

## Committee Meetings

### FINANCIAL SERVICES ACT

*Committee on Commerce:* Subcommittee on Finance and Hazardous Materials approved for full Committee action amended H.R. 10, Financial Services Act of 1997.

### DORNAN V. SANCHEZ—CONTESTED ELECTION

*Committee on House Oversight:* Task Force for the Contested Election in California's 46th Congressional District approved the following: a Memorandum of Understanding between the Task Force and the California Secretary of State; and a resolution requesting that the Chairman of the Committee issue Committee subpoenas to Nativo Lopez and Michael Farber.

### IRAN MISSILE PROLIFERATION SANCTIONS ACT

*Committee on International Relations:* Ordered reported amended H.R. 2709, Iran Missile Proliferation Sanctions Act of 1997.

### NUCLEAR WASTE POLICY ACT

*Committee on Rules:* Granted, by voice vote, a structured rule on H.R. 1270, Nuclear Waste Policy Act of 1997, providing one hour of general debate equally divided and controlled by the chairman and ranking minority member of the Committee on Commerce and twenty minutes of general debate equally divided and controlled by the chairman and ranking minority member of the Committee on Resources. The rule waives points of order against consideration of the bill for failure to comply with section 306 of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974 (requiring provisions in the jurisdiction of the Committee on the Budget to be referred to or reported by the Committee on the Budget). The rule provides for consideration of the bill for amendment under the five minute rule. The rule provides for the consideration of the amendment in the nature of a substitute recommended by the Committee on Commerce as an original bill for the purpose of amendment. The rule waives points of order against the committee amendment in the nature of a substitute for failure to comply with clause 5(a) of rule XXI (prohibiting appropriations in authorization measures) and section 306 of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974 (requiring provisions in the jurisdiction of the Committee on the Budget to be referred to or reported by the Committee on the Budget). The rule also provides that, notwithstanding clause 5(c) of rule XXIII (relating to motions to strike unfunded mandates), for consideration of only those amendments printed in the report of the Committee on Rules and that these amendments may only be offered in the order listed

in the report and only by the Member designated in the report, shall be considered as read, shall be debatable for the time specified in the report equally divided and controlled by a proponent and an opponent, shall not be subject to amendment and shall not be subject to a demand for a division of the question in the House or in the Committee of the Whole. The rule waives points of order against the last amendment printed in the Rules Committee report for failure to comply with clause 5(a) of rule XXI (prohibiting appropriations in authorization measures) and section 306 of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974 (requiring provisions in the jurisdiction of the Committee on the Budget to be referred to or reported by the Committee on the Budget). The rule allows the Chairman of the Committee of the Whole to reduce the voting time on any postponed question to five minutes provided that that vote follows a fifteen minute vote. The rule provides one motion to recommit with or without instructions. Further, the rule waives points of order against consideration in the House of S. 104 for failure to comply with section 306 of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974 (requiring provisions in the jurisdiction of the Committee on the Budget to be referred to or reported by the Committee on the Budget). The rule provides for the consideration of a motion to strike all after the enacting clause of S. 104 and to insert in lieu thereof the provisions of H.R. 1270, as passed by the House. Finally, the rule provides that upon the adoption of the Motion and the Senate bill as amended, it is in order to move that the House insist on its amendment to S. 104 and request a conference thereon. Testimony was heard from Representatives Dan Schaefer of Colorado, Hastert, Crapo, Upton, Ensign, Gibbons, Hall of Texas, Markey, Engel, McCarthy of Missouri, DeGette, Kildee, and Kucinich.

### SPACE SOLAR POWER

*Committee on Science:* Subcommittee on Space and Aeronautics held a hearing on Space Solar Power: A Fresh Look. Testimony was heard from John Mankins, Manager, Advanced Concepts Studies, Office of Space Flight, NASA; and public witnesses.

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## CONGRESSIONAL PROGRAM AHEAD

Week of October 27 through November 1, 1997

### Senate Chamber

On *Monday*, Senate will consider the nomination of Algenon L. Marbley, of Ohio, to be U.S. District Judge for the Southern District of Ohio, with a vote to occur thereon.

On *Tuesday*, Senate will resume consideration of S. 1173, Intermodal Surface Transportation Act, with a vote on a motion to close further debate on the modified committee amendment to occur thereon.

Also, during the week, Senate may resume consideration of S. 1156, D.C. Appropriations, 1998, conference report on H.R. 2107, Interior Appropriations, 1998, and consider further conference reports, when available, and any cleared legislative and executive business.

