

was heard from Fred Hansen, Deputy Administrator, EPA; and public witnesses.

NLRB RULEMAKING

Committee on Small Business: Subcommittee on Regulation and Paperwork held a hearing on rulemaking at the NLRB. Testimony was heard from William B. Gould, IV, Chairman, NLRB; and public witnesses.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES; BUDGET VIEWS AND ESTIMATES

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure: Ordered reported the following: H.R. 2747, amended, Water Supply Infrastructure Assistance Act of 1995; H. Con. Res. 146, authorizing the 1996 Special Olympics Torch to be run through the Capitol Grounds; and H. Con. Res. 147, authorizing the use of the Capitol Grounds for the 15th Annual National Peace Officers' Memorial Service.

The Committee approved the following: 14 pending water resources resolutions; and its Budget Views and Estimates for submission to the Committee on the Budget.

AIRPORT IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure: Subcommittee on Aviation continued hearings on the Airport Improvement Program, with emphasis on revenue diversion. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Transportation: Nicholas G. Garaulis, Chief Counsel, FAA; and A. Mary Schiavo, Inspector General; Benjamin DeCosta, General Manager, Aviation Department, Newark International Airport, New York/New Jersey Port Authority; and public witnesses.

Hearings continue March 13.

OVERSIGHT—GI BILL

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: Subcommittee on Education, Training, Employment and Housing held an oversight hearing on the Montgomery GI Bill. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Defense: Lt. Gen. Samuel E. Ebbesen, USA, Deputy Assistant Secretary, Military Personnel Policy; and Al Bemis, Deputy Assistant Secretary, Manpower and Personnel, Office of the Secretary, Reserve Affairs; Raymond H. Avent, Deputy Under Secretary, Benefits, Department of Veterans Affairs; and public witnesses.

CHINA

Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence: Met in executive session to hold a hearing on China. Testimony was heard from departmental witnesses.

Joint Meetings

U.S./SINO RELATIONS

Joint Hearing: Senate Committee on Foreign Relations' Subcommittee on East Asian and Pacific Affairs concluded joint hearings with the House Committee on International Relations' Subcommittee on Asia and the Pacific to examine United States-Sino relations, focusing on the intellectual property rights agreement and related trade issues, after receiving testimony from Michael Kantor, United States Trade Representative; and Jason Berman, Recording Industry Association of America, Robert Holleyman, Business Software Alliance, and Eric Smith, International Intellectual Property Alliance, all of Washington, D.C.

FOREIGN RELATIONS AUTHORIZATION ACT

Conferees agreed to file a conference report on the differences between the Senate- and House-passed versions of H.R. 1561, to consolidate the foreign affairs agencies of the United States, to authorize funds for fiscal years 1996 and 1997 for the Department of State and related agencies, and to responsibly reduce the authorizations of appropriations for United States foreign assistance programs for fiscal years 1996 and 1997.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR FRIDAY, MARCH 8, 1996

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Appropriations, Subcommittee on VA, HUD, and Independent Agencies, to hold hearings to review the status of the reorganization of the Veterans Health Administration and related initiatives to improve VA health care delivery methods, 9 a.m., SD-192.

Committee on Governmental Affairs, Subcommittee on Oversight of Government Management and the District of Columbia, to hold hearings to examine the oversight of government-wide travel management, 9:30 a.m., SD-342.

Committee on Labor and Human Resources, to hold hearings on S. 553 and H.R. 849, bills to amend the Age Discrimination in Employment Act of 1967 to reinstate an exemption for certain bona fide hiring and retirement plans applicable to State and local firefighters and law enforcement officers, 9:30 a.m., SD-430.

House

Committee on Commerce, Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations, to continue hearings on the Department of Energy: Travel Expenditures and Related Issues, 9:30 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

Committee on the Judiciary, Subcommittee on Courts and Intellectual Property, hearing on the following bills: H.R. 1659, Patent and Trademark Office Corporation Act of 1995; and H.R. 2553, United States Intellectual Property Organization Act of 1995, 10 a.m., 2226 Rayburn.

Committee on National Security, to continue hearings on fiscal year 1997 national defense authorization request, 10 a.m., 2118 Rayburn.

Joint Meetings

Joint Economic Committee, to hold hearings to examine the employment-unemployment situation for February, 9:30 a.m., 334 Cannon Building.

