

### PUERTO RICO-U.S. BILATERAL PACT OF NON-TERRITORIAL PERMANENT UNION AND GUARANTEED CITIZENSHIP ACT

*Committee on Resources:* Held a hearing on H.R. 4751, Puerto Rico-United States Bilateral Pact of Non-Territorial Permanent Union and Guaranteed Citizenship Act. Testimony was heard from Representative Burton of Indiana; Jeffrey L. Farrow, Co-Chair, President's Interagency Group on Puerto Rico; William M. Treanor, Deputy Assistant Attorney General, Office of Legal Counsel, Department of Justice; Robert Dalton, Assistant Legal Advisor, Treaty Affairs, Department of State; and the following officials of Puerto Rico: Angel E. Rotger-Sabat, Attorney General; and Charlie Rodriguez, President, Senate; and public witnesses.

### RYAN WHITE CARE ACT AMENDMENTS

*Committee on Rules:* Granted, by voice vote, a closed rule on S. 2311, to revise and extend the Ryan White CARE Act Amendments of 2000, providing one hour of debate in the House equally divided and controlled by the chairman and ranking minority member of the Committee on Commerce. The rule waives all points of order against consideration of the bill. The rule provides that the amendment in the nature of a substitute printed in the Congressional Record and numbered 1 shall be considered as adopted. Finally, the rule provides one motion to recommit with or without instructions.

### LAS CIENEGAS NATIONAL CONSERVATION AREA

*Committee on Rules:* Granted, by voice vote, an open rule on H.R. 2941, to establish the Las Cienegas National Conservation Area in the State of Arizona, providing one hour of general debate to be equally divided between the chairman and ranking minority member of the Committee on Resources. The rule waives all points of order against consideration of the bill. The rule makes in order as an original bill for the purpose of amendment the Hansen amendment in the nature of a substitute printed in the Congressional Record and numbered 1, which shall be open for amendment at any point. The rule waives all points of order against the amendment in the nature of a substitute. The rule authorizes the Chair 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 without instruc-

tions. Testimony was heard from Representatives Hansen and Kolbe.

### INTOLERANCE AT EPA

*Committee on Science:* Held a hearing on Intolerance at EPA—Harming People, Harming Science? Testimony was heard from the following officials of the EPA: Carol M. Browner, Administrator; and Marsha Coleman-Adebayo, Senior Advisor to the Director of the Office of Pollution Prevention and Toxics, EPA; and public witnesses.

### BENCHMARKING U.S. SCIENCE

*Committee on Science:* Subcommittee on Basic Research held a hearing on Benchmarking U.S. Science: What Can It Tell Us? Testimony was heard from Eamon Kelly, Chairman, National Science Board, NSF; and public witnesses.

## COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR THURSDAY, OCTOBER 5, 2000

*(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)*

### Senate

*Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation:* to hold hearings on tobacco related issues, focusing on how certain States are spending tobacco revenues from the settlement, 9:30 a.m., SR-253.

*Committee on Energy and Natural Resources:* Subcommittee on Energy Research, Development, Production and Regulation, to hold hearings to examine the electricity challenges facing the Northwest, 9:30 a.m., SD-366.

*Committee on Finance:* Subcommittee on International Trade, to hold hearings to examine trade policy challenges in 2001, 11 a.m., SD-215.

*Committee on Foreign Relations:* Subcommittee on European Affairs, with the Subcommittee on Near Eastern and South Asian Affairs, to hold joint hearings to examine Russian connections with Iranian weapons programs, 11 a.m., SD-419.

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*Committee on the Judiciary:* business meeting to consider S. 2448, to enhance the protections of the Internet and the critical infrastructure of the United States; and S. 1020, to amend chapter 1 of title 9, United States Code, to provide for greater fairness in the arbitration process relating to motor vehicle franchise contracts, 9 a.m., SD-226.

### House

*Committee on Appropriations,* Subcommittee on Treasury, Postal Service and General Government, on Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms, Youth Crime Gun Interdiction Initiative, 2 p.m., 2359 Rayburn.

*Committee on Commerce:* to consider the following measures: H.R. 3011, Truth in Telephone Billing Act of

1999; H. Res. 575, Supporting Internet safety awareness; H.R. 5164, the Transportation Recall Enhancement, Accountability, and Documentation Act; H.R. 4281, ICCVAM Authorization Act of 2000; and H.R. 2441, the Fairness in Securities Transactions Act; 10 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

*Committee on Education and the Workforce*, Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations, hearing on Federal Prison Industries (FPI): The Proposed Military Clothing Production Expansion—Assessing Existing Protections for Workers, Business, and FPI's Federal Agency Customers, 10 a.m., 2175 Rayburn.

*Committee on Government Reform*, to consider the following bills: H.R. 4181, "Debt Pay Incentive Act of 2000;" H.R. 5016, to redesignate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 514 Express Center Drive in Chicago, Illinois, as the "J.T. Weeker Service Center;" H.R. 4830, to redesignate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 1859 South Ashland Avenue in Chicago, Illinois, as the "Cesar Chavez Post Office;" H.R. 4831, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 2339 North California Street in Chicago, Illinois, as the "Roberto Clemente Post Office;" H.R. 4853, to redesignate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 1568 South Glen Road in South Euclid, Ohio, as the "Arnold C. D'Amico Station;" H.R. 5143, to designate the Post Office Building located at 3160 Irvin Cobb Drive in Paducah, Kentucky, as the "Morgan Station;" H.R. 5144, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 203 West Paige Street, in Tompkinsville, Kentucky, as the "Tim Lee Carter Post Office Building;" H.R. 5229, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 219 South Church Street in

Odum, Georgia, as the "Ruth Harris Coleman Post Office Building;" H.R. 5210, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 200 South George Street in York, Pennsylvania, as the "George Atlee Goodling Post Office Building;" and the following draft reports entitled: "The Failure to Produce White House E-Mails: Threats, Obstruction and Unanswered Questions;" "Non-Binding Legal Effect of Agency Guidance Documents;" and the Vaccine Injury Compensation Program: Addressing Needs and Improving Practices, 10 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

*Committee on the Judiciary*, Subcommittee on Immigration and Claims, to consider the issuance of a subpoena duces tecum requiring the Immigration and Naturalization Service to provide Congress with a report on illegal immigration statistics that was originally scheduled to be released on September 28, 2000, 10:30 a.m., B-352 Rayburn.

*Committee on Science*, Subcommittee on Technology, hearing on rural Access to Technology: Connecting the Last American Frontier, 10 a.m., 2318 Rayburn.

*Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure*, Subcommittee on Aviation, hearing on Challenges Associated with Building New Runways, 9:30 a.m., 2167 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Oversight, Investigations, and Emergency Management, hearing on Aircraft Electrical System Safety, 2 p.m., 2167 Rayburn.

### Joint Meetings

*Conference*: meeting of conferees on H.R. 4461, making appropriations for Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration and Related Agencies programs for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2001, 12 p.m., SC-5 Capitol.