

## Committee Meetings

### 2001 CROP YEAR ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE ACT

*Committee on Agriculture:* Ordered reported, as amended, H.R. 2213, 2001 Crop Year Economic Assistance Act.

### REVIEW AGRICULTURAL CREDIT

*Committee on Agriculture:* Subcommittee on Conservation, Credit, Rural Development and Research held a hearing to review agricultural credit. Testimony was heard from Carolyn B. Cooksie, Deputy Administrator, Farm Loan Programs, Farm Service Agency, USDA; and public witnesses.

### TRANSPORTATION APPROPRIATIONS

*Committee on Appropriations:* Ordered reported the Transportation appropriations for fiscal year 2002.

### NATIONAL MILITARY STRATEGY OPTIONS

*Committee on Armed Services:* Held a hearing on U.S. national military strategy options. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

### DOD SPACE OPERATIONS—TECHNOLOGY ISSUES

*Committee on Armed Services:* Subcommittee on Military Procurement and the Subcommittee on Military Research and Development held a joint hearing on technology issues associated with the Department of Defense space operations. Testimony was heard from Lt. Gen. Edward G. Anderson III, USAF, Deputy Commander in Chief, U.S. Space Command, Department of Defense.

### NATIONAL ENERGY POLICY—ECONOMIC AND BUDGETARY EFFECTS

*Committee on the Budget:* Held a hearing on the Economic and Budgetary Effects of National Energy Policy. Testimony was heard from Representative Filner; Francis S. Blake, Deputy Secretary, Department of Energy; R. Glenn Hubbard, Chairman, Council of Economic Advisers; and public witnesses.

### INTERNET EQUITY AND EDUCATION ACT

*Committee on Education and the Workforce:* Subcommittee on 21st Century Competitiveness held a hearing on H.R. 1992, Internet Equity and Education Act of 2001. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

### HUMAN CLONING

*Committee on Energy and Commerce:* Subcommittee on Health held a hearing on the following bills: H.R. 1644, Human Cloning Prohibition Act of 2001; and H.R. 2172, Cloning Prohibition Act of 2001. Testi-

mony was heard from Claude Allen, Deputy Secretary, Department of Health and Human Services; and public witnesses.

### CAMPAIGN FINANCE REFORM

*Committee on Energy and Commerce:* Subcommittee on Telecommunications and the Internet held a hearing on Campaign Finance Reform: Proposals Impacting Broadcasters, Cable Operations and Satellite Providers. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

### CALIFORNIA ENERGY CRISIS

*Committee on Financial Services:* Held a hearing on The California Energy Crisis: Causes, Impacts and Remedies. Testimony was heard from Isaac C. Hunt, Jr., Commissioner, SEC; Alphonso Jackson, Jr., Deputy Secretary, Department of Housing and Urban Development; and public witnesses.

### IMPLEMENTATION—ELECTRONIC TRANSFER FUNDS REQUIREMENTS

*Committee on Financial Services:* Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations held a hearing on the implementation of the EFT requirements of the Debt Collection Improvement Act of 1996, and the use of ETAs. Testimony was heard from Donald V. Hammond, Fiscal Assistant, Department of the Treasury; and public witnesses.

### INVESTIGATIONAL NEW DRUG—COMPASSIONATE USE

*Committee on Government Reform:* Held a hearing on "Compassionate Use INDs—Is the Current System Effective?" Testimony was heard from the following officials of the FDA, Department of Health and Human Services: Patricia C. Delaney, Public Health Specialist, Office of Special Health Issues, Office of International and Constituent Relations, Office of the Commissioner; and Robert J. Temple, M.D., Director, Office of Medical Policy Center for Drug Evaluation and Research; and public witnesses.

### MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

*Committee on International Relations:* Ordered reported the following measures: H.R. 1954, amended, ILSA Extension Act of 2001; H.R. 2131, amended, to reauthorize the Tropical Forest Conservation Act of 1998 through fiscal year 2004; H. Res. 160, amended, calling on the Government of the People's Republic of China to immediately and unconditionally release Li Shaomin and all other American scholars of Chinese ancestry being held in detention, calling on the President of the United States to continue working on behalf of Li Shaomin and the other detained scholars for their release; and H. Res. 99, expressing the sense of the House of Representatives that Lebanon, Syria, and Iran should call upon

Hezbollah to allow representatives of the International Committee of the Red Cross to visit four abducted Israelis, Adi Avitan, Binyamin Avraham, Omar Souad, and Elchanan Tannenbaum, presently held by Hezbollah forces in Lebanon.

#### MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

*Committee on the Judiciary:* Ordered reported the following: H.R. 1866, amended, to amend title 35, United States Code, to clarify the basis for granting requests for reexamination of patents; H.R. 1886, to amend title 35, United States Code, to provide for appeals by third parties in certain patent reexamination proceedings; H.R. 1407, amended, to amend title 49, United States Code, to permit air carriers to meet and discuss their schedules in order to reduce flight delays; H.J. Res. 36, proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States authorizing the Congress to prohibit the physical desecration of the flag of the United States; and H.R. 2215, amended, 21st Century Department of Justice Appropriations Authorization Act.

The Committee also approved two private relief measures.

#### CONSERVATION AND REINVESTMENT ACT; CONSTITUTIONAL LAND ACQUISITION ACT

*Committee on Resources:* Held a hearing on the following bills: H.R. 701, Conservation and Reinvestment Act; and H.R. 1592, Constitutional Land Acquisition Act. Testimony was heard from Victor Ashe, Mayor, Knoxville, Tennessee; Jack C. Caldwell, Secretary, Department of Natural Resources, State of Louisiana; and public witnesses.

#### INTERIOR APPROPRIATIONS

*Committee on Rules:* Granted, by voice vote, an open rule providing 1 hour of debate on H.R. 2217, making appropriations for the Department of the Interior and Related Agencies programs for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2002. 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 or legislative provisions in an appropriations bill), except as specified in the rule. The rule provides that the bill shall be considered for amendment by paragraph. The rule waives points of order during consideration of the bill against amendments for failure to comply with clause 2(e) of rule XXI (prohibiting non-emergency designated amendments to be offered to an appropriations bill containing an emergency designation). The rule authorizes the Chair to accord priority in recognition to Members who have pre-printed their amendments in the Congressional Record. Finally,

the rule provides one motion to recommit with or without instructions. Testimony was heard from Representatives Skeen, Dicks and Maloney of New York.

#### SPACE LAUNCH INITIATIVE—PROGRAM REVIEW

*Committee on Science:* Subcommittee on Space and Aeronautics held a hearing on Space Launch Initiative: A Program Review. Testimony was heard from Dennis Smith, Program Manager, Space Launch Initiative, Marshall Flight Center, NASA; Allen Li, Director, Acquisition and Sourcing Management, GAO; and public witnesses.

#### PENTAGON PROCUREMENT POLICIES

*Committee on Small Business:* Held a hearing on Procurement Policies of the Pentagon with respect to Small Business and the new Administration. Testimony was heard from Deidre A. Lee, Director, Procurement, Office of the Secretary, Department of Defense; Susan M. Walthall, Acting Chief Counsel, Office of Advocacy, SBA; and public witnesses.

#### SMALL BUSINESS TECHNOLOGY TRANSFER PROGRAM REAUTHORIZATION

*Committee on Small Business:* Subcommittee on Workforce, Empowerment and Government Programs and the Subcommittee on Rural Enterprises, Agriculture and Technology held a joint hearing on the reauthorization of the Small Business Technology Transfer Program. Testimony was heard from Maurice Swinton, Assistant Administrator, Office of Technology, SBA; Tim Foreman, Acting Director, Small and Disadvantaged Business Utilization Office, Department of Defense; Walter Polansky, Office of Science, Department of Energy; Joanne Goodnight, SBIR/STTR Coordinator, NIH, Department of Health and Human Services; and public witnesses.

#### AIRLINE CUSTOMER SERVICE COMMITMENTS: STATUS REPORT

*Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure:* Subcommittee on Aviation held a hearing on Airline Customer Service Commitments: Status Report. Testimony was heard from Kenneth M. Mead, Inspector General, Department of Justice; and public witnesses.

#### APPALACHIAN REGIONAL COMMISSION REAUTHORIZATION

*Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure:* Subcommittee on Economic Development, Public Buildings and Emergency Management held a hearing concerning the reauthorization of the Appalachian Regional Commission. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Appalachian Regional

Commission: Paul E. Patton, Governor, State of Kentucky, State Co-Chairman; and Jesse L. White, Federal Co-Chairman; and public witnesses.

## VA HEALTH PROGRAMS

*Committee on Veterans' Affairs:* Subcommittee on Health held a hearing on mental health, substance-use disorders and homelessness programs within the Department of Veterans Affairs. Testimony was heard from Thomas Garthwaite, M.D., Under Secretary, Department of Veterans Affairs; representatives of veterans organizations; and public witnesses.

