

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