesses.

NATIONAL RECONNAISSANCE PROGRAM BUDGET

Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence: Met in executive session to hold a hearing on National Reconnaissance Program Budget (NRO, etc.) Testimony was heard from departmental witnesses.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR WEDNESDAY, MARCH 29, 2000

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Defense, to hold closed hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2001 for the Department of Defense, focusing on Air Force programs (to be followed by an open session in SD-192), 9:30 a.m., SH-219.

Committee on the Budget: business meeting to continue markup a proposed concurrent resolution setting forth the fiscal year 2001 budget for the Federal Government, 10 a.m., SD-608.

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: to hold hearings on S. 2267, to direct the National Institute of Standards and Technology to establish a program to support research and training in methods of detecting the

use of performance-enhancing substances by athletes (pending on Senate calendar), 9:30 a.m., SR-253.

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Subcommittee on Forests and Public Land Management, to hold hearings on S. 1778, to provide for equal exchanges of land around the Cascade Reservoir, S. 1894, to provide for the conveyance of certain land to Park County, Wyoming, and S. 1969, to provide for improved management of, and increases accountability for, outfitted activities by which the public gains access to and occupancy and use of Federal land, 2:30 p.m., SD-366.

Committee on Finance: to resume hearings to examine the inclusion of a prescription drug benefit in the Medicare program, to be followed by a hearing on the nomination of Michelle Andrews Smith, of Texas, to be an Assistant Secretary of the Treasury, 10 a.m., SD-215.

Committee on Governmental Affairs: to hold hearings on how to structure government to meet the challenges of the millennium, 10:30 a.m., SD-342.

Committee on Indian Affairs: to hold hearings on S. 1967, to make technical corrections to the status of certain land held in trust for the Mississippi Band of Choctaw Indians, to take certain land into trust for that Band; S. 1507, to authorize the integration and consolidation of alcohol and substance programs and services provided by Indian tribal governments; and S. 1509, to amend the Indian Employment, Training, and Related Services Demonstration Act of 1992, to emphasize the need for job creation on Indian reservations, 2:30 p.m., SR-485.

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

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Administrative Oversight and the Courts, to hold oversight hearings on the handling of the investigation of Peter Lee, 9:30 a.m., SD-226.

Committee on Rules and Administration: to hold hearings to examine Presidential primaries and campaign finance, 9:30 a.m., SR-301.

House

Committee on Agriculture, to mark up H.R. 852, Freedom to E-File Act; and to hold a hearing to review federal farm policy, 10 a.m., 1300 Longworth.

Committee on Appropriations, Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, State, and the Judiciary, on the FCC, 9:30 a.m., H-309 Capitol.

Subcommittee on Defense, on Congressional and Public Witnesses, 9:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m., H-140 Capitol.

Subcommittee on Interior, on National Park Service, 10 a.m., B-308 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, on Railroad Retirement Board, and Insti-

tute of Museum and Library Services, 10 a.m., and on National Education Goals Panel, and Armed Forces Retirement Home, 2 p.m., 2358 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Treasury, Postal Service, and General Government, on GSA and the Administrative Office of the Courts, 10 a.m., 2362-A Rayburn.

Subcommittee on VA, HUD and Independent Agencies, on the EPA, 9:30 a.m., and 1:30 p.m., 2359 Rayburn.

Committee on Banking and Finance, to mark up the following bills: H.R. 2764, Americas's Private Investment Companies Act; H.R. 2848, New Markets Initiative Act of 1999; and H.R. 4067, Business Checking Modernization Act, 10 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.

Committee on Commerce, to mark up the following bills: H.R. 3615, Rural Local Broadcast Signal Act; and H.R. 3439, Radio Broadcasting Preservation Act of 1999, 2:30 p.m., 2123 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Finance and Hazardous Materials, hearing on Competition in the New Electronic Market: Part 1, 10 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Health and Environment, to mark up H.R. 3301, to amend the Public Health Service Act with respect to children's health, 1 p.m., 2322 Rayburn.

Committee on Government Reform, Subcommittee on Civil Service, hearing on EEO Data and Complaint Processing Problems, 10 a.m., 2247 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Government Management, Information, and Technology, hearing on Enhancing Computer Security: What Tools Work Best?" 10 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

Committee on House Administration, to hold a hearing on the Federal Election Commission authorization, 3 p.m., 1310 Longworth.

Committee on the Judiciary, oversight hearing on Solutions to Competitive Problems in the Oil Industry, 10 a.m., 2141 Rayburn.

Committee on Rules, to consider H.R. 7, Education Savings and School Excellence Act of 1999, 2 p.m., H-313 Capitol.

Committee on Science, Subcommittee on Energy and Environment, hearing on Fiscal Year 2001 Budget Authorization Request: NOAA, 2 p.m., 2318 Rayburn,

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, Subcommittee on Coast Guard and Maritime Transportation, oversight hearing on the Coast Guard icebreaking mission, 10 a.m., 2167 Rayburn.

Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence, executive, hearing on Fiscal Year 2001 Tasking, Processing Exploitation, and Dissemination, (TPED, etc.), 1 p.m., H-405 Capitol.