

for one motion to recommit with or without instructions. Testimony was heard from Chairman Leach and Representatives Lazio, LaFalce, Frank of Massachusetts, Waters Weygand, Inslee, Rush and Sanchez.

CASH VERSUS ACCRUAL

Committee on Small Business: Held a hearing on Cash versus Accrual: The Policy Implications of the Growing Inability of Small Businesses to Use Simple Tax Accounting. Testimony was heard from Joseph M. Mikrut, Tax Legislative Counsel, Department of the Treasury; and public witnesses.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, Subcommittee on Water Resources and Environment approved for full Committee action, as amended, the following bills: H.R. 673, Florida Keys Water Quality Improvements Act of 1999; H.R. 855, Long Island Sound Preservation and Protection Act; H.R. 1106, Alternative Water Sources Act of 1999; H.R. 1237, to amend the Federal Water Pollution Control Act to permit grants for the national estuary program to be used for the development and implementation of a comprehensive conservation and management plan, to reauthorize appropriations to carry out the program; H.R. 2957, Lake Pontchartrain Basin Protection Act of 1999 and H.R. 3313, Long Island Sound Restoration Act.

VA CAPITAL ASSET PLANNING

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: Subcommittee on Health held a hearing on VA Capital Asset Planning. Testimony was heard from Representative Weldon of Florida; Stephan P. Backhus, Director, Veterans' Affairs and Military Health Care Issues, Health, Education, and Human Services Division, GAO; the following officials of the Department of Veterans Affairs: Frances M. Murphy, M.D., Acting Under Secretary, Policy and Management; Terrence S. Batliner, DDS, Director, VISN 19; and Dennis Smith, Director, VA Maryland Health Care System; and representatives of veterans organizations.

TAXPAYER BILL OF RIGHTS 2000

Committee on Ways and Means: Ordered reported, as amended, H.R. 4163, Taxpayer Bill of Rights 2000.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR THURSDAY, APRIL 6, 2000

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry: to hold hearings on interstate shipments of state inspected meat, 9:30 a.m., SR-328A.

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Energy and Water Development, to hold hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2001 for the Department of Energy, 9 a.m., SD-116.

Subcommittee on VA, HUD, and Independent Agencies, to hold hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2001 for the Department of Veterans Affairs, 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 Office of Drug Control Policy, 9:30 a.m., SD-124.

Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, State, and the Judiciary, to hold hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2001 for the Federal Trade Commission, 9:30 a.m., S-146, Capitol.

Subcommittee on Foreign Operations, to hold hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2001 for the International Financial Institutions, 10:30 a.m., SD-192.

Committee on Armed Services: to hold hearings to examine procedures and standards for the granting of security clearances at the Department of Defense, 9:30 a.m., SR-222.

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Subcommittee on Aviation, to hold hearings to examine issues dealing with aviation security, 10 a.m., SR-253.

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Subcommittee on Forests and Public Land Management, to hold oversight hearings on the proposed five-year strategic plan of the U.S. Forest Service in compliance with Government Results and Performance Act, 9:30 a.m., SD-366.

Committee on Finance: to hold hearings to examine China's accession to the World Trade Organization, 10 a.m., SD-215.

Committee on Foreign Relations: Subcommittee on East Asian and Pacific Affairs, with the Subcommittee on International Economic Policy, Export and Trade Promotion, to hold joint hearings on China in the World Trade Organization, focusing on United States high technology sector, 10 a.m., SD-419.

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Select Committee on Intelligence: to hold closed hearings on pending intelligence matters, 2:15 p.m., SH-219.

Committee on the Judiciary: business meeting to consider the nomination of John Antoon II, of Florida, to be United States District Judge for the Middle District of Florida; the nomination of Richard C. Tallman, of Washington, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Ninth Circuit; the nomination of Marianne O. Battani, of Michigan, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Michigan vice Anna Diggs Taylor, retired; the nomination of David M. Lawson, of Michigan, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Michigan vice Avern Cohn, retired; H.R. 2260, to amend the Controlled Substances Act to promote pain management and palliative care without permitting assisted suicide and euthanasia; S. 1854, to reform the Hart-Scott-Rodino Antitrust Improvements Act of 1976; H.J. Res. 86, recognizing the 50th anniversary of the Korean War and the service by members of the Armed Forces during such war; and S. 2058, to extend filing deadlines for applications for adjustment of status of certain Cuban, Nicaraguan, and Haitian nationals, 10 a.m., SD-226.

