

OVERSIGHT

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Commercial and Administrative Law held an oversight hearing on “Administrative and Procedural Aspects of the Federal Reserve Board/Department of the Treasury Proposed Rule Concerning Competition in the Real Estate Brokerage and Management Markets.” Testimony was heard from Sheila Bair, Assistant Secretary, Department of the Treasury; and public witnesses.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Resources: Subcommittee on Fisheries Conservation, Wildlife and Oceans, hearing on the following: H.R. 3937, to revoke a Public Land Order with respect to certain lands erroneously included in the Cibola National Wildlife Refuge, California; the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration Authorization Act of 2002; the Hydrographic Services Improvement Act Amendments of 2002; the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Research Service Act; the National Coastal and Ocean Service Act of 2002; the National Marine Fisheries Service Act of 2002; and the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration Commissioned Officers Act of 2002. Testimony was heard from Representative Hunter; Scott Gudes, Deputy Under Secretary, Oceans and Atmosphere/Administrator, NOAA, Department of Commerce; Mitchell R. Ellis, Branch Chief, Wildlife Resources, National Wildlife Refuge System, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Department of the Interior; and a public witness.

CHRONIC WASTING DISEASE

Committee on Resources: Subcommittee on Forests and Forest Health and the Subcommittee on Fisheries Conservation, Wildlife and Oceans held a joint hearing on Chronic Wasting Disease. Testimony was heard from Carl Groat, Director, U.S. Geological Survey, Department of the Interior; James G. Butler, Under Secretary, Marketing and Regulatory Programs, USDA; Scott McCallum, Governor, State of Wisconsin; Mike Miller, Wildlife Veterinarian, Wildlife Research Center, Division of Wildlife, Department of Natural Resources, State of Colorado; Russell George, Director, Division of Wildlife, Department of Natural Resources, State of Colorado; E. Tom Thorne, Chief of Services, Department of Game and Fish, State of Wyoming; Bruce Morrison, Assistant Administrator, Wildlife Division, Commission of Game and Parks, State of Nebraska; and public witnesses.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Resources: Subcommittee on National Parks, Recreation and Public Lands held a hearing

on the following bills: H.R. 36, National Discovery Trails Act of 2001; H.R. 3858, New River Gorge National River Boundary Act of 2002; and H.R. 4103, Martin’s Cove Land Transfer Act. Testimony was heard from Representative Bereuter; the following officials of the Department of the Interior: Tom Fulton, Deputy Assistant Secretary, Land and Minerals Management; and Katherine Stevenson, Associate Director, Cultural Resource, Stewardship, and Partnerships, National Park Service; and public witnesses.

CENTERS FOR MEDICARE AND MEDICAID SERVICES

Committee on Small Business: Held a hearing on “CMS: New Name, Same Old Game.” Testimony was heard from Thomas Scully, Administrator, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, Department of Health and Human Services; and public witnesses.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure: Subcommittee on Highways and Transit approved for full Committee action, as amended, the following bills: H.R. 3429, Over-the-Road Bus Security and Safety; and H.R. 3609, Pipeline Infrastructure Protection to Enhance Security and Safety Act.

VETERANS’ MATTERS

Committee on Veterans’ Affairs: Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations and the Subcommittee on Health held a joint hearing on nonprofit research corporations and educational foundations affiliated with specific Veterans Health Administration facilities. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Veterans Affairs: Michael Slachta, Jr., Assistant Inspector General, Audit; and Robert H. Roswell, M.D., Under Secretary, Health, Veterans Health Administration; Wendy Baldwin, M.D., Deputy Director, Extramural Research, NIH, Department of Health and Human Services; representatives of veterans organizations; and public witnesses.

NEW PUBLIC LAWS

(For last listing of Public Laws, see DAILY DIGEST of May 15, 2002, p. D492)

H.R. 169, to require that Federal agencies be accountable for violations of antidiscrimination and whistleblower protection laws. Signed on May 15, 2002. (Public Law 107–174)