

## DOMESTIC OIL AND GAS PRODUCTION INCENTIVES

*Committee on Ways and Means:* Subcommittee on Oversight held a hearing on Incentives for Domestic Oil and Gas Production and Status of the Industry. Testimony was heard from Donald C. Lubick, Assistant Secretary, Tax Policy, Department of the Treasury; Jay Hakes, Administrator, Energy Information Administration, Department of Energy; and public witnesses.

## STEEL TRADE ISSUES

*Committee on Ways and Means:* Subcommittee on Trade held a hearing on Steel Trade Issues. Testimony was heard from Representatives Cardin, English, Regula, Visclosky, Traficant, Greenwood, Klink, Stupak, Buyer, Doyle, Berry and Kucinich; William Daley, Secretary of Commerce; Charlene Barshefsky, U.S. Trade Representative; and public witnesses.

## BRIEFING—Iraqi DEVELOPMENTS

*Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence:* Met in executive session to receive a briefing on Iraqi Developments: An Intelligence Update. The Committee was briefed by departmental witnesses.

## Joint Meetings

### VETERANS PROGRAMS

*Joint Hearing:* Senate Committee on Veterans' Affairs and the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs concluded joint hearings to review the legislative recommendations of certain veteran's organizations, after receiving testimony from Boyd Barclay, Military Order of the Purple Heart, Washington, D.C.; Charles L. Calkins, Fleet Reserve Associations, Alexandria, Virginia; Frederick P. Athans, Retired Enlisted Association, Grand Rapid, South Dakota; Margaret M. Peterson, Gold Star Wives of America, Inc., Vineland, New Jersey; and James D. Staton, Air Force Sergeants Association, Suitland, Maryland.

## COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 26, 1999

### Senate

No meetings/hearings scheduled.

### House

*Committee on Government Reform,* Subcommittee on Government Management, Information, and Technology, hearing on Oversight of the Year 2000 Problem: The Y2K Status of the Department of Health and Human Services, 9 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

*Committee on International Relations,* Subcommittee on International Operations and Human Rights, hearing on

Country Reports on Human Rights Practices for 1998, 12 p.m., 2172 Rayburn.

## CONGRESSIONAL PROGRAM AHEAD

### Week of March 1 through March 6, 1999

#### Senate Chamber

On *Monday*, Senate will meet in pro forma session.

On *Tuesday*, Senate will consider S. 314, Small Business Year 2000 Readiness Act, with a vote to occur thereon, and S. Res. 7, Special Committee on the Y2K Technology Problems Funding Increase, with a vote to occur thereon.

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

*(On Tuesday, Senate will recess to attend a closed briefing on Y2K issues.)*

*(On Tuesday, Senate will recess from 12:30 p.m. until 2:15 p.m. for their respective conferences.)*

#### Senate Committees

*(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)*

*Special Committee on Aging:* March 1, to hold hearings to examine the impact of the President's Social Security reform proposal on the income of American workers and retirees, 1 p.m., SD-628.

*Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry:* March 2, to hold hearings on child nutrition program issues, 9 a.m., SD-106.

*Committee on Appropriations:* March 2, Subcommittee on Agriculture, Rural Development, and Related Agencies, to hold hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2000 for the Department of Agriculture, 9:30 a.m., SD-138.

March 4, Subcommittee on Treasury, General Government and Civil Service, to hold hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2000 for the Office of National Drug Control Policy, 9:30 a.m., SD-138.

*Committee on Armed Services:* March 2, to resume hearings on proposed legislation authorizing funds for fiscal year 2000 for the Department of Defense, and the future years defense program, 9:30 a.m., SH-216.

March 3, Subcommittee on Personnel, to continue hearings on proposed legislation authorizing funds for fiscal year 2000 for the Department of Defense, focusing on recommendations pertaining to military retirement, pay and compensation, and the Future Years Defense Program, 10 a.m., SR-222.

March 3, Subcommittee on SeaPower, to hold hearings on the 21st century seapower vision overview and maritime implications of 21st century threats, 2 p.m., SR-232A.

*Committee on the Budget:* March 3, to hold hearings on the President's proposed budget for fiscal year 2000, 10 a.m., SD-608.

*Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation:* March 2, Subcommittee on Surface Transportation and Merchant

Marine, to hold hearings on proposed legislation authorizing funds for the Surface Transportation Board, Department of Transportation, 2 p.m., SR-253.

March 3, Full Committee, business Meeting to markup S.96, to regulate commerce between and among the several States by providing for the orderly resolution of disputes arising out of computer-based problems related to processing data that includes a 2-digit expression of that year's date; and S.303, to amend the Communications Act of 1934 to enhance the ability of direct broadcast satellite and other multichannel video providers to compete effectively with cable television systems, 9:30 a.m., SR-253.

March 4, Full Committee, to hold hearings on internet filtering, 9:30 a.m., SR-253.

*Committee on Energy and Natural Resources:* March 2, to hold oversight hearings on the President's proposed budget request for fiscal year 2000 for the Department of the Interior, 9:30 a.m., SD-366.

March 3, Full Committee, with the Committee on Indian Affairs, to hold joint hearings on American Indian trust management practices in the Department of the Interior, 9:30 a.m., SD-106.

March 3, Subcommittee on Water and Power, to hold hearings on the President's proposed budget request for fiscal year 2000 for the Bureau of Reclamation, Department of the Interior, and the Power Marketing Administrations, Department of Energy, 2 p.m., SD-366.

March 4, Full Committee, business meeting to consider pending calendar business, 9:30 a.m., SD-366.

March 4, Full Committee, to hold hearings on the nomination of Robert Wayne Gee, of Texas, to be an Assistant Secretary of Energy (Fossil Energy), 10 a.m., SD-366.

*Committee on Environment and Public Works:* March 3, Subcommittee on Fisheries, Wildlife, and Drinking Water, to hold oversight hearings on the Environmental Protection Agency's implementation of the 1996 amendments to the Safe Drinking Water Act, 9 a.m., SD-406.

March 4, Full Committee, to hold hearings on the nomination of Gary S. Guzy, of the District of Columbia, to be an Assistant Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency, 9 a.m., SD-406.

*Committee on Finance:* March 3, to hold hearings to examine education savings incentives, education financing and school construction financing proposals, 10 a.m., SD-215.

*Committee on Foreign Relations:* March 2, Subcommittee on Western Hemisphere, Peace Corps, Narcotics and Terrorism, to hold hearings on United States relief efforts in response to Hurricane Mitch, 3 p.m., SD-419.

March 3, Subcommittee on International Economic Policy, Export and Trade Promotion, to hold hearings on the commercial viability of a Caspian Sea export energy pipeline, 2 p.m., SD-419.

March 4, Subcommittee on International Operations, to hold hearings on the proposed budget request for fiscal year 2000 for foreign assistance programs, 2 p.m., SD-419.

*Committee on Governmental Affairs:* March 3, to resume hearings on the future of the Independent Counsel Act, 10 a.m., SH-216.

March 4, Full Committee, to hold hearings on proposed budget reform measures, 10 a.m., SD-342.

*Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions:* March 2, to hold hearings on medical theory and practice issues, 9:30 a.m., SD-430.

March 3, Subcommittee on Aging, to hold oversight hearings on the implementation of the Older Americans Act, 9:30 a.m., SD-430.

March 4, Subcommittee on Employment, Safety and Training, to hold hearings on S. 385, to amend the Occupational Safety and Health Act of 1970 to further improve the safety and health of working environments, 9:30 a.m., SD-430.

*Committee on Indian Affairs:* March 3, with the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources, to hold joint hearings on American Indian trust management practices in the Department of the Interior, 9:30 a.m., SD-106.

*Select Committee on Intelligence:* March 4, closed business meeting to consider pending intelligence matters, 3 p.m., SH-219.

*Committee on the Judiciary:* March 1, to hold hearings on proposed legislation relating to Year 2000 computer problems, 10 a.m., SD-226.

*Committee on Veterans Affairs:* March 2, to hold joint hearings with the House Committee on Veterans Affairs to review the legislative recommendations of the Veterans of Foreign Wars, 9:30 a.m., 345, Cannon Building.

