

Committee Meetings

RUSSIAN MONEY LAUNDERING

Committee on Banking and Financial Services: Held a hearing on Russian Money Laundering. Testimony was heard from Lawrence H. Summers, Secretary of the Treasury; and public witnesses.

Hearings continue tomorrow.

“CLEMENCY FOR THE FALN: A FLAWED DECISION?”

Committee on Government Reform: Held a hearing on “Clemency for the FALN: A Flawed Decision?” Testimony was heard from Representatives Fossella and Romero-Barceló; the following officials of the Department of Justice: Neil Gallagher, Assistant Director, National Security, FBI; Michael B. Cooksey, Assistant Director, Correctional Programs, Bureau of Prisons; and Jon Jennings, Acting Assistant Attorney General, Legislative Affairs; and public witnesses.

OVERSIGHT—SURVEY AND MANAGE SPECIES ON THE NATIONAL FORESTS

Committee on Resources: Subcommittee on Forests and Forest Health held an oversight hearing on Survey and Manage Species on the National Forests. Testimony was heard from Jim Furnish, Deputy Chief, National Forest System, Forest Service, USDA; and public witnesses.

NATIONAL MONUMENT NEPA COMPLIANCE ACT

Committee on Rules: Granted, by voice vote, an open rule providing one hour of general debate on H.R. 1487, National Monument NEPA Compliance Act, equally divided between the chairman and ranking minority member of the Committee on Resources. The rule makes in order the Committee on Resources amendment in the nature of a substitute as an original bill for purpose of amendment, which shall be open for amendment at any point. The rule authorizes the Chair to accord priority in recognition to Members who have pre-printed their amendments in the Congressional Record. The rule allows the Chairman of the Committee of the Whole to postpone votes during consideration of the bill, and to reduce voting time to five minutes on a postponed question if the vote follows a fifteen minute vote. Finally, the rule provides one motion to recommit with or without instructions. Testimony was heard from Representatives Hansen and Vento.

INTERSTATE CLASS ACTION JURISDICTION ACT

Committee on Rules: Granted, by voice vote, a modified open rule providing one hour of general debate on H.R. 1875, Interstate Class Action Jurisdiction

Act of 1999, equally divided between the chairman and ranking minority member of the Committee on the Judiciary. The rule provides that the amendment in the nature of a substitute recommended by the Committee on the Judiciary now printed in the bill be considered as an original bill for the purpose of amendment. The rule provides that the amendment in the nature of a substitute shall be open for amendment by section. The rule provides for the consideration of pro forma amendments and those amendments pre-printed in the Congressional Record, which may be offered only by the Member who caused it to be printed or his designee, and shall be considered as read. The rule permits the Chairman of the Committee of the Whole to postpone votes during consideration of the bill, and to reduce voting time to five minutes on a postponed question if the vote follows a fifteen minute vote. Finally, the rule provides one motion to recommit with or without instructions. Testimony was heard from Representative Conyers.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure: Subcommittee on Aviation approved for full Committee action the following: a concurrent resolution expressing the sense of Congress regarding the European Council noise rule affecting hushkitted and re-engined aircraft; and the National Transportation Safety Board Amendments Act of 1999.

Joint Meetings

APPROPRIATIONS—AGRICULTURE

Conferees continued in evening session to resolve the differences between the Senate and House passed versions of H.R. 1906, making appropriations for Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2000.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 22, 1999

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Readiness and Management Support, to hold hearings to examine national security requirements and continued training operations at the Vieques Training Range, 10 a.m., SR-222.

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: business meeting to consider pending calendar business, 9:30 a.m., SD-366.

Committee on Governmental Affairs: to hold hearings to examine the Department of Justice's handling of the Charlie Trie case, relating to the campaign finance investigation, 10 a.m., SD-628.

Committee on Indian Affairs: to hold hearings on S. 1587, to amend the American Indian Trust Fund Management Reform Act of 1994 to establish within the Department of the Interior an Office of Special Trustee for Data Cleanup and Internal Control; and S. 1589, to amend the American Indian Trust Fund Management Reform Act of 1994, 9:30 a.m., SR-485.

Select Committee on Intelligence: to hold closed hearings on pending intelligence matters, 2 p.m., SH-219.

Committee on Rules and Administration: to hold hearings on S. Res. 172, to establish a special committee of the Senate to address the cultural crisis facing America, 9 a.m., SR-301.

