

IN THE MATTER OF REPRESENTATIVE JAMES A TRAFICANT, JR.

Committee on Standards of Official Conduct: Adjudicatory Subcommittee continued hearings in the Matter of Representative James A. Traficant, Jr., to determine whether any counts in the Statement of Alleged Violations have been proven by clear and convincing evidence. Testimony was heard from Representative Traficant; Linda Kovachik, member, staff of Representative Traficant; Sandra Ferrante, friend; Michael Robertson, private investigator; and Richard E. Detore, former Chief Operating Officer, U.S. Aerospace Group.

OVERSIGHT—FAA ORGANIZATIONAL STRUCTURE PROBLEMS

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure: Subcommittee on Aviation held an oversight hearing on Problems with the FAA Organizational Structure. Testimony was heard from Jane F. Garvey, Administrator, FAA, Department of Transportation; and public witnesses.

HIGHWAY TRUST FUND—LONG-TERM OUTLOOK

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure: Subcommittee on Highways and Transit held a hearing on Long-term Outlook on Highway Trust Fund: Are Fuel Taxes a Viable Measure? Testimony was heard from Bob Taft, Governor, State of Ohio; Larry King, Deputy Secretary, Department of Transportation, State of Pennsylvania; and public witnesses.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: Ordered reported the following bills: H.R. 4940, Arlington National Cemetery Burial Eligibility Act; H.R. 5055, to authorize the placement in Arlington National Cemetery of a memorial honoring the World War II veterans who fought in the Battle of the Bulge; and H.R. 3645, amended, Veterans Health-Care and Procurement Improvement Act of 2002.

The Committee also held a hearing on H.R. 4939, Veterans Medicare Payment Acct of 2002. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Veterans Affairs: Robert H. Roswell, Under Secretary, Health; and Tim S. McClain, General Counsel; Tom Grissom, Director, Center for Medicare Management, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, Department of Health and Human Services; and representatives of veterans organizations.

HOMELAND SECURITY

Select Committee on Homeland Security: Continued hearings on H.R. 5005, Homeland Security Act of 2002. Testimony was heard from Ann Veneman, Secretary

of Agriculture; Tommy G. Thompson, Secretary of Health and Human Services; Norman Y. Mineta, Secretary of Transportation; Spencer Abraham, Secretary of Energy; Kay Cole James, Director, OPM; and Representatives Thornberry, Gibbons, Harman, Tauscher and Sensenbrenner.

Hearings continue tomorrow.

Joint Meetings

9/11 INTELLIGENCE INVESTIGATION

Joint Hearing: Senate Select Committee on Intelligence and the House Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence met in closed session to consider events surrounding September 11, 2001.

Committees will meet again on Thursday, July 18.

AMERICAN CLAIMANTS PROPERTY RESTITUTION IN EUROPE

Commission on Security and Cooperation in Europe (Helsinki Commission): Commission concluded hearings on the state of property restitution in Central and Eastern Europe for American claimants, focusing on restitution and compensation for property seized during World War II and the communist-era, after receiving testimony from Randolph Bell, Special Envoy for Holocaust Issues, Department of State; Yehuda Evron, Holocaust Restitution Committee, Whitestone, New York; Olga Jonas, Free Czechoslovakia Fund, Bethesda, Maryland; and Mark Meyer, Romanian-American Chamber of Commerce, and Israel Singer, Conference on Jewish Material Claims Against Germany/World Jewish Restitution Organization, both of New York, New York.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR WEDNESDAY, JULY 17, 2002

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry: to hold hearings to examine Homeland Security, 2 p.m., SD-106.

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: Subcommittee on Housing and Transportation, to hold oversight hearings to examine public mass transit systems, 2:30 p.m., SD-538.

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Subcommittee on Consumer Affairs, Foreign Commerce, and Tourism, to hold hearings on proposed legislation authorizing funds for the Federal Trade Commission, 9:30 a.m., SR-253.

Committee on Finance: to hold hearings to examine schemes, scams, and cons regarding fuel tax fraud, 10 a.m., SD-215.

Committee on Foreign Relations: to resume hearings on the Treaty Between the United States of America and the

Russian Federation on Strategic Offensive Reductions, Signed at Moscow on May 24, 2002 (Treaty Doc. 107-08), 2:30 p.m., SD-419.

Committee on Governmental Affairs: to hold hearings to examine the nomination of Mark W. Everson, of Texas, to be Deputy Director for Management, Office of Management and Budget, 2 p.m., SD-342.

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: business meeting to consider S. 2394, to amend the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act to require labeling containing information applicable to pediatric patients; S. 2499, to amend the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act to establish labeling requirements regarding allergenic substances in food; S. 1998, to amend the Higher Education Act of 1965 with respect to the qualifications of foreign schools; proposed legislation authorizing funding for the Child Care and Development Block Grant; and the nomination of Richard H. Carmona, of Arizona, to be Medical Director in the Regular Corps of the Public Health Service, and to be Surgeon General of the Public Health Service, Time to be announced, Room to be announced.

Committee on Indian Affairs: to hold oversight hearings to examine the protection of Native American sacred places, 10 a.m., SR-485.

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Constitution, to hold hearings on S.J. Res. 35, proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States to protect the rights of crime victims, 10 a.m., SD-226.

House

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Commerce, Trade, and Consumer Protection, to mark up H.R. 4701, Sports Agent Responsibility and Trust Act, 2 p.m., 2322 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Health, hearing on "Harming Patient Access to Care: The Impact of Excessive Litigation," 10 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

Committee on Financial Services, hearing on Monetary Policy and the State of the Economy, 10 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.

Committee on Government Reform, Subcommittee on Government Efficiency, Financial Management and Intergovernmental Relations, hearing on "Government Travel and Purchase Card Programs at the Department of the Army," 10 a.m. and 2 p.m., 2154 Rayburn.

Committee on the Judiciary, to mark up the following measures: S.J. Res. 13, conferring honorary citizenship of the United States on Paul Yves Roch Gilbert du Motier, also known as the Marquis de Lafayette; H.R. 4558, to extend the Irish Peace Process Cultural and Training Program; S. 487, Technology, Education, and Copyright Harmonization Act of 2001; H. Res. 437, requesting that the President focus appropriate attention on neighborhood crime prevention and community policing, and coordinate certain Federal efforts to participate in "National Night Out," including by supporting local efforts and neighborhood watches and by supporting local officials to provide homeland security; H.R. 4965, Partial-Birth Abortion Ban Act of 2002; H.R. 3951, Financial Services Regulatory Relief Act of 2002; and H.R. 1452, Family Reunification Act of 2001, 10 a.m., 2141 Rayburn.

Committee on Resources, oversight hearing on the Compacts of Free Association, followed by a hearing on the following bills: H.R. 2408, Yankton Sioux Tribe and Santee Sioux Tribe Equitable Compensation Act; H.R. 3407, Indian Financing Act Reform Amendment; and H.R. 4938, to direct the Secretary of the Interior, through the Bureau of Reclamation, to conduct a feasibility study to determine the most feasible method of developing a safe and adequate municipal, rural, and industrial water supply for the Santee Sioux Tribe of Nebraska, 2 p.m., 1324 Longworth.

Select Committee on Homeland Security, to continue hearings on H.R. 5005, Homeland Security Act of 2002, 10 a.m., 345 Cannon.

Joint Meetings

Joint Economic Committee: to hold hearings to examine economic outlook issues, 10 a.m., 2226 Rayburn Building.