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FDA REFORM

Committee on Labor and Human Resources: On Friday, April 11, committee concluded hearings on proposals to reform the performance, efficiency, and use of resources of the Food and Drug Administration, after

receiving testimony from Gordon Binder, Amgen Incorporated, Thousand Oaks, California, on behalf of the Pharmaceutical Research and Manufacturers of America and the Biotechnology Industry Association; Roger L. Foster, Mylan Pharmaceuticals Incorporated, Morgantown, West Virginia, on behalf of the National Pharmaceutical Alliance; Stephen L. Ferguson, Cook Group Incorporated, Bloomington, Indiana, on behalf of the Health Industry Manufacturers Association, the Medical Device Manufacturers Association, and the National Electrical Manufacturers Association; Sidney M. Wolfe, Public Citizen, and Cynthia A. Pearson, National Women's Health Network, on behalf of the Patient Coalition, both of Washington, D.C.; and Adolph S. Clausi, Cos Cob, Connecticut, on behalf of the Grocery Manufacturers Association and the National Food Processors Association.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Bills Introduced: 6 public bills, H.R. 1315–1320 were introduced. Page H1456

Reports Filed: Reports were filed as follows:

H.R. 1001, to extend the term of appointment of certain members of the prospective Payment Assessment Commission and the Physician Payment Review Commission (H. Rept. 105–49 Part II);

H.R. 1226, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to prevent the unauthorized inspection of tax returns or tax return information, amended (H. Rept. 105–51);

H.R. 1090, to amend title 38, United States Code, to allow revision of veterans benefits decisions based on clear and unmistakable error (H. Rept. 105–52);

H. Res. 112, providing for consideration of motions to suspend the rules (H. Rept. 105–53); and

H. Res. 113, providing for consideration of H.J. Res. 62, proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States with respect to tax limitations (H. Rept. 105–54). Page H1456

Speaker Pro Tempore: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he designated Representative Pease to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. Page H1443

Bipartisan Task Force on Reform of the Ethics Process: Agreed by unanimous consent that the order of the House of February 12, 1997 be extended through April 16, 1997. On February 12, in

furtherance of the understanding concerning the establishment of the ethics task force, it was made in order that during the period beginning immediately and ending on April 11, 1997: (1) the Committee on Standards of Official Conduct may not receive, renew, initiate, or investigate a complaint against the official conduct of a member, officer, or employee of the House; (2) the Committee on Standard of Official Conduct may issue advisory opinions and perform other non-investigative functions; and (3) a resolution addressing the official conduct of a member, officer, or employee of the House that is proposed to be offered from the floor by a member other than the Majority Leader or the Minority Leader as a question of the privileges of the House shall once noticed pursuant to clause 2(a)(1) of Rule IX, have precedence of all other questions except motions to adjourn only at a time or place designated by the chair in the legislative schedule within two legislative days after April 11, 1997. Page H1443

Recess: The House recessed at 4:04 p.m. and reconvened at 6:28 p.m. Page H1455

Referrals of Senate Passed Measures: S. Con. Res. 20, expressing the sense of Congress regarding the status of the investigation of the bombing of the Israeli Embassy in Buenos Aires in 1992 was referred to the Committee on International Relations. Page H1455

Senate Messages: Message received from the Senate today appears on page H1443.

Quorum Calls—Votes: No quorum calls or recorded votes developed during the proceedings of the House today.

Adjournment: Met at 2 p.m. and adjourned at 6:30 p.m.

Committee Meetings

MEDICARE PREVENTIVE BENEFITS AND QUALITY STANDARDS

Committee on Commerce: On April 11, the Subcommittee on Health and Environment held a hearing on Medicare Preventive Benefits and Quality Standards. Testimony was heard from Speaker Gingrich; Representative Nethercutt; Bernice Steinhardt, Director, Health Services Quality and Public Health Issues, GAO; and public witnesses.

IRS MISMANAGEMENT—IDEAS FOR IMPROVEMENT

Committee on Government Reform and Oversight: Subcommittee on Government Management, Information, and Technology held a hearing on IRS Mismanagement and Ideas for Improvement. Testimony was heard from Lynda D. Willis, Director, Tax Policy and Administration, General Government Division, GAO; Michael Dolan, Deputy Commissioner, IRS, Department of the Treasury; Jeffrey Trinca, Chief of Staff, National Commission on Restructuring the IRS; and public witnesses.

TAX LIMITATION CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT

Committee on Rules: The Committee granted by voice vote a modified closed rule providing for consideration of H.J. Res. 62, proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States with respect to tax limitation in the House. The rule provides that the committee amendment in the nature of a substitute, modified by the amendment specified in the report of the Committee on Rules, will be considered as adopted. The previous question shall be considered as ordered on the joint resolution, as amended, and on any further amendment thereto to final passage without intervening motion except as specified.

The rule provides for three hours of debate. The rule further provides for an amendment if offered by the Minority Leader or his designee, which will be considered as read, and which will be debatable for 1 hour equally divided between the proponent and an opponent. Finally, the rule provides one motion to recommit with or without instructions. Testimony was heard from Representatives McCollum, Canady, Barton of Texas, Shadegg, Scott and Watt of North Carolina.

SUSPENSIONS

Committee on Rules: Granted by voice vote a resolution providing that suspensions will be in order on Wednesday, April 16, 1997. The resolution provides that the Speaker or his designee will consult with the Minority Leader or his designee on any suspension considered under this resolution.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR TUESDAY, APRIL 15, 1997 SENATE

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Committee on Appropriations, Subcommittee on Treasury, Postal Service, and General Government, to hold hearings to examine alleged Internal Revenue Service employees' misuse of taxpayers files, 9:30 a.m., SD-138.

Subcommittee on Agriculture, Rural Development, and Related Agencies, to hold hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 1998 for the Rural Utilities Service, the Rural Housing Service, the Rural Business-Cooperative Service, and the Alternative Agricultural Research and Commercialization Center, all of the Department of Agriculture, 10 a.m., SD-124.

Subcommittee on Energy and Water Development, to hold hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 1998 for the Army Corps of Engineers and the Bureau of Reclamation, focusing on the costs that will be incurred relating to the Bonneville Power Administration, 2 p.m., SD-124.

Committee on Armed Services, Subcommittee on Acquisition and Technology, to resume hearings on S. 450, National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Years 1998 and 1999, focusing on the trends in the industrial and technology base supporting national defense, 2 p.m., SR-232A.

Subcommittee on Readiness, to resume hearings on S. 450, the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Years 1998 and 1999, and S. 451, the Military Construction Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 1998, focusing on environmental and military construction issues, 2:30 p.m., SR-222.

Committee on Foreign Relations, Subcommittee on East Asian and Pacific Affairs, to hold hearings to review the U.S.-Japan bilateral relationship, 9 a.m., SD-419.

Full Committee, to resume hearings on the ratification of the Chemical Weapons Convention (Treaty Doc. 103-21), 2 p.m., SD-419.

Committee on the Judiciary, Subcommittee on Immigration, to hold hearings to examine issues affecting immigrant entrepreneurs, 10:30 a.m., SD-226.

Committee on Labor and Human Resources, Subcommittee on Employment and Training, to hold hearings to examine innovations in adult training, 9:30 a.m., SD-430.

Committee on Rules and Administration, to resume hearings concerning petitions filed in connection with a contested U.S. Senate election held in Louisiana in November 1996, 9:30 a.m., SR-301.