

## Committee Meetings

### DRAFT FARM BILL CONCEPT

*Committee on Agriculture:* Continued hearings to review Draft Farm Bill Concept. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

Hearings continue tomorrow.

### NO SCHOOL LEFT BEHIND ACT—SENATE SCHOOL PESTICIDE PROVISION

*Committee on Agriculture:* Subcommittee on Department Operations, Oversight, Nutrition and Forestry held a hearing to review school pesticide provision included in Senate amendment to H.R. 1, No Child Left Behind Act of 2001. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

### NATIONAL DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION BUDGET REQUEST

*Committee on Armed Services:* Concluded hearings on the Fiscal Year 2002 National Defense Authorization Budget Request. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of the Army: Thomas E. White, Secretary; and Gen. Eric K. Shinseki, Chief of Staff.

### NATIONAL DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION BUDGET REQUEST

*Committee on Armed Services:* Subcommittee on Military Personnel held a hearing on the Fiscal Year 2002 National Defense Authorization Budget request. Testimony was heard from officials of the Department of Defense: David S.C. Chu, Under Secretary, Personnel and Readiness; Rear Adm. J. Jarrett Clinton, USN, U.S. Public Health Service, Acting Assistant Secretary, Health Affairs; Lt. Gen. Timothy J. Maude, USA, Deputy Chief of Staff, Personnel and Lt. Gen. James B. Peake, USA, Surgeon General, both with the Department of the Army; Vice Adm. Norbert R. Ryan, Jr., USN, Chief of Naval Personnel, Vice Adm. Richard A. Nelson, USA, Surgeon General, and Lt. Gen. Garry L. Parks, USMC, Deputy Commandant, Manpower and Reserve Affairs, U.S. Marine Corps, all with the Department of the Navy; Lt. Gen. Donald L. Peterson, USAF, Deputy Chief of Staff; and Lt. Gen. Paul K. Carlton, Jr., Surgeon General, both with the Department of the Air Force; Lt. Gen. Russell Davis, USAF, Chief, National Guard Bureau; Lt. Gen. Thomas J. Plewes, USA, Chief, U.S. Army Reserve; Vice Adm. John B. Totushek, USN, Chief, U.S. Naval Reserve; Lt. Gen. James E. Sherrard III, USAF, Chief, Air Force Reserve and Commander, Air Force Reserve Command; Lt. Gen. Dennis M. McCarthy, USMC, Commander, Marine Forces Reserve; Lt. Gen. Roger C. Schultz, USA, Director,

Army National Guard; and Maj. Gen. Paul A. Weaver, Jr., USAF, Director, Air National Guard.

### MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

*Committee on Energy and Commerce:* Began markup of the Energy Advancement and Conservation Act of 2001.

Ordered reported the following: H.R. 2441, to amend the Public Health Service Act to redesignate a facility as the National Hansen's Disease Programs Center; H.R. 717, Duchenne Muscular Dystrophy Childhood Assistance, Research and Education Amendments of 2001; H.R. 943, amended, Flu Vaccine Availability Act of 2001; H. Con. Res. 61, expressing support for a National Reflex Sympathetic Dystrophy (RSD) Awareness Month; H. Con. Res. 36, urging increased Federal funding for juvenile (Type 1) Diabetes research; H. Con. Res. 25, expressing the Sense of the Congress regarding Tuberos Sclerosis; and H. Con. Res. 84; supporting the goals of Red Ribbon Week in promoting drug-free communities.

### MONETARY POLICY—STATE OF THE ECONOMY

*Committee on Financial Services:* Held a hearing on Monetary Policy and the State of the Economy. Testimony was heard from Alan Greenspan, Chairman, Board of Governors, Federal Reserve System.

### CONGRESSIONAL INQUIRIES—CIA'S RESISTANCE

*Committee on Government Reform:* Subcommittee on Government Efficiency, Financial Management and Intergovernmental Relations and the Subcommittee on National Security, Veterans' Affairs and International Relations held a joint hearing on "Is the CIA's refusal to cooperate with Congressional inquiries a threat to effective oversight of the operations of the Federal Government?" Testimony was heard from Henry L. Hinton, Jr., Managing Director, Defense Capabilities and Management, GAO; R. James Woolsey, former Director, CIA; former Representative Lee Hamilton of Indiana and former Chairman, House Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence; and public witnesses.

