

amended, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to convey certain real property located within the Carlsbad project in New Mexico to Carlsbad Irrigation District; H.R. 2561, amended, Glacier Bay National Park and Preserve Boundary Adjustment Act of 1995; H.R. 3973, amended, to provide for a study of the recommendations of the Joint Federal-State Commission on Policies and Programs Affecting Alaska Natives; H.R. 3155, amended, to amend the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act by designating the Wekiva River, Seminole Creek, and Rock Springs Run in the State of Florida for study and potential addition to the National Wild and Scenic Rivers System; H.R. 3568, to designate 51.7 miles of the Clarion River, located in Pennsylvania, as a component of the National Wild and Scenic Rivers System; H.R. 3497, amended, to expand the boundary of the Snoqualmie National Forest; H.R. 4067, amended, to provide for representation of the Northern Mariana Islands by a nonvoting Delegate in the House of Representatives; H.R. 2041, amended, Guam War Restitution Act; and H.R. 3752, amended, American Land Sovereignty Protection Act of 1996.

#### U.S.-PUERTO RICO POLITICAL STATUS ACT

*Committee on Rules:* Ordered reported amended H.R. 3024, United States-Puerto Rico Political Status Act.

#### ENTREPRENEUR DEVELOPMENT ACT

*Committee on Small Business:* Held a hearing on H.R. 3994, Entrepreneur Development Program Act of 1996, a proposed reform of the 8(a) Program. Testimony was heard from July England-Joseph, Director, Housing and Community Development Issues, GAO; the following officials of the SBA: Philip Lader, Administrator; and Hugh Wright, Assistant District Director, Minority Small Business and Capital Ownership Development Program; and public witnesses.

#### OVERSIGHT—RAILS TO TRAILS

*Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure:* Subcommittee on Railroads held an oversight hearing on the Rails to Trails Act. Testimony has heard from Representative Pombo; Katherine H. Stevenson, Associate Director, Cultural Resource, Stewardship, and Partnership, National Park Service, Department of the Interior; and public witnesses.

#### VETERANS MEDICARE SUBVENTION DEMONSTRATION PROJECT ACT

*Committee on Veterans' Affairs:* Ordered reported amended H.R. 4068, Veterans Medicare Subvention Demonstration Project Act.

## Joint Meetings

### APPROPRIATIONS—VA/HUD

*Conferees* met to resolve the differences between the Senate- and House-passed versions of H.R. 3666, making appropriations for the Departments of Veterans Affairs and Housing and Urban Development, and for sundry independent agencies, boards, commissions, corporations, and offices for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1997, but did not complete action thereon, and recessed subject to call.

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### COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 19, 1996 Senate

*(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)*

*Committee on Environment and Public Works,* Drinking Water, Fisheries, and Wildlife, to hold hearings on S. 1660, National Invasive Species Act, and to examine efforts to reduce the threat posed by nonindigenous aquatic nuisance species, 9:30 a.m., SD-406.

*Committee on Foreign Relations,* to hold hearings on economic freedom and development aid programs, 10:30 a.m., SD-419.

Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine the current situation in Iraq and the Iraqi response, 2:30 p.m., SD-419.

*Committee on Governmental Affairs,* to hold hearings on S. 1724, to require that the Federal Government procure from the private sector the goods and services necessary for the operations and management of certain Government agencies, 10 a.m., SD-342.

*Committee on the Judiciary,* business meeting, to consider pending calendar business, 10 a.m., SD-226.

Subcommittee on Administrative Oversight and the Courts, to hold hearings on assessing the impact of judicial taxation on local communities, 2 p.m., SD-226.

*Committee on Veterans' Affairs,* to hold hearings on the implementation of Public Law 102-4, the medical and scientific bases for associations between herbicide exposure and disease, 10 a.m., SR-418.

*Select Committee on Intelligence,* to hold hearings on Iraq and Middle East security, 9:30 a.m., SH-216.

### NOTICE

For a Listing of Senate Committee Meetings scheduled ahead, see page E1646 in today's Record.

### House

*Committee on Agriculture,* hearing to review the Conservation Reserve Program, regulations, and the implementation of the Conservative Title of the Federal Agriculture Improvement Reform Act of 1996, 9:30 a.m., 1300 Longworth.