House

Committee on Armed Services, Subcommittee on Military Readiness, hearing on readiness implications concerning the Atlantic Fleet Training Center, Vieques, Puerto Rico, 1 p.m., 2118 Rayburn.

Committee on Banking and Financial Services, to continue hearings on Russian Money Laundering, 10 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.

Committee on Commerce, Subcommittee on Finance and Hazardous Materials, to continue hearings on legislation to Improve the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act, focusing on the following bills: H.R. 1300, Recycle America's Land Act of 1999; and H.R. 2580, Land Recycling Act of 1999, 10 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Health and Environment, hearing on H.R. 2418, Organ Procurement and Transplantation Network Amendments of 1999, 2:30 p.m., 2322 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations, hearing on the Paducah Gaseous Diffusion Plant: An Assessment of Worker Safety and Environmental Contamination, 10 a.m., 2322 Rayburn.

Committee on Government Reform, Subcommittee on the Census, oversight hearing of the 2000 Census: Discussion of the Effects of Including Puerto Rico in the 2000 U.S. Population Totals, 10 a.m., 2203 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Government Management, Information, and Technology, to markup the Statistical Efficiency Act of 1999, 2 p.m., 2154 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on National Security, Veterans Affairs and International Relations, hearing on Terrorism Preparedness: Medical First Response, 10 a.m., 2247 Rayburn.

Committee on International Relations, Subcommittee on International Economic Policy and Trade, hearing on Trade in the Americas: Progress, Challenges, and Prospect, 11:00 a.m., 2200 Rayburn.

Committee on the Judiciary, to markup the following measures: H. Con. Res. 124, expressing the sense of the Congress relating to recent allegations of espionage and illegal campaign financing that have brought into ques-

tion the loyalty and probity of Americans of Asian ancestry; H.R. 2005, Workplace Goods Job Growth and Competitiveness Act of 1999; H.R. 1791, Federal Law Enforcement Animal Protection Act of 1999; and H.R. 764, Child Abuse Prevention and Enforcement Act, 10 a.m., 2141 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Commercial and Administrative Law, to mark up H.R. 881, Regulatory Fair Warning Act of 1999, 2 p.m., 2237 Rayburn.

Committee on Resources, to consider the following bills: H.R. 20, Upper Delaware Scenic and Recreational River Mongaup Visitor Center Act of 1999; S. 416, to direct the Secretary of Agriculture to convey to the city of Sisters, Oregon, a certain parcel of land for use in connection with a sewage treatment facility; H.R. 748, to amend the Act that established the Keweenaw National Historical Park to require the Secretary of the Interior to consider nominees of various local interests in appointing members of the Keweenaw National Historical Parks Advisory Commission; S. 944, to amend Public Law 105-188 to provide for the mineral leasing of certain Indian lands in Oklahoma; H.R. 1615, Lamprey Wild and Scenic River Extension Act; H.R. 1665, to allow the National Park Service to acquire certain land for addition to the Wilderness Battlefield in Virginia, as previously authorized by law, by purchase or exchange as well as by donation; H.R. 2140, to improve protection and management of the Chattahoochee River National Recreation Area in the State of Georgia; H.R. 2547, Chugach Alaska Natives Settlement Implementation Act of 1999; and H.R. 2841, to amend the Revised Organic Act of the Virgin Islands to provide for greater fiscal autonomy consistent with other United States jurisdictions, 11 a.m., 1324 Longworth.

Committee on Rules, to consider H.R. 2506, Health Research and Quality Act of 1999, 2 p.m., H-313, Capitol.

Committee on Science, Subcommittee on Technology and the Subcommittee on Basic Research, joint hearing on Overcoming Barriers to Utilization of Technology in the Classroom, 2 p.m., 2318 Rayburn.

Committee on Small Business, to markup H.R. 1497, Women's Business Centers Sustainability Act of 1999, 10:30 a.m., 2360 Rayburn.

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, Subcommittee on Water Resources and Environment, hearing on TVA: Electricity Restructuring and General Oversight, 10 a.m., 2167 Rayburn.

Committee on Veterans' Affairs, to markup the following measures: H.R. 1663, National Medal of Honor Memorial Act; and H.J. Res. 65, commending the World War II veterans who fought in the Battle of the Bulge, 10 a.m., 334 Cannon.

Committee on Ways and Means, Subcommittee on Health, hearing on Strengthening Medicare for Future Generations, 2 p.m., 1100 Longworth.