

CAPTIVE ELEPHANT ACCIDENT PREVENTION ACT

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Crime held a hearing on H.R. 2929, Captive Elephant Accident Prevention Act of 1999. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Resources: Subcommittee on National Parks and Public Lands held a hearing on the following measures: H.R. 3693, Castle Rock Ranch Acquisition Act of 2000; H.R. 4420, to reauthorize the Southwestern Pennsylvania Heritage Preservation Commission; and H.R. 4579, Utah West Desert Land Exchange Act of 2000. Testimony was heard from Representatives Simpson and Murtha; the following officials of the Department of the Interior: Molly McUsic, Counselor to the Secretary; and William D. Shaddox, Chief, Land Resources Division, National Park Service; Michael Leavitt, Governor, State of Utah; and public witnesses.

VA, HUD AND INDEPENDENT AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Rules: Granted, by voice vote, an open rule on H.R. 4635, making appropriations for the Departments of Veterans Affairs and Housing and Urban Development, and for sundry independent agencies, boards, commissions, corporations, and offices for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2001, providing one hour of general debate equally divided and controlled between the chairman and ranking member of the Committee on Appropriations. The rule waives all points of order against consideration of the bill. The rule provides that the bill shall be considered for amendment by paragraph. The rule waives points of order against provisions in the bill for failure to comply with clause 2 of rule XXI (prohibiting unauthorized or legislative provisions in a general appropriations bill and prohibiting reappropriations in a general appropriations bill) except as specified in the rule. The rule waives clause 2(e) of rule XXI (prohibiting non-emergency designated amendments to be offered to an appropriations bill containing an emergency designation) against amendments offered during consideration of the bill. The rule authorizes the Chairman of the Committee of the Whole to accord priority in recognition to Members who have pre-printed their amendments in the Congressional Record. The rule allows the Chairman of the Committee of the Whole to postpone votes during consideration of the bill, and to reduce voting time to five minutes on a postponed question if the vote follows a fifteen minute vote. Finally, the rule provides one motion to recommit, with or with-

out instructions. Testimony was heard from Representatives Walsh and Molloyhan.

NATIONAL SCIENCE EDUCATION ENHANCEMENT ACT

Committee on Science: Held a hearing to review Science, Math, Engineering and Technology Education in Kindergarten Through 12th Grade and H.R. 4272, National Science Education Enhancement Act. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

UNITED-U.S. AIRWAYS—PROPOSED MERGER

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure: Held a hearing on the Proposed United-U.S. Airways Merger. Testimony was heard from Nancy E. McFadden, General Counsel, Department of Transportation; John M. Nannes, Deputy Attorney General, Antitrust Division, Department of Justice; and public witnesses.

Hearings continue July 15.

MEDICARE—COVER PRESCRIPTION DRUGS

Committee on Ways and Means: Held a hearing on legislation to cover prescription drugs under Medicare. Testimony was heard from Senators Kennedy and Breaux; Representatives Thomas, Cardin, Eshoo, Peterson of Minnesota and Allen; Nancy-Ann Min DeParle, Administrator, Health Care Financing Administration, Department of Health and Human Services; and public witnesses.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR WEDNESDAY, JUNE 14, 2000

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: to hold hearings to examine accounting for Goodwill, 10 a.m., SD-538.

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Subcommittee on Communications, to hold hearings on S. 2454, to amend the Communications Act of 1934 to authorize low-power television stations to provide digital data services to subscribers, 9:30 a.m., SR-253.

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: with the Select Committee on Intelligence, to hold hearings on missing classified information at Los Alamos, 10:15 a.m., SH-216.

Committee on Environment and Public Works: Subcommittee on Clean Air, Wetlands, Private Property, and Nuclear Safety, to hold hearings on the environmental benefits and impacts of ethanol under the Clean Air Act, 9:30 a.m., SD-406.

Committee on Finance: business meeting to mark up S. 662, to amend title XIX of the Social Security Act to

provide medical assistance for certain women screened and found to have breast or cervical cancer under a federally funded screening program; H.R. 3916, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to repeal the excise tax on telephone and other communication services; and proposed legislation urging the President to initiate negotiations over the issue of foreign sales corporations at the July 20 meeting of the G-8 nations in Okinawa, 10 a.m., SD-215.

Committee on Foreign Relations: Subcommittee on Near Eastern and South Asian Affairs, to hold hearings to examine the future of Lebanon, 10 a.m., SD-419.

Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine the International Criminal Court, focusing on protecting American servicemen and officials from the threat of international prosecution, 3:30 p.m., SD-419.

