

Programs and Chief Financial Officer, Department of Transportation; and public witnesses.

TAX INCENTIVES—ASSIST DISTRESSED COMMUNITIES

Committee on Ways and Means: Subcommittee on Oversight held a hearing on Tax Incentives to Assist Distressed Communities. Testimony was heard from Jonathan Talisman, Acting Assistant Secretary, Tax Policy, Department of the Treasury; Xavier Romeu, Secretary, Department of Economic Development, Puerto Rico; and public witnesses.

NATIONAL IMAGERY AND MAPPING PROGRAM BUDGET

Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence: Met in executive session to hold a hearing on Fiscal Year 2001 National Imagery and Mapping Program Budget. Testimony was heard from departmental witnesses.

NEW PUBLIC LAWS

(For last listing of Public Laws, see DAILY DIGEST, p. D221)

S. 376, to amend the Communications Satellite Act of 1962 to promote competition and privatization in satellite communications. Signed March 17, 2000. (P.L. 106–180)

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR WEDNESDAY, MARCH 22, 2000

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry: Subcommittee on Forestry, Conservation, and Rural Revitalization, to hold hearings on issues relating to cabin fees, 3 p.m., SR–328A.

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Interior, to hold hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2001 for the Forest Service, Department of Agriculture, 9:30 a.m., SD–124.

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Airland, to hold hearings on proposed legislation authorizing funds for fiscal year 2001 for the Department of Defense and the Future Years Defense Program, focusing on tactical aviation, 2 p.m., SR–222.

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: Subcommittee on Securities, to hold hearings to examine electronic communications networks and brokerage firms efforts to meet investors' needs in the financial marketplace of the future, 10 a.m., SD–628.

Committee on the Budget: business meeting to mark up a proposed concurrent resolution setting forth the fiscal year 2001 budget for the Federal Government, 2 p.m., SD–608.

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: to hold hearings on the nomination of Susan Ness, of Mary-

land, to be a Member of the Federal Communications Commission, 9:30 a.m., SR–253.

Subcommittee on Science, Technology, and Space, to hold hearings to examine recent program and management issues at NASA, 2:30 p.m., SR–253.

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Subcommittee on Water and Power, to hold hearings on H.R. 862, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to implement the provisions of the Agreement conveying title to a Distribution System from the United States to the Clear Creek Community Services District; H.R. 992, to convey the Sly Park Dam and Reservoir to the El Dorado Irrigation District; H.R. 1235, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to enter into contracts with the Solano County Water Agency, California, to use Solano Project facilities for impounding, storage, and carriage of nonproject water for domestic, municipal, industrial, and other beneficial purposes; H.R. 3077, to amend the Act that authorized construction of the San Luis Unit of the Central Valley Project, California, to facilitate water transfers in the Central Valley Project; S. 1659, to convey the Lower Yellowstone Irrigation Project, the Savage Unit of the Pick-Sloan Missouri Basin Program, and the Intake Irrigation Project to the appurtenant irrigation districts; S. 1836, to extend the deadline for commencement of construction of a hydroelectric project in the State of Alabama; and S. 2091, to amend the Act that authorized construction of the San Luis Unit of the Central Valley Project, California, to facilitate water transfers in the Central Valley Project, 2:30 p.m., SD–366.

Committee on Finance: to hold hearings to examine the inclusion of a prescription drug benefit in the Medicare program, 10 a.m., SD–215.

Committee on Foreign Relations: Subcommittee on Near Eastern and South Asian Affairs, to hold hearings to examine issues dealing with Iraq, focusing on sanctions and U.S. policy, 10:15 a.m., SD–419.

Committee on Governmental Affairs: to hold hearings on Department of Energy's management of health and safety issues surrounding the DOE's gaseous diffusion plants at Oak Ridge, Tennessee, and Piketon, Ohio, 10 a.m., SD–342.

Committee on Indian Affairs: business meeting, to consider pending calendar business; to be followed by hearings on the nomination of Thomas N. Slonaker, of Arizona, to be Special Trustee, Office of Special Trustee for American Indians, Department of the Interior, 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 the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Antitrust, Business Rights, and Competition, to hold oversight hearings on certain antitrust issues, 2 p.m., SD–226.

Committee on Rules and Administration: to hold hearings on the Constitution and campaign reform, 9 a.m., SR–301.

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: to hold joint hearings with the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs on the legislative recommendations of the Vietnam Veterans of America, the Retired Officers Association, American Ex-Prisoners of War, AMVETS, and the National Association

of State Directors of Veterans Affairs, 10 a.m., 345, Cannon Building.

