

VA/DOD HEALTH CARE SHARING

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: Subcommittee on Health held a hearing on VA/DoD health care sharing. Testimony was heard from Stephen P. Backhus, Director, Veterans' Affairs and Military Health Care Issues, Health, Education, and Human Services Division, GAO; Thomas L. Garthwaite, M.D., Deputy Under Secretary, Health, Department of Veterans Affairs; the following officials of the Department of Defense: Gwendolyn A. Brown, Deputy Assistant Secretary, Health Budgets and Financial Policy; and Lt. Gen. Paul K. Carlton, Jr., USAF, Surgeon General, U.S. Air Force; and a public witness.

CHINA—NORMAL TRADE RELATIONS TREATMENT; REPEAL EXCISE TAX—TELEPHONE AND OTHER COMMUNICATION SERVICES

Committee on Ways and Means: Ordered reported, as amended, the following bills: H.R. 4444, to authorize extension of nondiscriminatory treatment (normal trade relations treatment) to the People's Republic of China; and H.R. 3916, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to repeal the excise tax on telephone and other communication services.

NEW PRIVATE LAW

S. 452, for the relief of Belinda McGregor. Signed May 15, 2000. (P.L. 106-4)

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR THURSDAY, MAY 18, 2000

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, to hold hearings on Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis Research (ALS), also known as Lou Gehrig's Disease, 9:30 a.m., SH-216.

Full Committee, business meeting to mark up proposed legislation making appropriations for the Department of Defense for fiscal year ending September 30, 2001, and proposed legislation making appropriations for the Legislative Branch for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2001, 2 p.m., SH-216.

Committee on Armed Services: to hold hearings on United States strategic nuclear force requirements. (Closed hearing will follow in S-407), 2 p.m., SR-253.

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: Subcommittee on Financial Institutions, to hold hearings to examine the attack of the "I Love You" virus and its impact on United States financial services industry, 10 a.m., SD-538.

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: to hold hearings on S. 2439, to authorize the appropriation of funds for the construction of the Southeastern Alaska Intertie

system; and the nomination of Mildred Spiewak Dresselhaus, of Massachusetts, to be Director of the Office of Energy Research, 9:30 a.m., SD-366.

Subcommittee on National Parks, Historic Preservation, and Recreation, to hold hearings on S. 1584, to establish the Schuylkill River Valley National Heritage Area in the State of Pennsylvania; S. 1685, to authorize the Golden Spike/Crossroads of the West National Heritage Area; H.R. 2932, to authorize the Golden Spike Crossroads of the West National Heritage Area; S. 1998, to establish the Yuma Crossing National Heritage Area; S. 2247, to establish the Wheeling National Heritage Area in the State of West Virginia; S. 2421, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to conduct a study of the suitability and feasibility of establishing an Upper Housatonic Valley National Heritage Area in Connecticut and Massachusetts; and S. 2511, to establish the Kenai Mountains-Turnagain Arm National Heritage Area in the State of Alaska, 2:30 p.m., SD-366.

Committee on Environment and Public Works: Subcommittee on Fisheries, Wildlife, and Drinking Water, to hold hearings on S. 2417, to amend the Federal Water Pollution Control Act to increase funding for State nonpoint source pollution control programs, 10 a.m., SD-406.

Committee on Governmental Affairs: Subcommittee on Oversight of Government Management, Restructuring and the District of Columbia, to hold hearings on issues relating to training Federal employees, focusing on Federal agency's programs to train and educate employees throughout their careers to maintain their skills and productivity, 10 a.m., SD-342.

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: to hold hearings to examine mental health parity, 10 a.m., SD-430.

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

House

Committee on the Budget, Health Task Force, hearing on "Medicare's Regulatory Burden on Providers", 10 a.m., 210 Cannon.

Committee on Commerce, Subcommittee on Health and Environment, hearing on Biomedical Research: Protecting Surplus Chimpanzees, 11 a.m., 2322 Rayburn.

Committee on Government Reform, Subcommittee on Government Management, Information, and Technology, hearing on H.R. 220, Freedom and Privacy Restoration Act of 1999, 10 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

Committee on International Relations, hearing on Looming Famine in Ethiopia, 10 a.m., 2172 Rayburn.

Committee on the Judiciary, Subcommittee on the Constitution, hearing in H.R. 3590, ADA Notification Act, 10 a.m., 2141 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Courts and Intellectual Property, oversight hearing on Privacy and Electronic Communications, 10 a.m., 2237 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Crime, hearing on H.R. 3410, Volunteer Organization Safety Act of 1999, 2 p.m., 2226 Rayburn.