

**Committee Election:** The House agreed to H. Res. 370, electing Representative Velazquez to the Committee on Small Business to rank immediately above Representative LaFalce. Page H646

**Committee Election:** The House agreed to H. Res. 371, electing Representative Graham to the Committee on the Judiciary. Page H646

**Late Report:** The Committee on Ways and Means received permission to have until midnight on Friday, February 27 to file a report on H.R. 3130, Child Support Performance and Incentive Act of 1998. Page H646

**Legislative Program:** The Majority Leader announced the legislative program for the week of March 2. Page H646

**Meeting Hour—Monday, March 2:** Agreed that when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet at 2:00 p.m. on Monday, March 2. Page H646

**Meeting Hour—Tuesday, March 3:** Agreed that when the House adjourns on Monday, it adjourn to meet at 12:30 p.m. on Tuesday, March 3, for Morning-Hour Debate. Page H647

**Calendar Wednesday:** Agreed that the business in order under the Calendar Wednesday rule be dispensed with on Wednesday, March 4. Page H647

**Amendments:** Amendments ordered printed pursuant to the rule appear on page H647.

**Quorum Calls—Votes:** One yea and nay vote developed during the proceedings of the House today and appears on page H644. There were no quorum calls.

**Adjournment:** Met at 10:00 a.m. and adjourned at 3:08 p.m.

## Committee Meetings

### AGRICULTURAL TRADE

*Committee on Agriculture:* Subcommittee on Livestock, Dairy, and Poultry held a hearing to review livestock, dairy, and poultry trade between the United States, Australia, and New Zealand. Testimony was heard from Lon Hatamiya, Administrator, Foreign Agricultural Service, USDA; and public witnesses.

### AGRICULTURE, RURAL DEVELOPMENT, FDA, AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies held a hearing on Research, Education and Economics. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the USDA: I. Miley Gonzalez, Under Secretary, Eileen Kennedy, Acting Deputy Under Secretary and Bob Robinson,

Administrator, Cooperative State Research, all with Research, Education, and Economics; Donald Bay, Administrator, National Agricultural Statistics Service; Floyd P. Horn, Administrator, Agricultural Research Service; Susan Offutt, Administrator, Economic Research Service; and Stephen B. Dewhurst, Budget Officer.

### COMMERCE, JUSTICE, STATE, AND JUDICIARY APPROPRIATIONS

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, State, and Judiciary held a hearing on the Attorney General and on the USIA. Testimony was heard from Janet Reno, Attorney General; and the following officials of the USIA: Joseph Duffy, Director; and David Burke, Chairman, Board of Broadcasters.

### LABOR—HHS—EDUCATION APPROPRIATIONS

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education held a hearing on the Occupational Safety and Health Administration, and on GAO, Department of Health and Human Services oversight. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Labor: Charles N. Jeffress, Assistant Secretary, Occupational Safety and Health; J. Davitt McAteer, Assistant Secretary, Mine Safety and Health; and Richard L. Hembra, Assistant Comptroller General, Health, Education, and Human Services Division, GAO.

### MILITARY CONSTRUCTION APPROPRIATIONS

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Military Construction continued appropriation hearings. Testimony was heard from Members of Congress and public witnesses.

### NATIONAL SECURITY APPROPRIATIONS

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on National Security held a hearing on FY 1999 Army Budget Overview. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of the Army: Robert M. Walker, Under Secretary and Gen. Dennis J. Reimer, USA, Chief of Staff.

The Subcommittee also met in executive session to hold a hearing on FY 1999 Army Acquisition Program. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of the Army: Kenneth J. Oscar, Acting Assistant Secretary (Research, Development and Acquisition); Lt. Gen. Paul Kern, USA, Military Deputy to the Acting Secretary (Research, Development and Acquisition); and Lt. Gen. William Campbell, USA, Director, Information Systems

for Command, Control, Communications and Computers.

### **TREASURY-POSTAL SERVICE, GENERAL GOVERNMENT APPROPRIATIONS**

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Treasury, Postal Service, and General Government held a hearing on the IRS. Testimony was heard from Charles O. Rossotti, Commissioner, IRS, Department of the Treasury.