House

Committee on Agriculture, Subcommittee on General Farm Commodities, Resource Conservation, and Credit, hearing to review the reauthorization of the United States Grain Standards Act, 10 a.m., 1300 Longworth.

Committee on Appropriations, Subcommittee on Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies, on Rural Development, 10:00 a.m., 2362–A Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, State, and Judiciary, on Federal Judiciary, 10 a.m., H-309 Capitol, and on Immigration and Naturalization Service, 2 p.m., 2226 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Defense, executive, on Fiscal Year 2001 Intelligence Budget, 9:30 a.m., and 1:30 p.m., H-405 Capitol.

Subcommittee on Interior, on Presidio Trust, 10 a.m., on Department of Energy—Energy Information Administration, 11 a.m., B-308 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, on Pension Agencies; Bureau of Labor Statistics, 10 a.m., and on Secretary of Labor, 2 p.m., 2358 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Transportation, on Aviation, 10 a.m., 2358 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Treasury, Postal Service, and General Government, on Federal Election Commission, 10 a.m., 2362B Rayburn.

Subcommittee on VA, HUD and Independent Agencies, on Secretary of Veterans Affairs, 9:30 a.m., 2359 Rayburn.

Committee on Armed Services, to continue hearings on the fiscal year 2001 National Defense authorization budget request, 10 a.m., 2118 Rayburn.

Committee on Banking and Financial Services, Subcommittee on Capital Markets, Securities, and Government Sponsored Enterprises, hearing on improving the regulation of the housing Government Sponsored Enterprises, focusing on H.R. 3703, Housing Finance Regulatory Improvement Act, 10 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.

Committee on Commerce, Subcommittee on Energy and Power, hearing on the following bills: H.R. 3383, to amend the Atomic Energy Act of 1954 to remove separate treatment or exemption for nuclear safety violations by nonprofit institutions; H.R. 3906, to ensure that the Department of Energy has appropriate mechanisms to independently assess the effectiveness of its policy and site performance in the areas of safeguards and security and cyber security; and H.R. 3907, External Regulation of the Department of Energy Act, 10:30 a.m., 2322 Rayburn.

Committee on Government Reform, Subcommittee on Civil Service, to mark up the following: the Long-Term Care Security Act; and H.R. 2842, Federal Employees Health Benefits Children's Equity Act of 1999, 2 p.m., 2203 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Government Management, Information, and Technology, hearing on "Results of the Depart-

ment of Housing and Urban Development's Fiscal Year 1999 Financial Statements Audit", 10 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on National Security, Veterans' Affairs and International Relations, hearing on Combating Terrorism: Coordination of Nonmedical Research and Development Programs, 10 a.m., 2247 Rayburn.

Committee on International Relations, to mark up H.R. 2909, Intercountry Adoption Act of 1999, 10 a.m., 2200 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on International Economic Policy and Trade, hearing on the Future of the Export Administration Act-Part 1, 1 p.m., 2200 Rayburn.

Committee on the Judiciary, hearing on H.R. 3138, Free Market Antitrust Immunity Reform (FAIR) Act of 1999, 10 a.m.; and to continue mark up of H.R. 1304, Quality Health-Care Coalition Act of 1999, and to mark up the following: H.R. 3660 Partial-Birth Abortion Ban Act of 2000; H.R. 3125, Internet Gambling Prohibition Act of 1999; and private bills, 2 p.m., 2141 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Immigration and Claims, to mark up H.R. 3918, to establish the Bureau of Immigration Services and the Bureau of Immigration Enforcement within the Department of Justice, 10 a.m., 2237 Rayburn.

Committee on Rules, to consider H. Con. Res. 290, concurrent resolution on the budget for fiscal year 2001, 1:30 p.m., H-313 Capitol.

Subcommittee on Rules and Organization, hearing on the Government Performance and Results Act and the Legislative Process of House Committees, 9:30 a.m., H-313 Capitol.

Committee on Science, hearing on EPA's Sludge Rule: Closed Minds or Open Debate, 10:30 a.m., 2318 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Space and Aeronautics, hearing on NASA's Fiscal Year 2001 Budget Request: Life and Microgravity Research, 2 p.m., 2318 Rayburn.

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, Subcommittee on Economic Development, Public Buildings, Hazardous Materials, and Pipeline Transportation, to mark up the following: H.R. 3171, National Health Museum Site Selection Act; H.R. 3069, Southeast Federal Center Public-Private Development Act of 2000; and other pending business, 1 p.m., 2253 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Oversight, Investigations, and Emergency Management, hearing on Program Data Quality, 10 a.m., 2253 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Water Resources and Environment, hearing on the Administration's proposals for a Water Resources Development Act of 2000, 11 a.m., 2167 Rayburn.

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