

fiscal year 1996. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Veterans Affairs: Jesse Brown, Secretary; D. Mark Catlett, Assistant Secretary, Management; and Mary Lou Keener, General Counsel; and representatives of veterans organizations.

CONGRESSIONAL PROGRAM AHEAD

Week of February 27 through March 4, 1995

Senate Chamber

On *Monday*, Senate will resume consideration of H.J. Res. 1, Balanced Budget Constitutional Amendment.

On *Tuesday*, Senate will continue consideration of H.J. Res. 1, Balance Budget Constitutional Amendment, with votes to occur on amendments and motions pending thereto, with a vote on final passage of the resolution to occur thereon.

During the balance of the week, Senate may begin consideration of the conference report on S. 1, Unfunded Mandates, and consider S. 244, Paperwork Reduction Act.

Senate may also consider any cleared executive and legislative business.

(Senate will recess on Tuesday, February 28, 1995, from 12:30 p.m. until 2:15 p.m., for respective party conferences.)

Senate Committees

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Committee on Appropriations: February 28, Subcommittee on Energy and Water Development, to hold joint hearings with the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources' Subcommittee on Energy Research and Development to review the findings of the Task Force on Alternative Futures for Department of Energy National Laboratories, 9:30 a.m., SD-366.

February 28, Subcommittee on Treasury, Postal Service, General Government, to hold hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 1996 for the United States Postal Service, 2 p.m., SD-116.

March 1, Subcommittee on Interior, to hold hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 1996, Wednesday, for the National Endowment for the Arts, 9:30 a.m.; for the National Endowment for the Humanities, 11 a.m.; Wednesday at 9:30 a.m. and Wednesday at 11 a.m., SD-192.

March 1, Subcommittee on Energy and Water Development, to hold hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 1996 for the Department of Energy, focusing on atomic energy defense activities, 9:30 a.m., SD-116.

March 1, Subcommittee on Agriculture, Rural Development, and Related Agencies, to hold hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 1996 for the Commodity Futures Trading Commission, Farm Credit Ad-

ministration, and the Food and Drug Administration of the Department of Health and Human Services, 10 a.m., SD-138.

March 1, Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, State, and Judiciary, to hold hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 1996 for the Department of State, 10 a.m., S-146, Capitol.

March 2, Subcommittee on Transportation, to hold hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 1996 for the Department of Transportation, 10 a.m., SD-192.

March 3, Subcommittee on VA, HUD, and Independent Agencies, to hold hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 1996 for the National Credit Union Administration, the Neighborhood Reinvestment Corporation, the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation, and the Resolution Trust Corporation—Inspector General, 9:30 a.m., SD-138.

Committee on Armed Services: February 28, to hold hearings on the nomination of Shelia Cheston, of the District of Columbia, to be General Counsel of the Department of the Air Force, 10 a.m., SR-222.

March 2, Full Committee, to resume hearings on proposed legislation authorizing funds for fiscal year 1996 for the Department of Defense and the future years defense program, 9:30 a.m., SR-222.

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: February 28, to hold hearings to examine Federal credit union activities, 10 a.m., SD-538.

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: March 1, Subcommittee on Science, Technology, and Space, to hold oversight hearings on the United States civilian space program, 9:30 a.m., SR-253.

March 2, Full Committee, business meeting, to consider the nomination of Robert Pitofsky, of Maryland, to be a Federal Trade Commissioner, 9:30 a.m., SR-253.

March 2, Full Committee, to hold hearings on U.S. telecommunication policy, 9:45 a.m., SR-253.

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: February 28, Subcommittee on Energy Research and Development, to hold joint hearings with the Committee on Appropriations' Subcommittee on Energy and Water Development to review the findings of the Task Force on Alternative Futures for Department of Energy National Laboratories, 9:30 a.m., SD-366.

March 1, Full Committee, to hold hearings on S. 395, to authorize and direct the Secretary of Energy to sell the Alaska Power Marketing Administration, including title II, proposed Trans-Alaska Pipeline Amendment Act, 9:30 a.m., SD-366.

March 1, Subcommittee on Forests and Public Land Management, to hold hearings on S. 391, to authorize and direct the Secretaries of the Interior and Agriculture to undertake activities to halt and reverse the decline in forest health on Federal lands, 2 p.m., SD-366.

