

UNITED STATES MARSHALS SERVICE IMPROVEMENT ACT

Committee on Rules: Granted, by voice vote, an open rule providing 1 hour of debate on H.R. 2641, United States Marshals Service Improvement Act of 1996. The rule makes in order the Judiciary Committee amendment in the nature of a substitute as an original bill for the purpose of amendment, and provides that each section shall be considered as read. The rule authorizes the Chair to accord priority in recognition to members who have preprinted their amendments in the *Congressional Record*, if otherwise consistent with the House rules, and provides that preprinted amendments shall be considered as read. The rule provides one motion to recommit, with or without instructions. Finally, the rule provides that after passage of the House bill, it will be in order to take up the Senate bill, to move to insert the House-passed provisions in the Senate bill, and to move to request a conference with the Senate. Testimony was heard from Representative McCollum.

UNITED STATES AVIATION RELATIONSHIP WITH THE U.K. AND JAPAN

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure: Subcommittee on Aviation continued hearings on Problems in the U.S. Aviation Relationship with the United Kingdom and Japan. Testimony was heard from Charles A. Hunnicutt, Assistant Secretary, Aviation and International Affairs, Department of Transportation; and public witnesses.

OVERSIGHT

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: Subcommittee on Compensation, Pension, Insurance, and Memorial Affairs held a hearing on access to treatment and compensation for veterans exposed to ionizing radiation. Testimony was heard from John R. Vogel, Under Secretary, Benefits, Department of Veterans Affairs; Joan Ma Pierre, Director, Electronics and Systems, Defense Nuclear Agency, Department of Defense; and public witnesses.

FUTURE DIRECTIONS IN THE MEDICARE PROGRAM

Committee on Ways and Means: Subcommittee on Health held a hearing on recommendations regarding future directions in the Medicare program. Testimony was heard from Representative Shays; Joseph P. Newhouse, Chairman, Prospective Payment Assessment Commission; Gail R. Wilensky, Chair, Physician Payment Review Commission; and Janet L. Shikles, Assistant Comptroller General, Health, Education, and Human Services Division, GAO.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR WEDNESDAY, MAY 1, 1996

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Appropriations, Subcommittee on Defense, to hold hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 1997 for the Department of Defense, focusing on Reserve and National Guard programs, 10 a.m., SD-192.

Committee on Armed Services, closed business meeting, to mark up a proposed National Defense Authorization Act for fiscal year 1997, and to receive a report from the Senate Select Committee on Intelligence on the Intelligence Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 1997, 9 a.m., SR-222.

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation, Subcommittee on Aviation, to hold hearings to examine airport revenue diversion, 2:30 p.m., SR-253.

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources, business meeting, to consider pending calendar business, 9:30 a.m., SD-366.

Committee on Foreign Relations, Subcommittee on African Affairs, to hold hearings on develop assistance to Africa, 2 p.m., SD-419.

Committee on the Judiciary, to hold hearings to review the national drug control strategy, 10:30 a.m., SD-226.

Committee on Labor and Human Resources, business meeting, to mark up S. 1643, to authorize appropriations for fiscal years 1997 through 2001 for programs of the Older Americans Act, and to consider pending nominations, 9:30 a.m., SD-430.

Committee on Small Business, to hold hearings on the nomination of Ginger Ehn Lew, of California, to be Deputy Administrator of the Small Business Administration; to be followed by a hearing on the President's proposed budget request for fiscal year 1997 for the Small Business Administration, 9:30 a.m., SR-428A.

Special Committee To Investigate Whitewater Development Corporation and Related Matters, to continue hearings to examine certain issues relative to the Whitewater Development Corporation, 10 a.m., SH-216.

House

Committee on Appropriations, Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, State, and the Judiciary, on Federal Law Enforcement: FBI; DEA; U.S. Attorneys, Criminal Division/Interagency Crime and Drug Enforcement, 10 a.m., and on International Law Enforcement: FBI; DEA; Immigration and Naturalization Service, Department of State, International Narcotics and Law Enforcement Affairs/Diplomatic Security, 2 p.m. 2358 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, on Centers for Disease Control, 10 a.m., and on Health Resources and Services Administration, 2 p.m., 2358 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on National Security, on Congressional and public witnesses, 10 a.m., and 1:30 p.m., H-140 Capitol.

Subcommittee on Veterans' Affairs, Housing and Urban Development, and Independent Agencies, on Department of Housing and Urban Development, 9 a.m., and 2 p.m., 2360 Rayburn.

Committee on Banking and Financial Services, Subcommittee on General Oversight and Investigations, hearing regarding the termination of Mr. Robert H. Swan as a member of the Board of the National Credit Union Administration, 10 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.

Committee on Commerce, Subcommittee on Energy and Power, oversight hearing on the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission's Final Rule on Open Access Transmission and the Future of Electric Utility Regulation, 10 a.m., 2322 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Health and Environment, hearing on the following bills: H.R. 3199, Drug and Biological Products Reform Act of 1996; H.R. 3200, Food Amendments and Animal Drug Availability Act of 1996; and H.R. 3201, Medical Device Reform Act of 1996, 10 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

Committee on Economic and Educational Opportunities, to markup the following bills: H.R. 2066, to amend the National School Lunch Act to provide greater flexibility to schools to meet the dietary guidelines for Americans under the school lunch and school breakfast programs; and H.R. 3269, Impact Aid Technical Amendments Act of 1996, 10:30 a.m., 2175 Rayburn.

Committee on House Oversight, to consider H. Res. 417, providing amounts for the expenses of the select subcommittee on the United States role in Bosnia of the Committee on International Relations in the 2d session of the 104th Congress, 1 p.m., 1310 Longworth.

Committee on International Relations, Subcommittee on Africa, hearing on A Current Assessment of the Peace Process in Angola, 2 p.m., 2200 Rayburn.

Committee on National Security, to markup the following bills: H.R. 3144, to establish a U.S. policy for the de-

ployment of a national missile defense system; H.R. 3308, to amend title 10, United States Code, to limit the placement of U.S. forces under U.N. operational or tactical control; H.R. 3281, Maritime Administration Authorization Act for Fiscal Year, 1997; and H.R. 3230, National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal year 1997, 10 a.m., 2118 Rayburn.

Committee on Rules, to consider the Conference Report to accompany S. 641, to reauthorize the Ryan White CARE Act of 1990; and to hold a hearing on H. Res. 416, establishing a select subcommittee of the Committee on International Relations to investigate the U.S. role in Iranian arms transfers to Croatia and Bosnia, 4 p.m., H-313 Capitol.

Committee on Science, Subcommittee on Energy and Environment, hearing on Department of Energy FY 1997 budget request for environment, safety and health; environment restoration and waste management; and nuclear energy, 10 a.m., 2318 Rayburn.

Committee on Small Business, hearing on Small Business' Access to Capital: Role of Banks in Small Business Financing, 10 a.m., 2359 Rayburn.

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, Subcommittee on Aviation, hearing on H.R. 3267, Child Pilot Safety Act, 1 p.m., 2176 Rayburn.

Committee on Ways and Means, to markup H.R. 3286, Adoption Promotion and Stability Act of 1996; followed by a hearing on the Impact on State and Local Governments and Tax-Exempt Entities of Replacing the Federal Income Tax, 9:30 a.m., 1100 Longworth.

Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence, executive, hearing on FY 1997 authorization, with emphasis on covert action, 10 a.m., and, executive, and on the FY 1997 authorization, with emphasis on legislative issues, 1 p.m., H-405 Capitol.