

CONSUMER RENTAL PURCHASE AGREEMENT ACT

Committee on Financial Services: Subcommittee on Financial Institutions and Consumer Credit began markup of H.R. 1701, Consumer Rental Purchase Agreement Act.

TOWARD A TELEWORK-FRIENDLY GOVERNMENT WORKPLACE

Committee on Government Reform: Subcommittee on Technology and Procurement Policy held a hearing on "Toward a Telework-Friendly Government Workplace: An Update on Public and Private Approaches to Telecommuting." Testimony was heard from Bob Robertson, Director, Education, Workforce, and Income Security Issues, GAO; Teresa Jenkins, Director, Office of Workforce Relations, OPM; David Bibb, Deputy Associate Administrator, Office of Government-wide Policy, GSA; and public witnesses.

AGRICULTURAL ACT; AUSTRALIAN AND U.S. ALLIANCE ANNIVERSARY RESOLUTION

Committee on International Relations: Ordered reported, as amended, H.R. 2646, Agricultural Act of 2001.

The Committee also adopted a motion urging the chairman to request that the following resolution be considered on the Suspension Calendar: H. Con. Res. 217, recognizing the historic significance of the fiftieth anniversary of the alliance between Australia and the United States under the ANZUS Treaty, paying tribute to the United States-Australia relationship, reaffirming the importance of economic and security cooperation between the United States and Australia, and welcoming the state visit by Australian Prime Minister John Howard.

CHILD CUSTODY PROTECTION ACT

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on the Constitution held a hearing on H.R. 476, Child Custody Protection Act. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

COALBED METHANE RESOURCES

Committee on Resources: Subcommittee on Energy and Mineral Resources held an oversight hearing on "The Orderly Development of Coalbed Methane Resources from Public Lands." Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of the Interior: Gene Whitney, Supervisor Geologist, U.S. Geological Survey; and Tom Fulton, Deputy Assistant Secretary, Lands and Minerals; Dennis Hemmer, Director, Department of Environmental Quality, State of Wyoming; and public witnesses.

NSF'S MAJOR RESEARCH FACILITIES

Committee on Science: Subcommittee on Research held a hearing on NSF's Major Research Facilities: Planning and Management Issues. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the NSF: Rita R. Colwell, Director; Anita K. Jones, Vice Chair, National Science Board; and Christine C. Boesz, Inspector General; and a public witness.

DOD'S PROCUREMENT POLICIES

Committee on Small Business: Held a hearing on the Department of Defense's procurement policies. Testimony was heard from Col. Curtis A. Wright, USAF, Acting Director, Small and Disadvantaged Businesses, Department of Defense; and public witnesses.

FEDERAL PROTECTION SERVICE REFORM ACT

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure: Subcommittee on Economic Development, Public Buildings and Emergency Management held a hearing on H.R. 307, Federal Protection Service Reform Act. Testimony was heard from Representative Traficant; Joseph Moravec, Commissioner, Public Buildings Services, GSA; and public witnesses.

VETERANS' LEGISLATION

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: Subcommittee on Health held a hearing on the following bills: H.R. 2792, Disabled Veterans Service Dog and Health Care Improvement Act of 2001; H.R. 1435, Veterans' Emergency Telephone Service Act of 2001; and H.R. 1136, to amend title 38, United States Code, to require Department of Veterans Affairs pharmacies to dispense medication to veterans for prescriptions written by private practitioners. Testimony was heard from Representatives Capps, Weldon of Florida and Wicker; Anthony J. Principi, Secretary of Veterans Affairs; and representatives of various veterans organizations.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 7, 2001

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Armed Services: closed business meeting to continue markup on proposed legislation authorizing appropriations for fiscal year 2002 for military activities of the Department of Defense, 9:30 a.m., SR-222.

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: Subcommittee on Children and Families, to hold hearings to examine the national health crisis regarding teen and young adult suicide issues, 9:30 a.m., SD-430.

Committee on the Judiciary: to hold hearings to examine the historical opportunity for U.S.-Mexico migration discussions, 10 a.m., SD-106.

House

No Committee meetings are scheduled.