### **VA-HUD-INDEPENDENT AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS**

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on VA, HUD and Independent Agencies held a hearing on the Court of Veterans Appeals and the Selective Service System. Testimony was heard from Frank Q. Nebeker, Chief Judge, U.S. Court of Veterans Appeals; and Gil Coronado, Director, Selective Service System.

### **WIRELESS PRIVACY ENHANCEMENT ACT**

*Committee on Commerce:* Ordered reported amended H.R. 2369, Wireless Privacy Enhancement Act.

### **FAIRNESS FOR SMALL BUSINESS AND EMPLOYEES ACT**

*Committee on Education and the Workforce:* Subcommittee on Employer-Employee Relations approved for full Committee action H.R. 3246, Fairness for Small Business and Employees Act of 1998.

### **CAMPAIGN REFORM**

*Committee on House Oversight:* Continued hearings on Campaign Reform. Testimony was heard from Representatives Calvert, Smith of Michigan, Price of North Carolina, Slaughter, Linda Smith of Washington, Paul, Kaptur and Engel.

### **NARCOTICS POLICY TOWARD COLOMBIA**

*Committee on International Relations:* Held a hearing on U.S. Narcotics Policy Toward Colombia. Testimony was heard from Henry L. Hinton, Assistant Comptroller General, National Security and International Affairs, GAO; and the following officials of the DANTI (anti-drug) Unit, Colombian National Police: Col. Leonardo Gallego, Director; and Lt. Fernando Lopez, Logistics Support Officer.

### **CAMBODIA—UNCERTAIN STATUS OF DEMOCRACY**

*Committee on International Relations:* Subcommittee on Asia and the Pacific held a hearing on Shattered Dream, the Uncertain State of Democracy in Cambodia. Testimony was heard from Stanley Roth, Assistant Secretary, East Asian and Pacific Affairs, Department of State; and public witnesses.

### **OVERSIGHT—ADMINISTRATIVE TAXATION: FCC'S UNIVERSAL SERVICE TAX**

*Committee on the Judiciary:* Subcommittee on Commercial and Administrative Law held an oversight hearing on Administrative Taxation: The FCC's Universal Service Tax. Testimony was heard from Christopher A. McLean, Deputy Administrator, Rural Utilities Service, USDA; and public witnesses.

### **OVERSIGHT—RELIGIOUS FREEDOM—FEDERAL PROTECTION**

*Committee on the Judiciary:* Subcommittee on the Constitution held an oversight hearing regarding the need for federal protection of religious freedom after *Boerne v. Flores*. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

### **MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES**

*Committee on the Judiciary:* Subcommittee on Courts and Intellectual Property approved for full Committee action the following bills: H.R. 2696, amended, Vessel Hull Design Protection Act; H.R. 2294, amended, Federal Courts Improvement Act of 1997; H.R. 2281, amended, WIPO Copyright Treaties Implementation Act; and H.R. 3209, the On-line Copyright Infringement Liability Limitation Act.

### **MILITARY CONSTRUCTION AND FAMILY HOUSING BUDGET REQUEST**

*Committee on National Security:* Subcommittee on Military Installations & Facilities held a hearing on FY 1999 budget request for military construction and military family housing of the Department of Defense. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Defense: John B. Goodman, Deputy Under Secretary; and the following officials of the Department of the Army: Alma Moore, Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary, (Installations, Logistics, and Environment); Maj. Gen. David Whaley, USA, Assistant Chief of Staff, Installations Management; Brig. Gen. James Helmly, USA, Deputy Chief, Army Reserve; and Col. Michael Squier, USA, Deputy Director, Army National Guard.

### **TRICARE PROGRAM STATUS**

*Committee on National Security:* Subcommittee on Military Personnel held a hearing on the status and effectiveness of the TRICARE program. Testimony was heard from the following officials from the Department of Defense: D. Edward Martin, M.D., Acting Assistant Secretary, (Health Affairs), Col. Steve E. Phurrough, USA, Lead Agent, TRICARE Central Region 7/8; Rear Adm. Richard A. Nelson, MC, USN, Lead Agent TRICARE Region 9; Brig. Gen. Dan L. Locker, USAF, Lead Agent Region 4; and

Mr. Stephen P. Backhus, Veterans' Affairs and Military Health Care Issues, GAO; and public witnesses.

