

### SHORT LINE RAIL INFRASTRUCTURE NEEDS

*Committee on Transportation:* Subcommittee on Ground Transportation held a hearing on Short Line Rail Infrastructure Needs. Testimony was heard from Jolene Molitoris, Administrator, Federal Railroad Administration, Department of Transportation; and public witnesses.

### VA PHARMACEUTICAL PROCURE POLICY

*Committee on Veterans' Affairs:* Subcommittee on Health held a hearing on VA pharmaceutical procurement policy. Testimony was heard from William Flynn, Director, Retirement and Insurance Programs, OPM; Edward A. Powell, Assistant Secretary, Management, Department of Veterans Affairs; a representative of a veterans organization; and a public witness.

### RAILROAD RETIREMENT AND SURVIVORS' IMPROVEMENT ACT

*Committee on Ways and Means:* Ordered reported, as amended, H.R. 4844, Railroad Retirement and Survivors' Improvement Act of 2000.

### BALANCED BUDGET ACT—ADDITIONAL MEDICARE REFINEMENTS

*Committee on Ways and Means:* Subcommittee on Health held a hearing on Additional Medicare Refinements to the Balanced Budget Act of 1997. Testimony was heard from Robert A. Berenson, M.D., Director, Center for Health Plans and Providers, Health Care Financing Administration, Department of Health and Human Services; and public witnesses.

### TRANSPORTATION INFRASTRUCTURE—TAX TREATMENT

*Committee on Ways and Means:* Subcommittee on Oversight held a hearing on Tax Treatment of Transportation Infrastructure. Testimony was heard from Representative Oberstar; Tommy G. Thompson, Governor, State of Wisconsin and Chairman, Amtrak Reform Board, National Railroad Passenger Corporation (AMTRAK); Catherine L. Ross, Executive Director, Regional Transportation Authority, State of Georgia; and public witnesses.

### BRIEFING—GLOBAL HOT SPOTS

*Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence:* Met in executive session to receive a briefing on Global Hot Spots. The Committee was briefed by departmental officials.

## Joint Meetings

### APPROPRIATIONS—LABOR, HEALTH, HUMAN SERVICES, AND EDUCATION

*Conferees* met to resolve the differences between the Senate and House passed versions of H.R. 4577, making appropriations for the Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September

30, 2001, but did not complete action thereon, and recessed subject to call.

### APPROPRIATIONS—LEGISLATIVE BRANCH

*Conferees* agreed to file a conference report on the differences between the Senate and House passed versions of H.R. 4516, making appropriations for the Legislative Branch for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2001.

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### NEW PUBLIC LAWS

(For last listing of Public Laws, see DAILY DIGEST, p. D749)

S. 148, to require the Secretary of the Interior to establish a program to provide assistance in the conservation of neotropical migratory birds. Signed July 20, 2000. (P.L. 106–247)

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### COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR WEDNESDAY, JULY 26, 2000

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

#### Senate

*Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry:* to hold hearings to review the federal sugar program, 8:30 a.m., SH–216.

*Committee on Armed Services:* to hold hearings on the nomination of Donald Mancuso, of Virginia, to be Inspector General, Department of Defense; Roger W. Kallock, of Ohio, to be Deputy Under Secretary of Defense for Logistics and Material Readiness; and James Edgar Baker, of Virginia, to be a Judge of the United States Court of Appeals for the Armed Forces, 9:30 a.m., SR–222.

*Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation:* to hold hearings on S. 2902, to revise the definition of advanced service, 9:30 a.m., SR–253.

*Committee on Energy and Natural Resources:* to hold oversight hearings on Natural Gas Supply, 9:30 a.m., SD–366.

Subcommittee on Forests and Public Land Management, to hold oversight hearings on the Draft Environmental Impact Statement implementing the October 1999 announcement by the President to review approximately 40 million acres of national forest for increased protection, 2:30 p.m., SD–366.

*Committee on Environment and Public Works:* business meeting to consider pending calendar business, 9 a.m., SD–406.

*Committee on Finance:* to hold hearings on the nomination of Robert S. LaRussa, of Maryland, to be Under Secretary of Commerce for International Trade; the nomination of Ruth Martha Thomas, of the District of Columbia, to be a Deputy Under Secretary of the Treasury; the nomination of Lisa Gayle Ross, of the District of Columbia, to be an Assistant Secretary of the Treasury; and the nomination of Lisa Gayle Ross, of the District of Columbia, to be Chief Financial Officer, Department of the Treasury, 10 a.m., SD–215.

*Committee on Foreign Relations:* business meeting to consider pending calendar business, 11 a.m., SD–419.