March 2, Full Committee, to hold hearings on S. 167, to revise certain provisions of the Nuclear Waste Policy Act of 1982, and S. 443, to reaffirm the Federal Government's commitment to electric consumers and environmental protection by reaffirming the requirement of the Nuclear Waste Policy Act of 1982 that the Secretary of

Energy provide for the safe disposal of spent nuclear fuel beginning not later than January 31, 1998, 9:30 a.m., SD-366.

Committee on Environment and Public Works: March 1, Subcommittee on Superfund, Waste Control, and Risk Assessment, to hold hearings to examine proposals to authorize State and local governments to enact flow control laws and to regulate the interstate transportation of solid waste, 9 a.m., SD-406.

March 2, Drinking Water, Fisheries, and Wildlife, to hold oversight hearings on efforts by the United States Forest Service and the National Marine Fisheries Service to comply with recent court decisions requiring consultation on forest plans under Section 7(a)(2) of the Endangered Species Act, 10 a.m., SD-406.

Committee on Finance: February 28, to hold hearings to examine the Medicare Program, focusing on perspectives on the past and implications for the future, 9:30 a.m., SD-215.

March 1, Full Committee, to hold hearings on proposed legislation to change the Social Security earnings limit and repeal the tax on 85% of Social Security benefits, 9:30 a.m., SD-215.

March 2, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine middle income tax proposals, 9:30 a.m., SD-215.

Committee on Foreign Relations: February 28, to hold open and closed (S-407) hearings on the ratification of the Treaty Between the United States and the Russian Federation on Further Reduction and Limitation of Strategic Offensive Arms (START II Treaty) (Treaty Doc. 103-1), 10 a.m., S-116, Capitol.

February 28, Full Committee, business meeting, to consider pending nominations, 2 p.m., S-116, Capitol.

March 1, Full Committee, to continue hearings on the ratification of the Treaty Between the United States and the Russian Federation on Further Reduction and Limitation of Strategic Offensive Arms (START II Treaty) (Treaty Doc. 103-1), 11 a.m., SD-419.

Committee on Governmental Affairs: February 28, business meeting, to mark up S. 219, to ensure economy and efficiency of Federal Government operations by establishing a moratorium on regulatory rulemaking actions, 10 a.m., SD-342.

March 2, Full Committee, business meeting, to mark up S. 4, to grant the power to the President to reduce budget authority, and S. 14, to amend the Congressional Budget and Impoundment Control Act of 1974 to provide for the expedited consideration of certain proposed cancellations of budget items, 10 a.m., SD-342.

Committee on the Judiciary: February 27, to hold hearings on pending nominations, 11 a.m., SD-226.

Committee on Labor and Human Resources: February 28, to hold hearings to examine the impact of welfare reform, focusing on children and their families, 9:30 a.m., SD-430.

March 1, Full Committee, to continue hearings to examine the impact of welfare reform, focusing on the child care system, 9:30 a.m., SD-430.

March 2, Subcommittee on Education, Arts and Humanities, to resume hearings on proposed legislation authorizing funds for programs of the National Foundation

on the Arts and Humanities Act of 1965, focusing on the National Endowment for the Humanities, 9:30 a.m., SD-430.

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: March 1, to hold joint hearings with the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs to review the legislative recommendations of the Disabled American Veterans, 9:30 a.m., 345 Cannon.

Select Committee on Intelligence: March 1, to hold closed hearings on intelligence matters, 2 p.m., SH-219.

Special Committee on Aging: February 28, business meeting, to consider pending committee business, 2 p.m., SD-562.

March 2, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine social security and disability policy issues, 9:30 a.m., SD-562.

House Chamber

Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday, Consideration of H.R. 1022, Risk Assessment and Cost-Benefit Act of 1995 (modified rule, 2 hours of general debate); and

H.R. 926, Regulatory Flexibility Act Amendments, Regulatory Impact Analysis, Protections Against Regulatory Abuse (subject to a rule being granted).

Thursday and Friday, Consideration of H.R. 925, Private Property Rights (subject to a rule being granted); and

H. Res. 80, Resolution Concerning Mexico Currency Crisis (subject to a rule being granted).

House Committees

Committee on Agriculture, February 28, Subcommittee on Risk Management and Specialty Crops, hearing and markup of H.R. 618, to extend the authorization for appropriations for the Community Futures Trading Commission through fiscal year 2000, 9:30 a.m., 1302 Longworth.

