

was heard from Michael Barrera, National Ombudsman, SBA; and Nina Olson, National Taxpayer Advocate, IRS, Department of the Treasury; and public witnesses.

SMALL BUSINESSES—IMPACT OF HIGHWAY BEAUTIFICATION ACT

Committee on Small Business: Subcommittee on Rural Enterprise, Agriculture and Technology held a hearing on the Impact of the Highway Beautification Act on small businesses across America. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

OVERSIGHT—ADMINISTRATION'S PROPOSED REAUTHORIZATION (SAFETEA)

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure: Subcommittee on Highways, Transit and Pipelines held an oversight hearing on overview of Administration's Proposed Reauthorization bill (SAFETEA). Testimony was heard from Norman Mineta, Secretary of Transportation.

VETERANS LEGISLATION

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: Ordered reported the following bills: H.R. 1460, amended, Veterans Entrepreneurship Act of 2003; H.R. 1562, amended, Veterans Health Care Cost Recovery Act of 2003; H.R. 1683, Veterans' Compensation Cost-of-Living Adjustment Act of 2003; H.R. 1257, Selected Reserve Home Loan Equity Act; H.R. 1911, to amend title 38, United States Code, to enhance cooperation and the sharing of resources between the Department of Veterans Affairs and the Department of Defense; and H.R. 1715, to amend title 38, United States Code, to enhance the authority of the Department of Veterans Affairs to recover from third parties costs of medical care furnished to veterans and other persons by the Department.

SENSITIVE PROGRAMS BUDGET

Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence: Subcommittee on Intelligence Policy and National Security met in executive session to hold a hearing on Sensitive Programs Budget. Testimony was heard from departmental witnesses.

BIOSHIELD: COUNTERING THE BIOSHIELD THREAT

Select Committee on Homeland Security: Held a hearing entitled "Bioshield: Countering the Bioterrorist Threat." Testimony was heard from Anthony S. Fauci, M.D., Director, National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases, NIH, Department of Health and Human Services; and public witnesses.

NEW PUBLIC LAWS

(For last listing of Public Laws, see DAILY DIGEST p. D439)

S. 162, to provide for the use of distribution of certain funds awarded to the Gila River Pima-Mari-copa Indian Community. Signed on May 14, 2003. (Public Law 108-22)

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR FRIDAY, MAY 16, 2003

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Agriculture, Rural Development, and Related Agencies, to hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2004 for programs of the Department of Agriculture, 9:30 a.m., SD-124.

Committee on Foreign Relations: to hold hearings to examine the Department of State's Office of Children's Issues, focusing on international parental abduction, 9 a.m., SD-419.

House

Committee on Government Reform, hearing on "Protecting Our Most Vulnerable Residents: A Review of Reform Efforts at the District of Columbia Child and Family Services Agency," 10 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

CONGRESSIONAL PROGRAM AHEAD Week of May 19 through May 24, 2003 Senate Chamber

On Monday, at 2:30 p.m., Senate will consider S. 1050, to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2004 for military activities of the Department of Defense, for military construction, and for defense activities of the Department of Energy, to prescribe personnel strengths for such fiscal year for the Armed Forces.

During the balance of the week, Senate will continue consideration of S. 1050, Department of Defense Authorization, and may also consider S. 14, Energy Policy Act, H.J. Res. 51, Increased Public Debt, and any other cleared legislative and executive business.

Senate Committees

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Committee on Appropriations: May 20, Subcommittee on Transportation, Treasury and General Government, to hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2004 for the Department of the Treasury, 10 a.m., SD-138.

May 22, Subcommittee on Transportation, Treasury and General Government, to hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2004 for high-way safety initiatives, 10:30 a.m., SD-138.