

2484, to provide that land which is owned by the Lower Sioux Indian Community in the State of Minnesota but which is not held in trust by the United States for the Community may be leased or transferred by the Community without further approval by the United States.

BIENNIAL BUDGETING

Committee on Rules: Held a hearing on Biennial Budgeting: A Tool for Improving Government Fiscal Management and Oversight. Testimony was heard from Speaker Hastert; and Representatives Young of Florida, Obey, Regula, Price of North Carolina, Knollenberg, Smith of Michigan, Bass, Barton of Texas, McCarthy of Missouri, Stearns, Ney and Whitfield.

NSF BUDGET AUTHORIZATION REQUEST

Committee on Science: Subcommittee on Basic Research held a hearing on National Science Foundation Fiscal Year 2001 Budget Authorization Request, Part I: Research and Related Activities and Major Research Equipment. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the NSF: Rita Colwell, Director; and Ramon Kelly, Chairman, National Science Board.

NASA AUTHORIZATION

Committee on Science: Subcommittee on Space and Aeronautics held a hearing on Fiscal Year 2001 NASA Authorization, NASA Posture. Testimony was heard from Daniel S. Goldin, Administrator, NASA.

ASSOCIATION HEALTH PLANS; BUDGET VIEWS AND ESTIMATES

Committee on Small Business: Held a hearing on Association Health Plans. Testimony was heard from James R. Baumgardner, Acting Deputy Assistant Director, Health Policy, CBO; and public witnesses.

The Committee also approved Committee Budget Views and Estimates for Fiscal Year 2001 for submission to the Committee on the Budget.

BUDGET VIEWS AND ESTIMATES; MISCELLANEOUS RESOLUTIONS

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure: Approved the following: Committee Budget Views and Estimates for Fiscal Year 2001 for submission to the Committee on the Budget; and several water survey resolutions.

FLOOD WATER RESCUE

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure: Subcommittee on Oversight, Investigations, and Emergency Management held a hearing on Flood Water Rescue. Testimony was heard from Representatives Bilbray and Morella; Bruce Baughman, Director, Operations and Planning Division, FEMA; and public witnesses.

BUDGET VIEWS AND ESTIMATES; U.S.-CHINA BILATERAL TRADE AGREEMENT—ACCESSION OF CHINA TO THE WTO

Committee on Ways and Means: Approved Committee Budget Views and Estimates for Fiscal Year 2001 for submission to the Committee on the Budget.

The Committee also held a hearing on the U.S.-China Bilateral Trade Agreement and the Accession of China to the WTO. Testimony was heard from Representatives Smith of New Jersey, Pelosi, Dooley of California, Moran of Virginia, Knollenberg, Blumenauer and Walden of Oregon; Charlene Barshefsky, U.S. Trade Representative; and public witnesses.

SENIOR CITIZENS' FREEDOM TO WORK ACT

Committee on Ways and Means: Subcommittee on Social Security approved for full Committee, as amended, H.R. 5, Senior Citizens' Freedom to Work Act of 1999.

DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY—STATE OF COUNTERINTELLIGENCE

Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence: Held a hearing on the State of Counterintelligence at the Department of Energy and Its Three Key Nuclear Weapons Laboratories. Testimony was heard from Paul Redmond, Consultant to the Committee.

NEW PUBLIC LAWS

S. 1733, to establish a program to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to plan, design, and construct facilities to mitigate impacts associated with irrigation system water diversions by local governmental entities in the Pacific Ocean drainage of the States of Oregon, Washington, Montana, and Idaho. Signed February 11, 2000. (P.L. 106–171)

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 17, 2000

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

No meetings/hearings scheduled.

House

Committee on Appropriations, Subcommittee on Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies, on the Inspector General, 10 a.m., 2362A Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, State, and Judiciary, on the Legal Services Corporation, 10 a.m., H-309 Capitol.

Subcommittee on Defense, on Defense Medical Programs, 9:30 a.m., H-140 Capitol.

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

Committee on Armed Services, to continue hearings on the Fiscal Year 2001 National Defense Authorization Budget Request, 9:30 a.m., 2118 Rayburn.

Committee on Banking and Financial Services, hearing on the Conduct of Monetary Policy (Humphrey-Hawkins), 10 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.

Committee on the Budget, hearing on "Oversight of 'High-Risk' Government Programs," 210 Cannon.

Committee on Commerce, Subcommittee on Telecommunications, Trade, and Consumer Protection, hearing on the FCC's Low-power FM: A Review of the FCC's Spectrum Management Responsibilities in addition to H.R. 3439, Radio Broadcasting Preservation Act of 1999, 10 a.m., 2322 Rayburn.

Committee on Education and the Workforce, Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations, hearing on 21st Century Worker Shortages, 10 a.m., 2175 Rayburn.

Committee on Government Reform, Subcommittee on Criminal Justice, Drug Policy and Human Resources, hearing on HHS Drug Treatment Support: Is SAMHSA Optimizing Resources? 10 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

Committee on the Judiciary, Subcommittee on Immigration and Claims, hearing on the following bills: H.R. 3058, Anti-Atrocity Alien Deportation Act; and H.R. 2883, Adopted Orphans Citizenship Act, 9:30 a.m., 2237 Rayburn.

Committee on Veterans' Affairs, hearing on the Fiscal Year 2001 budget for the Department of Veterans Affairs, 9:30 a.m., 334 Cannon.

Committee on Ways and Means, Subcommittee on Health, hearing on the Confidentiality of Patient Records, 10 a.m., 1100 Longworth.

Subcommittee on Human Resources, hearing on Child Protection Review System, 9 a.m., B-318 Rayburn.

Joint Meetings

Commission on Security and Cooperation in Europe: to hold hearings on the current status of religious liberty in Russia, 2:30 p.m., B-318, Rayburn Building.