Committee on Appropriations, February 27, Subcommittee on Transportation, and Related Agencies, on National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, 10:30 a.m.; Panama Canal Commission, 2:30 p.m.; and on Architectural and Transportation Barriers Compliance Board, 3:30 p.m., 2358 Rayburn.

February 27, Subcommittee on Veterans' Affairs and Housing and Urban Development, and Independent Agencies, on Consumer Product Safety Commission, 1:30 p.m., H-143 Capitol.

February 28, Subcommittee on Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies, on Agricultural Research Service, and Economic Research Service, 1 p.m., 2362A Rayburn.

February 28, Subcommittee on Energy and Water Development, on Corps of Engineers: Remaining Items, 10 a.m.; Appalachian Regional Commission, 2 p.m.; and on TVA, 3 p.m., 2362B Rayburn.

February 28, Subcommittee on Foreign Operations, Export Financing, and Related Agencies, on the Secretary of the Treasury, 10 a.m., H-144 Capitol.

February 28, Subcommittee on Interior and Related Agencies, on Office of Navajo and Hopi Indian Relocation, and on Institute of American Indian and Alaska Native Culture and Arts Development, 1:30 p.m., B-308 Rayburn.

February 28, Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, Education and Related Agencies, on Nobel Laureates Biomedical Research Panel, 10 a.m., and 2 p.m., 2358 Rayburn.

February 28, Subcommittee on Military Construction, on Army Military Construction, 9:30 a.m., B-300 Rayburn.

February 28, Subcommittee on National Security, on Military Quality of Life Issues, 10 a.m.; and executive, on U.S. Transportation Command, 1:30 p.m., H-140 Capitol.

February 28, Subcommittee on Transportation, and Related Agencies, on Coast Guard, 10 a.m., 2358 Rayburn.

February 28, Subcommittee on Treasury, Postal Service, and General Government, on U.S. Postal Service/GAO, 10 a.m.; and on U.S. Mint, Bureau of Engraving and Printing, and on Bureau of Public Debt, 2 p.m., H-163 Capitol.

February 28, Subcommittee on Veterans' Affairs and Housing and Urban Development, and Independent Agencies, on Selective Service System, and on Neighborhood Reinvestment Corporation, 1:30 p.m., H-143 Capitol.

March 1, Subcommittee on Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies, on Agricultural Marketing Service, Grain Inspection, and on Packers and Stockyards Administration, 1 p.m.; and on Congressional and Public Witnesses, 4 p.m., 2363A Rayburn.

March 1, Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, and State and the Judiciary, and Related Agencies, on Inspectors General—Review of Department and Agency IG Recommendations, 10 a.m., and 2 p.m., H-309 Capitol.

March 1, Subcommittee on Energy and Water Development, on Secretary of the Interior and Bureau of Reclamation, 10 a.m., 2362B Rayburn.

March 1, Subcommittee on Interior and Related Agencies, on U.S. Geological Survey, 10 a.m., and 1:30 p.m., B-308 Rayburn.

March 1, Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, Education and Related Agencies, on Secretary of Education, 10 a.m.; and on Elementary and Secondary Education and Educational Reform, 2 p.m., 2358 Rayburn.

March 1, Subcommittee on National Security, executive, on Joint Operational Requirements, time to be announced, H-140 Capitol.

March 1, Subcommittee on Transportation, and Related Agencies, on Coast Guard, 10 a.m.; Inspector General's Budget, 1 p.m.; and on Saint Lawrence Seaway Development Corporation, 2:30 p.m., 2358 Rayburn.

March 1, Subcommittee on Treasury, Postal Service, and General Government, on Administrative Conference of the United States, Advisory Commission on Intergovernmental Relations, Committee on Purchase from People Who Are Blind or Severely Disabled, and Office of Spe-

cial Counsel, 10 a.m.; and on Federal Election Commission, 2 p.m., H-163 Capitol.

March 1, Subcommittee on Veterans' Affairs and Housing and Urban Development, and Independent Agencies, on FDIC, and Resolution Trust Corporation, 10 a.m.; and on Council on Environmental Quality, 1:30 p.m., H-143 Capitol.