March 4, Full Committee, to hold joint hearings with the House Committee on Veterans Affairs to review the legislative recommendations of the Veterans of World War I of the USA, Non-Commissioned Officers Association, Paralyzed Veterans of America, Jewish War Veterans, and the Blinded Veterans Association, 9:30 a.m., 345, Cannon Building.

*Special Committee on the Year 2000 Technology Problem:* March 2, to resume hearings to examine the Y2K computer problem within the food industry, 8:30 a.m., SD-628.

March 5, Full Committee, to hold hearings on international Y2K computer problem issues, 9:30 a.m., SD-192.

## House Chamber

To be announced.

## House Committees

*Committee on Agriculture,* March 3, Subcommittee on Risk Management, Research, and Specialty Crops, hearing on agricultural biotechnology, 10:30 a.m., 1300 Longworth.

March 4, Subcommittee on General Farm Commodities, Resource Conservation, and Credit, to review the Loan Deficiency Payment Program, 10 a.m., 1300 Longworth.

*Committee on Appropriations,* March 2, Subcommittee on Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies, on Research, Education, and Economics, 1 p.m., 2362-A Rayburn.

March 2, Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, on National Institute on Drug Abuse, National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism, and National Institute of Nursing Research, 10 a.m., and on National Heart, Lung, and Blood Institute and on National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences, 2 p.m., 2358 Rayburn.

March 2, Subcommittee on Treasury, Postal Service, and General Government, on Executive Office of the President, 10 a.m., and on OMB, 2 p.m., 2359 Rayburn.

March 2, Subcommittee on VA, HUD and Independent Agencies, on FEMA., 10 a.m., H-143 Capitol.

March 3, Subcommittee on Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies, on Marketing and Regulatory Programs, 1 p.m., 2362-A Rayburn.

March 3, Subcommittee on Defense, on fiscal year 2000 Department of Defense budget, 10 a.m., 2359 Rayburn.

March 3, Subcommittee on Interior, on Recreational Fees, 10 a.m., B-308 Rayburn.

March 3, Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, on National Institute of Neurological Disorders and Strokes, the National Institute on Aging, and the National Institute on Mental Health, 10 a.m., and on National Institute of Diabetes, Digestive and Kidney Diseases, the National Institute of Arthritis and Musculoskeletal and Skin Diseases, and the National Center for Research Resources, 2 p.m., 2358 Rayburn.

March 3, Subcommittee on Treasury, Postal Service, and General Government, on Office of National Drug Control Policy, 10 a.m., and on U.S. Postal Service, 2 p.m., H-140 Capitol.

March 3, Subcommittee on VA, HUD, Independent Agencies, on Court of Veterans Appeals, 9:30 a.m., and on Selective Service System, 10:30 a.m., H-143 Capitol.

March 4, Subcommittee on Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies, on Commodity Futures Trading Commission, 1 p.m., 2362-A Rayburn.

March 4, Subcommittee on Defense, executive, on U.S. Pacific command, U.S. Forces Korea, 9:30 a.m., and on Personnel Issues/Medical Programs, 1:30 p.m., H-140 Capitol.

March 4, Subcommittee on Energy and Water Development, on Department of Energy, 10 a.m., 2362-B Rayburn.

March 4, Subcommittee on Foreign Operations, on Members of Congress and Outside Witnesses, 12:30 p.m., H-144 Capitol.

March 4, Subcommittee on Interior, on Bureau of Land Management, 10 a.m., B-308 Rayburn.

March 4, Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, on National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases and the National Eye Institute, 10 a.m., on Director, NIH and on Office of Director Panel, 2 p.m., 2358 Rayburn.

March 4, Subcommittee on Military Construction, on Air Force Construction, 9:30 p.m., B-300 Rayburn.

March 4, Subcommittee on Transportation, on National Railroad Passenger Corporation (Amtrak), 10 a.m., 2358 Rayburn.

March 4, Subcommittee on Treasury, Postal Service, and General Government, on National Archives, 10 a.m., on GSA, 2 p.m., and on Judicial Conference of the U.S., 3:30 p.m., 2359 Rayburn.

March 4, Subcommittee on VA, HUD, and Independent Agencies, on NSF, 9:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m., H-143 Capitol.