Joint Meetings

Commission on Security and Cooperation in Europe: to hold a joint briefing to examine research data on domestic violence and the extent to which governments, particularly law enforcement authorities, have fulfilled their responsibilities to protect individuals from such abuse, focusing on U.S. models for providing services to victims of domestic violence, including the response of faith-based communities, 10:30 a.m., 2200 Rayburn Building.

Joint Economic Committee: to hold hearings to examine the employment-unemployment situation for August, 9:30 a.m., 1334 Longworth Building.

CONGRESSIONAL PROGRAM AHEAD

Week of September 10 through September 15,
2001

Senate Chamber

On Monday, at 12 noon, Senate will begin consideration of H.R. 2500, Commerce, Justice, State Appropriations Act. Page 5

During the balance of the week, Senate expects to resume consideration of H.R. 2500, Commerce, Justice, State Appropriations Act, and any other cleared legislative and executive business, including other appropriation bills when available.

Senate Committees

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Committee on Appropriations: September 12, Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, to hold hearings to examine stem cell research issues, 9 a.m., SD-106.

Committee on Armed Services: September 13, to hold hearings on the nomination of General Richard B. Myers, USAF, for appointment as the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff and appointment to the grade of general, 2:30 p.m., SH-216.

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: September 11, to hold hearings to examine issues relating to the failure of Superior Bank, FSB, Hinsdale, Illinois, 10 a.m., SD-538.

September 12, Full Committee, to hold oversight hearings to examine the Administration's national money laundering strategy for 2001, 9:30 a.m., SD-538.

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: September 11, Subcommittee on Communications, to hold hearings to examine E-911 issues, 2 p.m., SR-253.

September 13, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine Corporate Average Fuel Economy (CAFE) Standards, 9:30 a.m., SR-253.

September 13, Subcommittee on Science, Technology, and Space, to hold hearings to examine digital divide issues, 2 p.m., SR-253.

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: September 12, with the Committee on Indian Affairs, to hold joint hearings to examine legislative proposals relating to the development of energy resources on Indian and Alaska Native lands, including the generation and transmission of electricity, 2:30 p.m., SD-366.

Committee on Environment and Public Works: September 10, Subcommittee on Transportation, Infrastructure, and Nuclear Safety, to hold oversight hearings to examine the implementation of the Intelligent Transportation Systems program, 3:30 p.m., SD-406.

September 13, Subcommittee on Fisheries, Wildlife, and Water, to hold oversight hearings to examine the utilization of available water and wastewater infrastructure funding, 10 a.m., SD-406.

Committee on Finance: September 12, to resume hearings to examine the role of tax incentives in energy policy, 10:30 a.m., SD-215.

September 12, Subcommittee on Social Security and Family Policy, to hold hearings to examine S. 685, to amend title IV of the Social Security Act to strengthen working families, 2 p.m., SD-215.

Committee on Foreign Relations: September 11, Subcommittee on African Affairs, to hold hearings to examine human rights, labor rights, and anti-corruption eligibility requirements for African Growth Opportunity Act benefits, 2:30 p.m., SD-419.

September 12, Full Committee, to hold hearings on the nomination of John D. Negroponte, of the District of Columbia, to be a Representative of the United States of America to the Sessions of the General Assembly of the United Nations during his tenure of service as Representative of the United States of America to the United Nations and to be the Representative of the United States of America to the United Nations in the Security Council of the United Nations, 2:15 p.m., SD-419.

Committee on Governmental Affairs: September 12, to hold hearings to examine the security of critical governmental infrastructure, 9:30 a.m., SD-342.

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: September 10, to hold hearings to examine contraceptive insurance coverage issues, 3 p.m., SD-430.

September 11, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine early learning as an investment for children and the future, 10 a.m., SR-325.

September 12, Full Committee, business meeting to consider S. 952, to provide collective bargaining rights for public safety officers employed by States or their political subdivisions; S. 928, to amend the Age Discrimination in Employment Act of 1967 to require, as a condition of receipt or use of Federal financial assistance, that States waive immunity to suit for certain violations of that Act, and to affirm the availability of certain suits for injunctive relief to ensure compliance with that Act; and the nomination of Brian Jones, of California, to be General Counsel, Department of Education, 9:30 a.m., SD-430.