(Senate will recess on *Tuesday, October 28, 1997 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 Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs:* October 28, Subcommittee on Financial Services and Technology, to hold hearings to examine electronic authenticity and digital signature issues, 10:30 a.m., SD-538.

*Committee on the Budget:* October 28, to hold hearings to examine the state of American education, 2 p.m., SD-608.

October 29, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine U.S. policy implications for NATO enlargement, European Union expansion and the European Monetary Union, 10 a.m., SD-608.

October 30, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine funding for international affairs, 2 p.m., SD-608.

*Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation:* October 28, to hold hearings to examine aviation competition issues, 2:30 p.m., SR-253.

October 29, Subcommittee on Oceans and Fisheries, to hold hearings to examine the future of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration Corps, and S. 877, to disestablish the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration Corps of Commissioned Officers, 9:30 a.m., SR-253.

October 29, Full Committee, to hold hearings on S. 943 and H.R. 2005, bills to revise Federal aviation law to declare that nothing in such law or in the Death on the High Seas Act shall affect any remedy existing at common law or under State law with respect to any injury or death arising out of any aviation incident occurring on or after January 1, 1995, 2 p.m., SR-253.

October 30, Full Committee, to hold hearings on the nominations of William Clyburn, Jr., of South Carolina, to be a Member of the Surface Transportation Board, Department of Transportation, and Duncan T. Moore, of New York, and Arthur Bienenstock, of California, each to be an Associate Director of the Office of Science and Technology Policy, 9:30 a.m., SR-253.

October 30, Full Committee, business meeting, to consider pending calendar business, 10 a.m., SR-253.

*Committee on Energy and Natural Resources:* October 28, Subcommittee on Forests and Public Land Management, to hold hearings to examine the potential impacts on, and additional responsibilities for, federal land managers imposed by the Environmental Protection Agency's Notice

of Proposed Rulemaking on regional haze regulations implementing Section 169A and 169B of the Clean Air Act, 2 p.m., SD-366.

October 29, Subcommittee on National Parks, Historic Preservation, and Recreation, to hold hearings on S. 638, to provide for the expeditious completion of the acquisition of private mineral interests within the Mount St. Helens National Volcanic Monument mandated by the 1982 Act that established the monument, 2 p.m., SD-366.

October 30, Subcommittee on Forests and Public Land Management, to hold hearings on S. 1253, to provide to the Federal land management agencies the authority and capability to manage effectively the federal land in accordance with the principles of multiple use and sustained yield, 9:30 a.m., SD-366.

October 30, Subcommittee on Water and Power, to hold hearings to review the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission's hydroelectric relicensing procedures, 2 p.m., SD-366.

*Committee on Environment and Public Works:* October 28, to hold hearings on the nomination of Kenneth R. Wykle, of Virginia, to be Administrator of the Federal Highway Administration, Department of Transportation, 9 a.m., SD-406.

October 30, Full Committee, to hold hearings on evidentiary privileges or immunity from prosecution for voluntary environmental audits, 9:30 a.m., SD-406.

*Committee on Foreign Relations:* October 28, to hold hearings to examine costs, benefits, burdensharing and military implications of NATO enlargement, 10 a.m., SD-419.

October 28, Full Committee, to hold hearings on the nominations of Richard Frank Celeste, of Ohio, to be Ambassador to India, Shaun Edward Donnelly, of Indiana, to be Ambassador to the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka, and to serve concurrently as Ambassador to the Republic of Maldives, Edward M. Gabriel, of the District of Columbia, to be Ambassador to the Kingdom of Morocco, Cameron R. Hume, of New York, to be Ambassador to the Democratic and Popular Republic of Algeria, Daniel Charles Kurtzer, of Maryland, to be Ambassador to the Arab Republic of Egypt, James A. Larocco, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to the State of Kuwait, and Edward S. Walker, Jr., of Maryland, to be Ambassador to Israel, 2 p.m., SD-419.

October 29, Full Committee, to hold hearings on the nominations of Amy L. Bondurant, of the District of Columbia, to be Representative of the United States of America to the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development, with the rank of Ambassador, Terrence J. Brown, of Virginia, to be Assistant Administrator for Management, Thomas H. Fox, of the District of Columbia, to be an Assistant Administrator for Policy and Program Coordination, and Harriet C. Babbitt, of Arizona, to be Deputy Administrator, all of the Agency for International Development, and Kirk K. Robertson, of Virginia, to be Executive Vice President of the Overseas Private Investment Corporation, all of the Department of State, 11 a.m., SD-419.