*Committee on Armed Services*, March 2, Subcommittee on Military Installations and Facilities, hearing on fiscal year 2000 budget request for military construction and military family housing of the Department of Defense, 2 p.m., 2212 Rayburn.

March 2, Subcommittee on Military Readiness, hearing on Defense reform initiatives, contracting out, and outsourcing, 1 p.m., 2118 Rayburn.

March 3, full committee, to continue hearing on the fiscal year 2000 National Defense authorization budget request, 10 a.m., 2118 Rayburn.

March 3, Subcommittee on Military Procurement and the Subcommittee on Military Research and Development, joint hearing on service aviation modernization plans, 1 p.m., 2118 Rayburn.

March 4, Subcommittee on Military Personnel, hearing on pilot retention—issues and possible solutions, 10 a.m., 2118 Rayburn.

March 4, Subcommittee on Military Procurement, hearing on the Department of Energy fiscal year 2000 budget request, 1 p.m., 2118 Rayburn.

March 4, Subcommittee on Military Readiness, hearing on military training capabilities and shortfalls, 10 a.m., 2212 Rayburn.

*Committee on Banking and Financial Services*, March 2, Subcommittee on General Oversight and Investigations, to review implementation of EFT-99, 2 p.m., 2128 Rayburn.

March 3, Subcommittee on Capital Markets, Securities, and Government Sponsored Enterprises, hearing on hedge funds, 10 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.

March 3, Subcommittee on Housing and Community Opportunity, hearing on HUD's fiscal year 2000 budget, 3 p.m., 2128 Rayburn.

March 4, full committee, to markup H.R. 10, Financial Services Act of 1999, 10 a.m., 2128, Rayburn.

*Committee on the Budget*, March 4, hearing on the CBO analysis of the Administration's fiscal year 2000 budget, 10 a.m., 210 Cannon.

*Committee on Commerce*, March 3, Subcommittee on Finance and Hazardous Materials, to continue hearings on the Market Impact of the Administration's Social Security Proposal, 10 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

*Committee on Education and the Workforce*, March 2, Subcommittee on Postsecondary Education, Training, and Life-Long Learning, hearing on The Older Americans Act: Meeting the Needs of Our Nation's Seniors, 2 p.m., 2175 Rayburn.

March 3, full Committee, to markup H.R. 800, Education Flexibility Partnership Act of 1999, 11 a.m., 2175 Rayburn.

*Committee on Government Reform*, March 2, Subcommittee on the Census, hearing on Oversight of the 2000 Census: Examining the America Counts Today (ACT) Initiatives to Enhance Traditional Enumeration Methods, 2 p.m., 2203 Rayburn.

March 2, Subcommittee on Government Management, Information, and Technology, and Subcommittee on Technology of the Committee on Science, joint hearing on Oversight of the Year 2000 Problem at the Department of Defense: How Prepared is Our Nation's Defense? 10 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

March 2, Subcommittee on National Security, Veterans Affairs, and International Relations, oversight hearing on efforts to address waste, fraud and management weaknesses by the Departments of Defense, Veterans Affairs, and State, 10 a.m., 2247 Rayburn.

March 3, full committee, hearing on Fighting Crime in the Trenches, Part 1, National Problems, Local Solutions: Federalism at Work, 10 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

March 4, Subcommittee on Criminal Justice, Drug Policy, and Human Resources, hearing on Oversight on U.S./Mexico Counternarcotics Efforts, 10 a.m., 2247 Rayburn.

*Committee on House Administration*, March 3 and 4, to consider Committee funding requests, 2 p.m. on March 3 and 10 a.m. on March 4, 1310 Longworth.

*Committee on International Relations*, March 2, Subcommittee on International Operations and Human Rights, to mark up H. Con. Res. 28, expressing the sense of Congress that the United States should introduce and make all efforts necessary to pass a resolution criticizing the People's Republic of China for its human rights abuses in China and Tibet at the annual meeting of the United Nations Commission on Human Rights; followed by a hearing on Foreign Relations Authorization for Fiscal Years 2000–2001: Department of State Management Initiatives, 1:45 p.m., 2172 Rayburn.