March 2, Subcommittee on Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies, on National Agricultural Statistics Service, and on Cooperative State Research, Educational and Extension Service, 1 p.m., 2362A Rayburn.

March 2, Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, and State and the Judiciary, and Related Agencies, on the Secretary of State, 10 a.m., 2360 Rayburn.

March 2, Subcommittee on Energy and Water Development, on NRC, 10 a.m.; and on Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 11 a.m., 2362A Rayburn.

March 2, Subcommittee on Interior and Related Agencies, on Smithsonian Institution, 10 a.m. and 1:30 p.m., B-308 Rayburn.

March 2, Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, Education and Related Agencies, on Postsecondary Education, 10 a.m., and on Vocational and Adult Education, Special Education and Rehabilitation Services and Disability Research, 2 p.m., 2358 Rayburn.

March 2, Subcommittee on Military Construction, on Navy/Marine Corps Military Construction, 9:30 a.m., B-300 Rayburn.

March 2, Subcommittee on National Security, executive, on Counter-Proliferation, 10 a.m., H-140 Capitol.

March 2, Subcommittee on Transportation, and Related Agencies, on Amtrak, 10 a.m., 2358 Rayburn.

March 2, Subcommittee on Treasury, Postal Service, and General Government, on Federal Labor Relations Authority, Merit Systems Protection Board, Mo Udall Foundation, Office of Government Ethics and on U.S. Tax Court, 10 a.m.; and on National Archives and Records Administration, 2 p.m., H-163 Capitol.

March 2, Subcommittee on Veterans' Affairs and Housing and Urban Development, and Independent Agencies, on Court of Veterans Appeals, 10 a.m., H-143 Capitol.

March 3, Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, and State and the Judiciary, and Related Agencies, on Review of Departmental Management with Chief Financial Officers, 9:30 a.m., H-309 Capitol.

March 3, Subcommittee on Interior and Related Agencies, on National Gallery of Art, and on John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts, 10 a.m., B-308 Rayburn.

March 3, Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, Education and Related Agencies, on Research, Statistics and Libraries, 10 a.m., 2358 Rayburn.

March 3, Subcommittee on Transportation, and Related Agencies, on Trust Fund Status and Expenditures, 10 a.m., 2358 Rayburn.

Committee on Banking and Financial Service, February 28 and March 1, hearings on the following: H.R. 18, Financial Services Competitiveness Act of 1995, Glass-Steagall Reform; and related issues, 10 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.

March 2, Subcommittee on Capital Markets, Securities and Government-Sponsored Enterprises, hearing on the

Current State and Future of the Financial Services Markets, 10 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.

March 2, Subcommittee on General Oversight and Investigations, hearing regarding security contracts between the Department of Housing and Urban Development, or entities regulated by HUD and companies providing security services, 9:30 a.m., 2222 Rayburn.

Committee on the Budget, February 28 and March 1, hearings on Could a Free Market Work Here? The Virtues of Privatization, 10 a.m., 210 Cannon.

Committee on Commerce, March 3, Subcommittee on Commerce, Trade, and Hazardous Materials, oversight hearing on the trade implications of foreign ownership restrictions on telecommunications companies, 9:30 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

Committee on Economic and Educational Opportunities, March 1 and 3, Subcommittee on Postsecondary Education and Training, hearings on training issues, 9 a.m., 2175 Rayburn.

March 2, Subcommittee on Workforce Protection, to mark up the following bills: H.R. 246, to repeal the Service Contract Act of 1965; and H.R. 500, to repeal the Davis-Bacon Act, 9:30 a.m., 2175 Rayburn.

Committee on Government Reform and Oversight, February 28, Subcommittee on Government Management, Information and Technology, hearing on Simplifying and Streamlining the Federal Procurement Process, 2:30 p.m., 2154 Rayburn.

March 1, Subcommittee on Human Resources and Intergovernmental Relations, oversight hearing on Proposals for Cost Reduction, Improved Efficiency and Reform at the Department of Health and Human Services, 10 a.m., 2247 Rayburn.

March 2, Subcommittee on Civil Service, hearing on Federal Workforce Restructuring Statistics, 1:30 p.m., 311 Cannon.

March 2, Subcommittee on the District of Columbia, hearing on other cities in financial crisis, 10:30 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

March 2, Subcommittee on Government Management, Information and Technology, hearing on Capital Budgeting, 2 p.m., 2154 Rayburn.