October 29, Full Committee, to hold joint hearings with the United States Senate Caucus on International Narcotics Control to examine United States-Mexican cooperation in efforts to combat drugs, 2 p.m., SD-106.

October 29, Full Committee, to hold hearings on the nominations of Joseph A. Presel, of Rhode Island, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Uzbekistan, Stanley Tuemler Escudero, of Florida, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Azerbaijan, B. Lynn Pascoe, of Virginia, for the rank of Ambassador during his tenure of service as Special Negotiator for Nagorno-Karabakh, Steven Karl Pifer, of California, to be Ambassador to Ukraine, Kathryn Linda Haycock Proffitt, of Arizona, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Malta, James Catherwood Hormel, of California, to be Ambassador to Luxembourg, David B. Hermelin, of Michigan, to be Ambassador to Norway, Lyndon Lowell Olson, Jr., of Texas, to be Ambassador to Sweden, and Gerald S. McGowan, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Portugal, 2 p.m., SD-419.

October 30, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine the relationship between NATO and Russia, Thursday at 9:30 a.m. and Thursday at 2 p.m., SD-419.

*Committee on Governmental Affairs:* October 27, Subcommittee on International Security, Proliferation and Federal Services, to hold hearings to examine the safety and reliability of the nuclear stockpile, 2 p.m., SD-342.

October 28, 29 and 30, Full Committee, to resume hearings to examine certain matters with regard to the committee's special investigation on campaign financing, 10 a.m., SH-216.

October 31, Permanent Subcommittee on Investigations, to hold oversight hearings on the Treasury Department's Office of Inspector General, 9:30 a.m., SD-342.

*Committee on the Judiciary:* October 28 and 29, to hold hearings on pending nominations, Tuesday at 10 a.m. and Wednesday at 2 p.m., SD-226.

October 29, Subcommittee on Antitrust, Business Rights, and Competition, to hold hearings to examine antitrust implications of the proposed settlement between the State Attorneys General and tobacco companies to mandate a total reformation and restructuring of how tobacco products are manufactured, marketed, and distributed in America, 10 a.m., SD-226.

October 30, Subcommittee on Administrative Oversight and the Courts, to hold hearings to examine victim compensation and attorneys' fees with regard to class action lawsuits, 2 p.m., SD-226.

*Committee on Labor and Human Resources:* October 27, Subcommittee on Public Health and Safety, to hold hearings to examine proposals to deter youth from using tobacco products, 2 p.m., SD-430.

October 28, Full Committee, to resume hearings to examine an Administration study on the confidentiality of medical information and recommendations on ways to protect the privacy of individually identifiable information and to establish strong penalties for those who disclose such information, 10 a.m., SD-430.

October 30, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine recent developments and current issues in HIV/AIDS, 10 a.m., SD-430.

*Committee on Rules and Administration:* October 30, to hold hearings to examine the Senate strategic planning process for infrastructure support; to be followed by a business meeting to consider pending legislative and administrative matters, 9 a.m., SR-301.

*Committee on Indian Affairs:* October 29, to hold hearings on S. 1077, to amend the Indian Gaming Regulatory Act, 9:30 a.m., SD-106.

October 30, Full Committee, business meeting, to consider pending calendar business; to be followed by a hearing on the nomination of Keven Gover, of New Mexico, to be an Assistant Secretary of the Interior, 9:30 a.m., SR-485.

*Select Committee on Intelligence:* October 28, to hold hearings on proposed legislation with regard to intelligence disclosure to Congress, 2:30 p.m., SD-106.

October 28, Full Committee, to hold closed hearings on intelligence matters, 2:30 p.m., SH-219.

United States Senate Caucus on International Narcotics Control: October 29, to hold joint hearings with the Committee on Foreign Relations to examine United States-Mexican cooperation in efforts to combat drugs, 2 p.m., SD-106.

### House Chamber

*Monday,* The House is not in session.

*Tuesday,* Consideration of 7 Suspension measures;

1. H. Res. 139, Dollars to Classrooms Act;

2. S. 1227, Clarify Treatment of Investment Managers under the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974;

3. S. 923, Deny Veterans Benefits to Persons Convicted of Federal Capital Offenses;

4. H.R. 2367, Veterans' Compensation Cost-of-Living Adjustment Act of 1997;

5. H.R. 2644, United States-Caribbean Trade Partnership Act;

6. H.R. 1484, Redesignate the Dublin Federal Courthouse Building Located in Dublin, Georgia, as the J. Roy Rowland Federal Courthouse; and

7. H.R. 1479, designate the Federal building and United States courthouse located in Miami, Florida, as the "David W. Dyer Federal Courthouse";

Consideration of the Conference Report on H.R. 1119, Department of Defense Authorization (rule waiving all points of order); and

Consideration of H.R. 1270, Nuclear Waste Policy Act (rule only).