### **DOD MODERNIZATION**

*Committee on National Security:* Subcommittee Military Procurement and the Subcommittee on Military Research and Development held a joint hearing on Department of Defense Modernization for FY 1999. Testimony was heard from Jacques S. Gansler, Under Secretary, Acquisition and Technology, Department of Defense.

### **INTERIOR DEPARTMENT— MISCELLANEOUS BUDGET REQUESTS**

*Committee on Resources:* Subcommittee on Energy and Mineral Resources held an oversight hearing on the Administration's FY 1999 budget request for three agencies within the Department of Interior: Office of Surface Mining, Minerals Management Service, and the Energy and Minerals programs of the Bureau of Land Management. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of the Interior: Kathy Karpan, Director, Office of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement; Cynthia Quarterman, Director, Minerals Management Service; and Tom Fry, Deputy Director, Bureau of Land Management.

### **OVERSIGHT—NOAA AND NATIONAL MARINE SERVICE BUDGET REQUEST**

*Committee on the Interior:* Subcommittee on Fisheries Conservation, Wildlife and Oceans held an oversight hearing on the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, NOAA, and National Marine Service FY 1999 Budget request. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Interior: Don Barry, Assistant Secretary, Fish and Wildlife and Parks; and John Rogers Deputy Director, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.

### **OVERSIGHT—FEE DEMONSTRATION PROGRAMS**

*Committee on the Interior:* Subcommittee on National Parks and Public Lands held an oversight hearing on Fee Demonstration Programs-Successes and Failures. Testimony was heard from Representative Herger; John M. Berry, Assistant Secretary, Policy Management and Budget, Department of the Interior; Lyle Laverty, Regional Forester, Rocky Mountain Region, Forest Service, USDA; and public witnesses.

### **OVERSIGHT—TECHNOLOGY ADMINISTRATION AND NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF STANDARDS AND TECHNOLOGY BUDGET REQUESTS**

*Committee on Science:* Subcommittee on Technology held an oversight hearing on the FY 1999 Administration Request for the Technology Administration

and the National Institute of Standards and Technology. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Commerce: Gary Bachula, Acting Under Secretary, Technology and Johnnie E. Frazier, Acting Inspector General; and Susan Kladiva, Associate Director, Energy, Resources and Science Issues, Resources, Community and Economic Development Division, GAO.

### **TRAVEL AGENTS—STOLEN AIRLINE TICKET STOCKS**

*Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure:* Subcommittee on Aviation held a hearing on Issues related to Stolen Airline Ticket Stocks from Travel Agents. Testimony was heard from Neil J. Gallagher, Deputy Assistant Director, Criminal Investigative Division, FBI, Department of Justice; and public witnesses.

### **ASSESSING HEALTH CARE QUALITY**

*Committee on Ways and Means:* Subcommittee on Health held a hearing on Assessing Health Care Quality. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Health and Human Services: John Eisenberg, M.D., Administrator, Agency for Health Care Policy and Research; and Jeff Kang, M.D., Chief Medical Officer, Center for Health Plans and Providers, Health Care Financing Administration; and public witnesses.

### **FUTURE OF SOCIAL SECURITY**

*Committee on Ways and Means:* Subcommittee on Social Security held a hearing on the Future of Social Security for this Generation and the Next. Testimony was heard from Kenneth S. Apfel, Commissioner, SSA; and public witnesses.

## *Joint Meetings*

### **VETERANS PROGRAMS**

*Joint Hearing:* Senate Committee on Veterans' Affairs concluded joint hearings with the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs to examine the legislative recommendations of certain veteran organizations, receiving testimony from Elizabeth R. Carr, Blinded Veterans Association, Kenneth C. Huber, Paralyzed Veterans of America, Jack Berman, Jewish War Veterans, Louis C. Tebbe, Military Order of the Purple Heart, and Charles R. Jackson, Non Commissioned Officers Association of the USA, all of Washington, D.C.