March 2, Subcommittee on Postal Service, to continue hearings on general oversight of the U.S. Postal Service, 10 a.m., 2247 Rayburn.

Committee on House Oversight, February 28, to consider funding requests for the following Committees: House Oversight; Ways and Means; Agriculture; Commerce; National Security; Rules; Transportation and Infrastructure; International Relations; Government Reform and Oversight; and Veterans Affairs, 10 a.m., 1310 Longworth.

March 1, to consider funding requests for the following Committees: Judiciary; Economic and Educational Opportunities; Small Business; Budget; Permanent Select on Intelligence; Standards of Official Conduct; Resources; Science; and Banking and Financial Services, 10 a.m., 1311 Longworth.

Committee on International Relations, March 1, Subcommittee on International Operations and Human Rights, to continue hearings on Foreign Relations Au-

thorization; U.S. Information Agency, 2 p.m., 2200 Rayburn.

Committee on the Judiciary, March 3, Subcommittee on Immigration and Claims, oversight hearing on work site enforcement of employer sanctions, 9:30 a.m., 2237 Rayburn.

Committee on National Security, February 28 and March 2, to continue hearings on fiscal year 1996 national defense authorization, 9:30 a.m., 2118 Rayburn.

Committee on Resources, March 2, oversight hearing on "Trends in Federal Land Ownership and Management," 10 a.m., 1324 Longworth.

Committee on Rules, February 27, to consider H.R. 926, Regulatory Reform and Relief Act of 1995, 5 p.m., H-313 Capitol.

February 28, to consider H.R. 925, Private Property Protection Act of 1995, 2 p.m., H-313 Capitol.

Committee on Science, March 2, Subcommittee on Basic Research to continue hearings on the NSF Fiscal Year Budget, Part 2, 9:30 a.m., 2318 Rayburn.

Committee on Small Business, February 28, hearing on the overall review of the SBA, 10 a.m., 2359 Rayburn.

March 2, hearing to review the SBA's Procurement Program, 10 a.m., 2359 Rayburn.

Committee on Standards of Official Conduct, February 28, executive, to consider pending business, 8:30 a.m., HT-2M Capitol.

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, February 27, Subcommittee on Aviation, markup of Metropolitan Washington Airport Authority Board of Review, 3 p.m., 2167 Rayburn.

February 28, March 1 and 2, Subcommittee on Surface Transportation, to continue hearings on legislation to Improve the National Highway System and Ancillary Issues Relating to Highway and Transit Programs, 10 a.m., on February 28 and March 2, 11 a.m., on March 1, 2167 Rayburn.

March 1, full Committee, to mark up the following: legislation on the Metropolitan Washington Airport Authority Board of Review; report to the Committee on the Budget, and pending Committee business, 10 a.m., 2167 Rayburn.

March 2, Subcommittee on Public Buildings and Economic Development, hearing on GSA Capital Investment Program Reform legislation and related matters, 8:30 a.m., 2253 Rayburn.

March 3, Subcommittee on Surface Transportation, hearing on Disposition of the ICC's Motor Carrier Functions, 10 a.m., 2167 Rayburn.

Committee on Ways and Means, February 27, Subcommittee on Oversight, hearing on the IRS Budget Proposal for Fiscal Year 1996, and the 1995 Tax Return Filing Season, 10 a.m., B-318 Rayburn.

February 27, Subcommittee on Trade, hearing on the Administration's budget proposals, including the U.S. Customs Service; International Trade Commission; the Office of the U.S. Trade Representative, and the possible extension of the Generalized System of Preferences program, 2 p.m., 1100 Longworth.

February 28, March 1 and 2, full Committee, to mark up welfare reform legislation, 11 a.m. on February 28, and 10 a.m. on March 1 and 2, 1100 Longworth.

Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence, February 28, executive, hearing on the Collection Overview, 10 a.m., H-405 Capitol.

March 2, executive, hearing on Signals Intelligence, 10 a.m., H-405 Capitol.

Joint Meetings

Joint hearing: March 1, Senate Committee on Veterans' Affairs, to hold joint hearings with the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs to review the legislative recommendations of the Disabled American Veterans, 9:30 a.m., 345 Cannon.