CONGRESSIONAL PROGRAM AHEAD

Week of March 11 through 16, 1996

Senate Chamber

On *Monday*, Senate will consider H.R. 3019, Continuing Appropriations, 1996.

On *Tuesday*, Senate will vote on the motion to invoke cloture on the conference report on H.R. 2546, D.C. Appropriations, 1996 at 2:15 p.m., to be followed by a vote to invoke cloture on the motion to proceed to the consideration of S. Res. 227, Whitewater Committee Extension.

During the balance of the week, Senate may consider any cleared legislative and executive business.

(*Senate will recess from 12:30 p.m. until 2:15 p.m., on Tuesday, March 12, 1996, for respective party conferences.*)

Senate Committees

(*Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated*)

Committee on Appropriations: March 12, Subcommittee on Foreign Operations, to hold hearings to examine international crime, terrorism, and narcotics, 10 a.m., SD-138.

March 13, Subcommittee on Defense, to hold closed hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 1997 for intelligence programs, 8:30 a.m., SD-117.

Committee on Armed Services: March 12, to resume hearings on proposed legislation authorizing funds for fiscal year 1997 for the Department of Defense, and the future years defense plan, 9:30 a.m., SR-222.

March 13, Subcommittee on Strategic Forces, to hold closed and open hearings on the Department of Energy Atomic Energy Defense Programs (Nuclear Stockpile Stewardship and Management), 9:30 a.m., SR-232A.

March 13, Subcommittee on Personnel, to hold hearings on proposed legislation authorizing funds for fiscal year 1997 for the Department of Defense and the future years defense program, focusing on manpower, personnel, and compensation programs, 10 a.m., SR-222.

March 13, Full Committee, to resume hearings on proposed legislation authorizing funds for fiscal year 1997 for the Department of Defense and the future years defense plan, 2 p.m., SR-222.

March 14, Full Committee, to continue hearings on proposed legislation authorizing funds for fiscal year 1997 for the Department of Defense and the future years defense plan, 10 a.m., SR-222.

March 14, Subcommittee on Readiness, to hold hearings on current and future military readiness as the Armed Forces prepare for the 21st century, 2 p.m., SR-232A.

March 15, Subcommittee on Airland Forces, to hold hearings on proposed legislation authorizing funds for fiscal year 1997 for the Department of Defense, focusing on tactical aviation programs, 9:30 a.m., SR-222.

March 15, Subcommittee on Acquisition and Technology, to hold hearings on proposed legislation authorizing funds for fiscal year 1997 for the Department of Defense, 10 a.m., SR-232A.

Committee on the Budget: March 12, to hold hearings to examine immigration and public welfare benefits, 10 a.m., SD-608.

March 14, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine the budgetary and economic implications of alternative spectrum use policies, 10 a.m., SD-608.

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: March 13, Subcommittee on Science, Technology, and Space, to hold hearings to examine recent developments in the Space Station program, 10:30 a.m., SR-253.

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: March 13, business meeting, to consider pending calendar business, 9:30 a.m., SD-366.

March 14, Full Committee, to hold hearings on S. 1425, to recognize the validity of rights-of-way granted under section 2477 of the Revised Statutes, 9:30 a.m., SD-366.

Committee on Environment and Public Works: March 14, to hold oversight hearings on wetland mitigation banking under section 404 of the Clean Water Act, 2 p.m., SD-406.

Committee on Finance: March 11, Subcommittee on Social Security and Family Policy, to hold hearings to examine the Social Security program in relation to future retirees, focusing on the original intent of the program, expectations of different generations, and changes necessary to ensure that retirees born after 1946 will be treated fairly relative to current and past retirees, 10 a.m., SD-215.

Committee on Foreign Relations: March 12, to resume hearings on the Convention on the Prohibition of Development, Production, Stockpiling and Use of Chemical Weapons and on Their Destruction, opened for signature and signed by the United States at Paris on January 13, 1993 (Treaty Doc. 103-21), 10 a.m., SD-419.

March 12, Subcommittee on African Affairs, to hold hearings to examine the prospects for peace and democracy in Angola, 2 p.m., SD-419.

Committee on Governmental Affairs: March 11, to hold hearings on the nomination of Thomas A. Fink, of Alaska, to be a Member of the Federal Retirement Thrift Investment Board, 10 a.m., SD-342.

March 12, Full Committee, to hold hearings on human radiation experiments, 9 a.m., SD-342.