NOTE: No votes are expected before 5:00 p.m.

*Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday,* Consideration of H.R. 1270, Nuclear Waste Policy Act (structured rule);

Consideration of H.R. 2493, Uniform Management of Livestock Grazing on Federal Lands (Subject to a Rule);

Consideration of H.R. 2616, Charter Schools Amendments Act of 1997 (subject to a rule);

Consideration of H.R. \_\_\_\_\_, Help Scholarship Act (subject to a rule); and

Consideration of H.R. 2614, Reading Excellence Act (subject to a rule);

### House Committees

*Committee on Agriculture*, October 29, hearing on H.R. 2534, Agricultural Research Extension and Education Reauthorization Act of 1997, 9:30 a.m., 1300 Longworth.

October 29, Subcommittee on Risk Management and Specialty Crops, hearing on Review of the Commodity Futures Trading Commission's Government Performance Results Act Report, 1 p.m., 1302 Longworth.

October 30, Subcommittee on Department Operations, Nutrition and Foreign Agriculture, hearing on review of the waste and abuse in the administration of the Food Stamp Program, 10 a.m., 1300 Longworth.

*Committee on Appropriations*, October 29, Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, hearing on Child Health, 10:00 a.m. and 2 p.m., 2358 Rayburn.

*Committee on Banking and Financial Services*, October 30, Subcommittee on Capital Markets, hearing on the GAO Report on the Office of Federal Housing Finance Oversight, 10 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.

*Committee on Commerce*, October 28, Subcommittee on Health and Environment, hearing on the following bills: H.R. 1415, Patient Access to Responsible Care Act of 1997; and H.R. 820, Health Insurance Bill of Rights Act of 1997, 2:30 p.m., 2322 Rayburn.

October 29, Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations, hearing on Medicare Home Health, 10:30 a.m., 2322 Rayburn.

October 29, Subcommittee on Telecommunications, Trade, and Consumer Protection, hearing on H.R. 2691, National Highway Traffic Safety Administration Reauthorization Act of 1997, 10:30 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

October 30, Subcommittee on Telecommunications, Trade, and Consumer Protection, hearing on Video Competition: Access to Programming, 10 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

*Committee on Education and the Workforce*, October 29, Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations, hearing on the American Worker at a Crossroads Project, "Future of Work in America", 10:30 a.m., 2175 Rayburn.

*Committee on Government Reform and Oversight*, October 27, Subcommittee on Government Management, Information, and Technology, hearing on Oversight of the Implementation of the Clinger-Cohen Act, 10 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

October 28, Subcommittee on Civil Service, hearing on IRS' Suspension of Its Affirmative Action Program, 2 p.m., 2154 Rayburn.

October 28, Subcommittee on National Security, International Affairs and Criminal Justice, executive, hearing on Security Status of U.S. Personnel Overseas, 10 a.m., 2247 Rayburn.

October 29, Subcommittee on Human Resources, will meet to consider an oversight report on Persian Gulf War veterans' illnesses, 10 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

October 30, full Committee, hearing on the Results Act: Are We Getting Results?, 2 p.m., 2154 Rayburn.

October 30, Subcommittee on Human Resources, oversight hearing on employee pension protections and the Department of Labor's enforcement of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act, 10 a.m., 2247 Rayburn.

*Committee on International Relations*, October 29, hearing on Recent Developments in Europe, 10 a.m., 2172 Rayburn.

*Committee on the Judiciary*, October 28, Subcommittee on the Constitution, markup of H.J. Res. 78, proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States restoring religious freedom, 10 a.m., 2237 Rayburn.

October 29, to markup the following measures: H.R. 1023, Ricky Ray Hemophilia Relief Fund Act of 1997; H.R. 1753, to provide for the establishment of not less than 2,500 Boys and Girls Clubs of America facilities by the year 2000; H.R. 2460, Wireless Telephone Protection Act; H.R. 429, NATO Special Immigration Amendments of 1997; H.J. Res. 91, granting the consent of Congress to the Apalachicola-Chattahoochee-Flint River Basin Compact; H.J. Res. 92, granting the consent of Congress to the Alabama-Cossa Tallapoosa River Basin Compact; H.J. Res. 95, granting the consent of Congress to the Chickasaw Trail Economic Development Compact; H.J. Res. 96, granting the consent and approval of Congress for the State of Maryland, the Commonwealth of Virginia, and the District of Columbia to amend the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Regulation Compact, 10 a.m., 2141 Rayburn.

