

**MEDICAL CARE COLLECTION FUND**

*Committee on Veterans' Affairs:* Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations held a hearing to review the Department of Veterans Affairs Medical Care Collection Fund (MCCF). Testimony was heard from Steven P. Backhus, Director, Health Care-VA and Military Health Issues, GAO; the following officials of the Department of Veterans Affairs: Richard Griffin, Inspector General; and Thomas L. Garthwaite, M.D., Under Secretary, Health.

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**NEW PUBLIC LAWS**

(For last listing of Public Laws, see DAILY DIGEST of September 4, 2001, p. D858 )

H.R. 2882, to provide for the expedited payment of certain benefits for a public safety officer who was killed or suffered a catastrophic injury as a direct and proximate result of a personal injury sustained in the line of duty in connection with the terrorist attacks of September 11, 2001. Signed on September 18, 2001. (Public Law 107-37)

H.R. 2888, making emergency supplemental appropriations for fiscal year 2001 for additional disaster assistance, for anti-terrorism initiatives, and for assistance in the recovery from the tragedy that occurred on September 11, 2001. Signed on September 18, 2001. (Public Law 107-38)

S.J. Res. 22, expressing the sense of the Senate and House of Representatives regarding the terrorist attacks launched against the United States on September 11, 2001. Signed on September 18, 2001. (Public Law 107-39)

S.J. Res. 23, to authorize the use of United States Armed Forces against those responsible for the recent attacks launched against the United States. Signed on September 18, 2001. (Public Law 107-40)

H.R. 2133, to establish a commission for the purpose of encouraging and providing for the commemoration of the 50th anniversary of the Supreme Court decision in *Brown v. Board of Education*. Signed on September 18, 2001. (Public Law 107-41)

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**COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR  
FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 21, 2001**

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

**Senate**

*Committee on Foreign Relations:* to hold hearings on the nomination of Arlene Render, of Virginia, to be Ambas-

sador to the Republic of Cote d'Ivoire; the nomination of Mattie R. Sharpless, of North Carolina, to be Ambassador to the Central African Republic; the nomination of R. Barrie Walkley, of California, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Guinea; the nomination of Jackson McDonald, of Florida, to be Ambassador to the Republic of The Gambia; the nomination of Kevin Joseph McGuire, of Maryland, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Namibia; the nomination of Ralph Leo Boyce, Jr., of Virginia, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Indonesia; and the nomination of Robert W. Jordan, of Texas, to be Ambassador to the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, 12 p.m., SD-419.

*Committee on Governmental Affairs:* to hold hearings to examine the U.S. response to homeland attacks, 9:30 a.m., SD-106.

**House**

*Committee on Energy and Commerce,* Subcommittee on Health and the Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations, joint hearing entitled "Medicare Drug Reimbursements: A Broken System for Patients and Taxpayers," 9:30 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

*Committee on Financial Services,* Subcommittee on International Monetary Policy and Trade, to consider the following measures: H.R. 2604, to authorize the United States to participate in and contribute to the seventh replenishment of the resources of the Asian Development Fund and the fifth replenishment of the resources of the International Fund for Agricultural Development, and to set forth additional policies of the United States towards the African Development Bank, the African Development Bank, the Inter-American Development Bank, and the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development; and H.R. 2871, Export-Import Reauthorization Act of 2001, 9:30 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.

*Committee on Government Reform,* Subcommittee on the District of Columbia, hearing on "Mass Transit in the National Capital Region: Meeting Future Capital Needs," followed by a markup of the following: H.R. 2305, Criminal Justice Coordinating Council Restructuring Act of 2001; and the District of Columbia Fiscal Integrity Act of 2001, 10 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Energy Policy, Natural Resources and Regulatory Affairs, hearing on "Creating a New EPA Department," 9:30 a.m., 2247 Rayburn.

*Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure,* Subcommittee on Aviation, hearing on Aviation Security and the Future of the Aviation Industry, 10 a.m., 2167 Rayburn.

*Next Meeting of the SENATE*

9 a.m., Friday, September 21

*Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES*

9 a.m., Friday, September 21

## Senate Chamber

**Program for Friday:** Senate will consider the nominations of Sharon Prost, of the District of Columbia, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Federal Circuit, and Reggie B. Walton, of the District of Columbia, to be United States District Judge for the District of Columbia, with votes on confirmation of the nominations to occur thereon at approximately 9:20 a.m.

## House Chamber

**Program for Friday:** Consideration of H.R. 2904, Military Construction, Family Housing, and Base Realignment Appropriations; and  
Consideration of Air Transportation System Stabilization Act.



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