### INDONESIA IN TRANSITION

*Committee on International Relations:* Subcommittee on East Asia and the Pacific held a hearing on Indonesia in Transition: Implication for U.S. Interests. Testimony was heard from Ralph L. Boyce, Deputy Assistant Secretary, Bureau of East Asian and Pacific Affairs, Department of State.

**SILENCING CENTRAL ASIA**

*Committee on International Relations:* Subcommittee on International Operations and Human Rights, and the Subcommittee on the Middle East and South Asia held a joint hearing on Silencing Central Asia: the Voice of Dissidents. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of State: Michael E. Parmly, Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary, Bureau of Democracy, Human Rights, and Labor; and William B. Taylor, Coordinator, U.S. Assistance to the New Independent States; and public witnesses.

**INTERNET TAX MORATORIUM AND EQUITY ACT**

*Committee on the Judiciary:* Subcommittee on Commercial and Administrative Law held a hearing on H.R. 1410, Internet Tax Moratorium and Equity Act. Testimony was heard from Representative Istook; and public witnesses.

**FOREIGN OPERATIONS, EXPORT FINANCING AND RELATED PROGRAMS APPROPRIATIONS**

*Committee on Rules:* Granted, by voice vote, a modified open rule providing 1 hour of debate on H.R. 2506, making appropriations for foreign operations, export financing, and related programs for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2002. The rule waives points of order against consideration of the bill for failure to comply with clause 4 of rule XIII (requiring a three-day layover of the committee report and requiring the three-day availability of printed hearings on a general appropriations bill). The rule provides that the amendment printed in the report of the Committee on Rules accompanying the resolution shall be considered as adopted in the House and in the Committee of the Whole. The rule waives points of order against provisions in the bill as amended for failure to comply with clause 2 of rule XXI (prohibiting unauthorized or legislative provisions in a general appropriations bill or prohibiting reappropriations in a general appropriations bill), except as specified in the rule.

The rule makes in order only those amendments printed in the Congressional Record and pro forma amendments for the purpose of debate. The rule provides that each amendment printed in the Congressional Record may be offered only by the Member who caused it to be printed or his designee, and that each amendment shall be considered as read. Finally, the rule provides one motion to recommit with or without instructions. Testimony was heard from Representatives Kolbe, Lowey and Pelosi.

**COMPREHENSIVE ENERGY RESEARCH AND TECHNOLOGY ACT; VOTING TECHNOLOGY STANDARDS ACT**

*Committee on Science:* Ordered reported, as amended, the following bills: H.R. 2460, Comprehensive Energy Research and Technology Act of 2001; and H.R. 2275, Voting Technology Standards Act of 2001.

**DIRECT GOVERNMENT COMPETITION WITH PRIVATE SECTOR SMALL BUSINESSES**

*Committee on Small Business:* Held a hearing entitled "A Review of Direct Government Competition with Private Sector Small Businesses." Testimony was heard from Arthur Hamerschlag, Deputy Chief Financial Officer, Veterans Health Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs; Michael Spates, Manager, Delivery Options, U.S. Postal Service; and public witnesses.

**MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES; COMMITTEE BUSINESS**

*Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure:* Ordered reported the following bills: H.R. 2481, amended, Omnibus Maritime Improvements Act of 2001; H.R. 2501, Appalachian Regional Development Reauthorization Act of 2001; and H.R. 988, to designate the United States courthouse located at 40 Centre Street in New York, New York, as the "Thurgood Marshall United States Courthouse."

The Committee also approved 47 public building resolutions and other pending Committee business.

**OVERSIGHT—NAFTA**

*Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure:* Subcommittee on Highways and Transit held an oversight hearing on NAFTA: Arbitration Panel Decision and Safety Issues with Regard to Opening the U.S./Mexican Border to Motor Carriers. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Transportation: Norman E. Mineta, Secretary; and Kenneth M. Mead, Inspector General; Peter F. Allgeier, Deputy U.S. Trade Representative; Henry Cuellar, Secretary of State, Texas; and public witnesses.

**ENERGY TAX POLICY ACT**

*Committee on Ways and Means:* Ordered reported, as amended, H.R. 2511, Energy Tax Policy Act of 2001.

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**NEW PRIVATE LAW**

S. 560, for the relief of Rita Mirembe Revell (a.k.a. Margaret Rita Mirembe). Signed on July 17, 2001. (Private Law 107-1)