October 30, Subcommittee on Courts and Intellectual Property, hearing regarding copyright licensing regimes covering retransmission of broadcast signals, 10 a.m., 2237 Rayburn.

October 30, Subcommittee on Crime, hearing regarding options for improving and expanding cooperation between Federal Prison Industries and the private sector, 9:30 a.m., 2226 Rayburn.

*Committee on Resources*; October 28, Subcommittee on Forest and Forest Health, hearing on the following bills: H.R. 1659, Mount St. Helens National Volcanic Monument Completion Act; H.R. 2416, provide for the transfer of certain rights and property to the United States Forest Service in exchange for a payment from the occupant of such property; and H.R. 2574, to consolidate certain mineral interest in the National grasslands in Billings County, ND, through the exchange of Federal and private mineral interest to enhance land management capabilities and environmental and wildlife protection, 2 p.m., 1334 Longworth.

October 29, full Committee, hearing on the following bills: H.R. 100, Guam Commonwealth Act; H.R. 2370, Guam Judicial Empowerment Act of 1997; and S. 210, to amend the Organic Act of Guam, the Revised Organic Act of the Virgin Islands, and the Compact of Free Association Act, 10 a.m., 1324 Longworth.

October 30, Subcommittee on Fisheries Conservation, Wildlife and Oceans, to consider pending business; followed by an oversight hearing to examine activities being planned by the Administration for the International Year of the Ocean, 10 a.m., 1334 Longworth.

October 30, to Subcommittee on National Parks and Public Lands, to consider pending business; followed by a hearing on the following bills: H.R. 682, National Parks Capital Improvements Act of 1997, H.R. 2438, to encourage establishment of appropriate trails on abandoned railroad rights-of-way, while ensuring protection of certain reversionary property rights; H.R. 1995, Point Reyes National Seashore Farmland Protection Act of 1997, 10 a.m., 1324 Longworth.

October 30, Subcommittee on Water and Power, oversight hearing on Water Management Implications of the 1997/98 El Nino, 2 p.m., 1324 Longworth.

*Committee on Rules*, October 28, to consider H.R. 2493, Forage Improvement Act of 1997, 5:30 p.m., H-313 Capitol.

October 30, Subcommittee on Rules and Organization of the House and the Subcommittee on Legislative and Budget Process, joint hearing on Implementation of the Unfunded Mandates Reform Act and Proposals for Reform, 10 a.m., H-313 Capitol.

*Committee on Science*, October 28, Subcommittee on Technology, hearing on Do You Know Who You Are Doing Business With? Signatures In a Digital Age, 3 p.m., 2318 Rayburn.

October 29, full Committee, hearing on Science, Math, Engineering, and Technology Education (SMET) in America—Collaboration and Coordination of Federal Agency Efforts in SMET K-12 Education, 10 a.m., 2318 Rayburn.

October 30, Subcommittee on Space and Aeronautics, hearing on Indemnification and Crosswaiver Authority, 10 a.m., 2325 Rayburn.

*Committee on Small Business*, October 29, hearing on SBA implementation of the Results Act, 11 a.m., 2360 Rayburn.

*Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure*, October 29, to markup pending legislation, 10 a.m., 2167 Rayburn.

October 29, Subcommittee on Water Resources and Environment, hearing on Superfund Reauthorization and Reform Legislation, 1 p.m., 2167 Rayburn.

October 30, Subcommittee on Coast Guard and Maritime Transportation, hearing on Oil Spill Prevention Measures, 10 a.m., 2253 Rayburn.

*Committee on Ways and Means*, October 28, Subcommittee on Human Resources, hearing on protecting children from the Impacts of Substance Abuse on Families Receiving Welfare, 3 p.m., B-318 Rayburn.

October 28, Subcommittee on Oversight, hearing on the performance of the Empowerment Zone/Enterprise Community Program, 10 a.m., 1100 Longworth.

*Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence*, October 29, executive, hearing on Nonproliferation, 2 p.m., H-405 Capitol.

### Joint Meetings

*Joint Economic Committee*: October 29, to hold hearings to examine the role of monetary policy in a healthy economic expansion, 10 a.m., SD-138.