Committee on Governmental Affairs: business meeting to consider pending calendar business, 10 a.m., SD-342.

Committee on Indian Affairs: to hold hearings on S. 2282, to encourage the efficient use of existing resources and assets related to Indian agricultural research, development and exports within the United States Department of Agriculture, 9:30 a.m., SR-485.

Full Committee, business meeting to mark up S. Res. 277, commemorating the 30th anniversary of the policy of Indian self-determination; S. 1586, to reduce the fractionated ownership of Indian Lands; S. 2508, to amend the Colorado Ute Indian Water Rights Settlement Act of 1988 to provide for a final settlement of the claims of the Colorado Ute Indian Tribes; H.R. 3051, to direct the Secretary of the Interior, the Bureau of Reclamation, to conduct a feasibility study on the Jicarilla Apache Reservation in the State of New Mexico; and S. 2351, to provide for the settlement of the water rights claims of the Shivwits Band of the Paiute Indian tribe of Utah; to be followed by hearing on S. 2282, to encourage the efficient use of existing resources and assets related to Indian agricultural research, development and exports within the United States Department of Agriculture, 2:30 p.m., SR-485.

Select Committee on Intelligence: with the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources, to hold hearings on missing classified information at Los Alamos, 10:15 a.m., SH-216.

Full Committee, to hold closed hearings on pending intelligence matters, 2:30 p.m., SH-219.

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Antitrust, Business Rights, and Competition, to hold hearings to examine the United Airways and U.S. Airways airline merger, 10 a.m., SD-226.

Full Committee, to hold hearings on the nomination of Paul C. Huck, of Florida, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of Florida; the nomination of Joan Humphrey Lefkow, of Illinois, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of Illinois; the nomination of George Z. Singal, of Maine, to be United States District Judge for the District of Maine; the nomination of John W. Darrah, of Illinois, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of Illinois; and the nomination of Johnnie B. Rawlinson, of

Nevada, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Ninth Circuit, 2 p.m., SD-226.

House

Committee on Agriculture, Subcommittee on Risk Management, Research, and Specialty Crops, hearing on H.R. 4541, Commodity Futures Modernization Act of 2000, 10 a.m., 1300 Longworth.

Committee on Appropriations, to mark up the Commerce, Justice, State, and Judiciary appropriations for fiscal year 2001, 10 a.m., 2359 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Foreign Operations, Export Financing and Related Programs, to mark up appropriations for fiscal year 2001, time to be announced, H-140 Capitol.

Committee on Banking and Financial Services, hearing on H.R. 4585, Medical Financial Privacy Protection Act, 10 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.

Committee on the Budget, Education Task Force, hearing on Smothering Education Reform, How Washington Stifles Innovation, 2 p.m., 210 Cannon.

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

Committee on Commerce, to mark up H.R. 3113, Unsolicited Electronic Mail Act of 1999, 2 p.m., 2123 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Health and Environment, hearing entitled: "Prescription Drugs: Modernizing Medicare for the 21st Century," 10 a.m., 2322 Rayburn.

Committee on Government Reform, Subcommittee on Government Management, Information, and Technology, hearing entitled: "Agency Response to the Electronic Freedom of Information Act," 2 p.m., 2154 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Government Management, Information, and Technology, to mark up H.R. 4049, Privacy Commission Act, 4 p.m., Rayburn.

Subcommittee on National Economic Growth, Natural Resources, and Regulatory Affairs, hearing on "Does Congress Delegate Too Much Power to Agencies and What Should be Done About It?" 2 p.m., 2247 Rayburn.

Committee on International Relations, hearing on the Treatment of Religious Minorities in Western Europe, 10 a.m., 2172 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Western Hemisphere, to mark up H. Con. Res. 232, expressing the sense of Congress concerning the safety and well-being of United States citizens injured while traveling in Mexico; followed by a hearing on Challenges to Hemispheric Democracy: Elections, Coups, and Instability, 2 p.m., 2172 Rayburn.

Committee on the Judiciary, oversight hearing on the State of Competition in the Airline Industry, 10 a.m., 2141 Rayburn.

Committee on Resources, hearing on H.R. 4345, Alaska Native Claims Technical Amendments Act of 2000, 11 a.m., 1324 Longworth.

Committee on Small Business, hearing on Rural Health Care Services: Has Medicare Reform Killed Small Business Providers? 10 a.m., 2360 Rayburn.

Committee on Ways and Means, Subcommittee on Social Security, hearing on the processing of attorney fees by the SSA, 2 p.m., B-318 Rayburn.