March 3, full committee, hearing on the Administration's Foreign Assistance Budget Request, 10 a.m., 2172 Rayburn.

March 3, Subcommittee on Asia and the Pacific, hearing on South Asia: Challenges in U.S. Policy, 1:30 p.m., 2200 Rayburn.

March 3, Subcommittee on International Economic Policy and Trade, hearing on a New World Order: Reassessing the Export Administration Act, 2 p.m., 2255 Rayburn.

March 3, Subcommittee on the Western Hemisphere, hearing on the anti-drug effort in the Americas and implementation of the Western Hemisphere Drug Elimination Act, 1:30 p.m., 2172 Rayburn.

March 4, Subcommittee on International Operations and Human Rights, hearing on Foreign Relations Authorization for Fiscal Year 2000–2001: Public Diplomacy Programs, 2 p.m., 2172 Rayburn.

*Committee on the Judiciary*, March 2, to mark up the following: Committee's Budget views and estimates for fiscal year 2000 for submission to the Committee on the Budget; H.R. 808, to extend for 3 additional months the period for which chapter 12 of title 11 of the United States Code is reenacted, 11 a.m., 2141 Rayburn.

March 2, Subcommittee on Commercial and Administrative Law, hearing on the Reauthorization of the Independent Counsel Act, 2 p.m., 2141 Rayburn.

March 4, Subcommittee on Commercial and Administrative Law, oversight hearing on the "The 'Know Your

Customer' Rules: Privacy in the Hands of Federal Regulators", 10 a.m., 2141 Rayburn.

March 4, Subcommittee on Courts and Intellectual Property, hearing on H.R. 850, Security and Freedom Through Encryption (SAFE) Act, 10 a.m., 2226 Rayburn.

March 4, Subcommittee on Immigration and Claims, oversight hearing on issues arising from past designations of temporary protected status and fraud in prior amnesty programs; and to consider other pending committee business, 10 a.m., 2237 Rayburn.

*Committee on Resources*, March 4, Subcommittee on Fisheries Conservation, Wildlife and Oceans, oversight hearing on fiscal year 2000 budget request of the United States Fish and Wildlife Service, 10 a.m., 1334 Longworth.

March 4, Subcommittee on Forests and Forest Health, oversight hearing on Forest Service Roads Moratorium, 10 a.m., 1324 Longworth.

*Committee on Science*, March 3, Subcommittee on Energy and the Environment, oversight hearing on Fiscal Year 2000 Request: Department of Energy Office of Science; Environment, Safety, and Health; and Environmental Management, 10 a.m., 2318 Rayburn.

March 3, Subcommittee on Space and Aeronautics, oversight hearing on Fiscal Year 2000 Budget: Aerospace Technology, 2 p.m., 2318 Rayburn.

March 4, Subcommittee on Technology, oversight hearing on Soaring into the Future? Funding Requirements for FAA Research and Development, 10:30 a.m., 2318 Rayburn.

*Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure*, March 2, to mark up the following: Budget Views and Estimates for fiscal year 2000 for submission to the Committee on the Budget; H.R. 820, Coast Guard Authorization Act of 1999; H.R. 819, Federal Maritime Commission Authorization Act of 1999; and H.R. 707, Disaster Mitigation and Cost Reduction Act of 1999, 3 p.m., 2167 Rayburn.

*Committee on Ways and Means*, March 2, Subcommittee on Health, hearing on the Report on Medicare Payment Policies, 1 p.m., 1100 Longworth.

March 3, full committee, hearing on Investing Social Security in the Private Market, 10 a.m., 1100 Longworth.

March 4, Subcommittee on Trade, to continue hearings on the Importance of Trade Negotiations in Fighting Foreign Protectionism, 10 a.m., 1100 Longworth.

### Joint Meetings

*Joint Meetings*: March 2, Senate Committee on Veterans Affairs, to hold joint hearings with the House Committee on Veterans Affairs to review the legislative recommendations of the Veterans of Foreign Wars, 9:30 a.m., 345, Cannon Building.

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*Joint Economic Committee*: March 4, to hold hearings on issues relating to economic growth through tax cuts, 9:30 a.m., SD-562.