Subcommittee on Criminal Justice Oversight, to hold oversight hearings to examine the Federal Bureau of Prisons, 2:30 p.m., SD-226.

House

Committee on Agriculture, Subcommittee on Department Operations, Oversight, Nutrition, and Forestry, hearing on H.R. 3453, Emergency Food Assistance Enhancement Act of 1999, 10 a.m., 1300 Longworth.

Committee on Appropriations, Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, State, and Judiciary, on Bureau of the Census, 10 a.m., 2358 Rayburn, and on NOAA, 2 p.m., H-309 Capitol.

Subcommittee on Foreign Operations, Export Financing and Related Programs, on Under Secretary of Defense for Policy, 9:30 a.m., 2359 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Interior, on public witnesses—Natural Resources, Energy, and other programs, 10 a.m., B-308 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, on Armed Forces Retirement Home, and National on Disability, 10 a.m., on Elementary and Secondary Education, and Bilingual Education and Minority Language Affairs, 2 p.m., 2358 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on VA, HUD and Independent Agencies, on Federal Emergency Management Agency, 9:30 a.m., H-143 Capitol, and on NASA, 1 p.m., 2362-A Rayburn.

Committee on Commerce, Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations, hearing on Third Party Billing Company Fraud: Assessing the Threat Posed to Medicare, 10 a.m., 2322 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Telecommunications, Trade, and Consumer Protection, hearing to receive the report of the Advisory Commission on Electronic Commerce; to be followed by a hearing on H.R. 3489, Wireless Telecommunications Sourcing and Privacy Act, 10 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

Committee on Education and the Workforce, to continue markup of H.R. 4141, Education Opportunities To Pro-

tect and Invest In Our Nation's Students (Education OPTIONS) Act, 9:30 a.m., 2175 Rayburn.

Committee on Government Reform, hearing on Autism: Present Challenges, Future Needs—Why the Increased Rates? 10:30 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

Committee on International Relations, hearing on the Status of Negotiations Between China and Tibet, 10 a.m., 2172 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on International Economic Policy and Trade, to mark up H.R. 3680, to amend the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 1998 with respect to the adjustment of composite theoretical performance levels of high performance computers, 2 p.m., 2255 Rayburn.

Committee on the Judiciary, to continue markup of H.R. 3125, Internet Gambling Prohibition Act of 1999, 9:30 a.m., 2141 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on the Constitution, oversight hearing on the Fourth Amendment and the Internet, 2:30 p.m., 2226 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Crime, hearing on H.R. 4051, Project Exile: The Safe Streets and Neighborhoods Act of 2000, 1 p.m., 2141 Rayburn.

Committee on Resources, Subcommittee on Fisheries Conservation, Wildlife and Oceans, to mark up the following: H.R. 3176, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to conduct a study to determine ways of restoring the natural wetlands conditions in the Kealia Pond National Wildlife Refuge, Hawaii; and H.R. 3292, to provide for the establishment of the Cat Island National Wildlife Refuge in West Feliciana Parish, Louisiana, followed by an oversight hearing on Section 118 of the Marine Mammal Protection Act, 10 a.m., and an oversight hearing on Section 119 of the Marine Mammal Protection Act, 2 p.m., 1334 Longworth.

Subcommittee on National Parks, and Public Lands, the Subcommittee on Forests and Forest Health and the Subcommittee on Aviation of the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, joint hearing on H.R. 3661, General Aviation Access Act, 10 a.m., 1324 Longworth.

Subcommittee on Water and Power, hearing on the following bills: H.R. 1787, Deschutes Resources Conservancy Reauthorization Act of 1999; and H.R. 1113, Colusa Basin Watershed Integrated Resources Management Act; and oversight hearing on Bonneville Power Administrations' Subscription process, 2 p.m., 1324 Longworth.

Committee on Science, Subcommittee on Energy and Environment, hearing on the Human Genome Project, 10 a.m., 2318 Rayburn.

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, Subcommittee on Oversight, Investigations, and Emergency Management, hearing on Preparedness Against Terrorist Attacks Involving Weapons of Mass Destruction, 2 p.m., 2167 Rayburn.

Committee on Ways and Means, Subcommittee on Social Security, hearing on the 2000 Social Security Trustees Annual Report, 10 a.m., 1100 Longworth.