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## COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR THURSDAY, JUNE 21, 2001

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

### Senate

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, to hold hearings to examine issues regarding blood cancer, 9:30 a.m., SD-124.

Full Committee, business meeting to mark up proposed legislation making supplemental appropriations for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2001, 11:30 a.m., S-128, Capitol.

*Committee on Armed Services:* to hold hearings to review Department of Defense strategy issues, 9 a.m., SH-216.

*Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs:* to hold hearings on the nomination of Angela Antonelli, of Virginia, to be Chief Financial Officer, Department of Housing and Urban Development; the nomination of Jennifer L. Dorn, of Nebraska, to be Federal Transit Administrator; and the nomination of Ronald Rosenfeld, of Maryland, to be President, Government National Mortgage Association, 10 a.m., SD-538.

*Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation:* to hold hearings to examine the current conditions of United States manufacturing and the impact of manufacturing recession on individuals, industry sectors and the U.S. economy, and the relationship between international trade agreements and the significant job loss that has occurred over the past two years, 10 a.m., SR-253.

*Committee on Energy and Natural Resources:* to hold oversight hearings to examine the national energy policy with respect to fuel specifications and infrastructure constraints and their impacts on energy supply and price, 9:30 a.m., SD-106.

*Committee on Finance:* to continue hearings to examine trade promotion authority, 9:30 a.m., SD-215.

Full Committee, to hold hearings on the nomination of William Henry Lash III, of Virginia, to be an Assistant Secretary of Commerce; the nomination of Allen Frederick Johnson, of Iowa, to be Chief Agricultural Negotiator, Office of the United States Trade Representative; the nomination of Brian Carlton Roseboro, of New Jersey, to be an Assistant Secretary of the Treasury; and the nomination of Kevin Keane, of Wisconsin, to be an

Assistant Secretary of Health and Human Services, 11:30 a.m., SD-215.

*Committee on Foreign Relations:* to hold hearings on the nomination of William S. Farish, of Texas, to be Ambassador to the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland; the nomination of Howard H. Leach, of California, to be Ambassador to France; the nomination of Alexander R. Vershbow, of the District of Columbia, to be Ambassador to the Russian Federation; and the nomination of Anthony Horace Gioia, of New York, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Malta, 9:30 a.m., SD-419.

*Committee on Governmental Affairs:* to hold hearings on the nomination of Kay Coles James, of Virginia, to be Director of the Office of Personnel Management; and the nomination of Othoneil Armendariz, of Texas, to be a Member of the Federal Labor Relations Authority, 2:30 p.m., SD-342.

*Committee on Indian Affairs:* to hold oversight hearings to examine Native American Program initiatives, 10 a.m., SR-485.

*Committee on Small Business:* to hold hearings on S. 856, the Small Business Technology Transfer Program Reauthorization Act of 2001, 10 a.m., SR-428A.

### House

*Committee on Agriculture,* Subcommittee on Department Operations, Oversight, Nutrition and Forestry, hearing to review H.R. 2185, Emergency Food Assistance Program Enhancement Act of 2001, 10 a.m., 1300 Longworth.

*Committee on Armed Services,* hearing on the U.S. national security strategy and the Quadrennial Defense Review, 2 p.m., 2118 Rayburn.

Subcommittee Military Personnel, hearing on the current status of cooperation between the Department of Defense and the Department of Veterans Affairs in sharing medical resources, 10 a.m., 2212 Rayburn.

*Committee on Education and the Workforce,* Subcommittee on Select Education, to mark up H.R. 1900, Juvenile Crime Control and Delinquency Prevention Act of 2001. 10:30 a.m., 2175 Rayburn.

*Committee on Energy and Commerce,* Subcommittee on Commerce, Trade, and Consumer Protection, hearing on Information Privacy: Industry Best Practices and Technological Solutions, 10 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

*Committee on Financial Services,* Subcommittee on Capital Markets, Insurance, and Government Sponsored Enterprises, hearing entitled "Insurance Product Approval: The Need for Modernization," 2 p.m., 2128 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Housing and Community Opportunity, to continue hearings on Affordability Issues, 9:30 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.

*Committee on Government Reform,* hearing on "Federal Information Technology Modernization: Assessing Compliance with the Government Paperwork Elimination Act," 10 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

*Committee on House Administration,* hearing on Campaign Finance Reform, 1 p.m., 1310 Longworth.

*Committee on International Relations,* hearing on International Trade Administration: The Commerce Department's Trade Policy Agenda, 10 a.m., 2172 Rayburn.