*Committee on Commerce,* to mark up the following bills: H.R. 2508, Animal Drug Availability Act of 1995; and H.R. 1791, Medicaid Certification Act of 1995, 3 p.m., 2123 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Health and Environment, hearing on the following: H.R. 3142, Uniformed Services Medicare Subvention Demonstration Project Act; and the Military Beneficiaries Medicare Reimbursement Model Project Act of 1996, 10 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations, hearing on Perspectives on Pharmaceutical Pricing Practices, 10 a.m., 2322 Rayburn.

*Committee on Economic and Educational Opportunities*, Subcommittee on Early Childhood, Youth and Families, hearing on Federally Funded Youth Programs and Local Initiatives, 10 a.m., 2175 Rayburn.

*Committee on Government Reform and Oversight*, Subcommittee on Government Management, Information and Technology, hearing on Internal Revenue Service Financial Management: Has There Been Any Improvement? 10:30 a.m., 210 Cannon.

Subcommittee on Human Resources and Intergovernmental Resources, to continue hearings on "The Status of Efforts to Identify Persian Gulf War Syndrome, Part IV", 10 a.m., 2247 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on National Security, International Affairs, and Criminal Justice, hearing on Heroin: The Re-emerging Threat, 9 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

*Committee on House Oversight*, to consider pending business, 2 p.m., 1310 Longworth.

*Committee on International Relations*, hearing on Bosnian Elections: A Postmortem, 10 a.m., 2172 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on International Economic Policy and Trade and the Subcommittee on Asia and the Pacific, joint hearing on U.S.-China Relations: Next Steps, 2:30 p.m., 2172 Rayburn.

*Committee on the Judiciary*, to continue mark up of H.R. 3852, Comprehensive Methamphetamine Control Act of 1996, and to mark up the following: H.R. 1499, Consumer Fraud Prevention Act of 1995; H.J. Res. 193, granting consent of the Congress to the Emergency Management Assistance Compact; and H.J. Res. 194, granting the consent of Congress to amendments made by Maryland, Virginia, and the District of Columbia to the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Regulation Compact, 2 p.m., 2141 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Crime, to mark up H.R. 3239, Independent Counsel Accountability and Reform Act of 1996, 9:30 a.m., 2237 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Immigration and Claims, hearing on H.R. 1023, Ricky Ray Hemophilia Relief Fund Act of 1995, 9 a.m., 2226 Rayburn.

*Committee on National Security*, to meet to honor retiring members of the Committee, 3:30 p.m., 2118 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Military Procurement, oversight hearing on Department of Energy nuclear weapons activities, 10 a.m., 2118 Rayburn.

*Committee on Resources*, Subcommittee on Fisheries, Wildlife and Oceans, to continue oversight hearings on the National Wildlife Refuge System, examining in some detail the operation and maintenance of the 510 units that comprise the System, 10 a.m., 1334 Longworth.

Subcommittee on Water and Power Resources, oversight hearing on accounting practices for Federal hydro-power marketing, 2 p.m., 1334 Longworth.

*Committee on Science*, hearing on Technological Solutions to Improve Aviation Security, 11:30 a.m., 2318 Rayburn.

*Committee on Standards of Official Conduct*, executive, to consider pending business, 1:30 p.m., HT-2M Capitol.

*Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure*, Subcommittee on Surface Transportation, to continue hearings on ISTEA reauthorization: The Highway Safety Programs—the Section 402, 403, and 410 Programs and other Traffic Safety Initiatives, 10 a.m., 2167 Rayburn.

*Committee on Ways and Means*, Subcommittee on Human Resources to continue hearings on implementation of the recently-enacted welfare reform law, 10 a.m., B-318 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Trade, hearing on Accession of China and Taiwan to the World Trade Organization, 10:30 a.m., 1100 Longworth.

*Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence*, hearing on Diversity/Human Resources, 1 p.m., H-405 Capitol.

### Joint Meetings

*Conferees*, on S. 1004, authorizing funds for the United States Coast Guard, 9:30 a.m., S-5, Capitol.