

OVERSIGHT—PASSENGER RAIL IN AMERICA

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure: Subcommittee on Railroads held an oversight hearing on Passenger Rail in America: What Should It Look Like? Testimony was heard from Jayetta Hecker, Director, Physical Infrastructure Issues, GAO; and public witnesses.

VETERANS LEGISLATION

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: Subcommittee on Benefits held a hearing on the following bills: H.R. 1108, to amend title 38, United States Code, to provide that remarriage of the surviving spouse of a veteran after age 55 shall not result in termination of dependence and indemnity compensation; H.R. 2095, Reservist VA Home Loan Fairness Act of 2001; H.R. 2222, Veterans Life Insurance Improvement Act of 2001; and H.R. 3731, to amend title 38, United States Code, to increase amounts available to State approving agencies to ascertain the qualifications of educational institutions for furnishing courses of education to veterans and eligible persons under the Montgomery GI Bill and under other programs of education administered by the Department of Veterans Affairs. Testimony was heard from Representatives Bilirakis and Filner; Daniel Cooper, Under Secretary, Veterans Benefits Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs; and representatives of veterans organizations.

WELFARE REFORM REAUTHORIZATION PROPOSALS

Committee on Ways and Means: Subcommittee on Human Resources held a hearing on Welfare Reform Reauthorization Proposals. Testimony was heard from Representatives Mink of Hawaii, Kaptur, Kucinich, Lee, Tierney and Reynolds; Tommy G.

Thompson, Secretary of Health and Human Services; and public witnesses.

EXPLORE PERMANENT NORMAL RELATIONS FOR RUSSIA

Committee on Ways and Means: Subcommittee on Trade held a hearing to explore Permanent Normal Relations for Russia. Testimony was heard from Representatives Lantos and Cox; Peter F. Allgeier, Deputy U.S. Trade Representative; Alan P. Larson, Under Secretary, Economic, Business, and Agricultural Affairs, Department of State; and public witnesses.

Joint Meetings

FARM BILL

Conferees met to resolve the differences between the Senate and House passed versions of H.R. 2646, to provide for the continuation of agricultural programs through fiscal year 2011, but did not complete action thereon, and will meet again tomorrow.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR FRIDAY, APRIL 12, 2002

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Immigration, to hold hearings to examine the Enhanced Border Security and Visa Entry Reform Act, 9 a.m., SD-226.

House

No committee meetings are scheduled.

Joint Meetings

Conference: meeting of conferees on H.R. 2646, to provide for the continuation of agricultural programs through fiscal year 2011, 11 a.m., HC-5 Capitol.