*Committee on Governmental Affairs:* to hold hearings on S. 1801, to provide for the identification, collection, and review for declassification of records and materials that

are of extraordinary public interest to the people of the United States, 10 a.m., SD-342.

*Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions:* Subcommittee on Public Health, to hold hearings on bridging the gap between health disparities, 9:30 a.m., SD-430.

Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine the Americans with Disabilities Act, 2 p.m., SH-216.

*Committee on Indian Affairs:* to hold hearings on S. 2526, to amend the Indian Health Care Improvement Act to revise and extend such Act, 2:30 p.m., SR-485.

*Committee on the Judiciary:* Subcommittee on Administrative Oversight and the Courts, to hold hearings on the interim report to the Attorney General concerning the 1993 confrontation at the Mt. Carmel Complex, 2 p.m., SD-106.

*Committee on Small Business:* business meeting to mark up S. 1594, to amend the Small Business Act and Small Business Investment Act of 1958, 9 a.m., SR-428A.

### House

*Committee on Agriculture,* to continue hearings to review federal farm policy, 10 a.m., 1300 Longworth.

*Committee on Appropriations,* Subcommittee on Interior, hearing on National Energy Strategy, 10 a.m., B-308 Rayburn.

*Committee on Commerce,* to mark up the following bills: H.R. 2641, to make technical corrections to title X of the Energy Policy Act of 1992; H.R. 4541, Commodity Futures Modernization Act of 2000; and H.R. 3250, Health Care Fairness Act of 1999, 10 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

*Committee on Education and the Workforce,* Subcommittee on Early Childhood, Youth, and Families, to mark up H.R. 4875, Scientifically Based Education Research, Statistics, Evaluation, and Information Act of 2000, 10:30 a.m., 2175 Rayburn.

*Committee on Government Reform,* Subcommittee on Government Management, Information and Technology, oversight hearing on Computer Security: Cyber Attacks—War Without Borders, 10 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on National Security, Veterans Affairs and International Relations, hearing on Combating Terrorism: Assessing Threats, Risk Management and Establishing Priorities, 10 a.m., 2247 Rayburn.

*Committee on International Relations,* to continue hearings on The International Criminal Court: Recent Developments, Part 11, 10 a.m., 2172 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Western Hemisphere, hearing on U.S. Relations with Brazil: Strategic Partners or Regional Competitors? 1:30 p.m., 2200 Rayburn.

*Committee on the Judiciary,* to mark up the following bills: H.R. 4640, DNA Analysis Backlog Elimination Act of 2000; H.R. 4292, the Born-Alive Infants Protection Act of 2000; and H.R. 2883, Adopted Orphans Citizenship Act, 10 a.m., 2141 Rayburn.

*Committee on Resources,* to consider the following measures: H. Con. Res. 345, expressing the sense of the Congress regarding the need for cataloging and maintaining public memorials commemorating military conflicts of the United States and the service of individuals in the Armed Forces; S. 624, Fort Peck Reservation Rural Water System Act of 1999; S. 1027, Deschutes Resources Conservancy Reauthorization Act of 1999; H.R. 1124, Fort Peck Reservation Rural Water System Act of 1999; S. 1288, Community Forest Restoration Act; H.R. 1460,

to amend the Ysleta del Sur Pueblo and Alabama and Coshatta Indian Tribes of Texas Restoration Act to decrease the requisite blood quantum required for membership in the Ysleta del Sur Pueblo tribe; S. 1694; Hawaii Water Resources Reclamation Act of 2000; H.R. 1751, Carrizo Plain National Conservation Area Act of 1999; H.R. 2090, Exploration of the Seas Act; H.R. 2267, Willing Seller Amendments of 1999 to the National Trails System Act; H.R. 2674, Palmetto Bend Conveyance Act; H.R. 2752, Lincoln County Land Act of 1999; H.R. 2798, Pacific Salmon Recovery Act of 1999; H.R. 3118, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to issue regulations under the Migratory Bird Treaty Act that authorize States to establish hunting seasons for double-crested cormorants; H.R. 3241, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to recalculate the franchise fee owed by Fort Sumter Tours, Inc., a concessioner providing service to Fort Sumter National Monument in South Carolina; H.R. 3388, Lake Tahoe Restoration Act; H.R. 3520, White Clay Creek Wild and Scenic Rivers System Act; H.R. 3632, Golden Gate National Recreation Area Boundary Adjustment Act of 2000; H.R. 3745, Effigy Mounds National Monument Additions Act; H.R. 4125, to provide a grant under the urban park and recreation recovery program to assist in the development of a Millennium Cultural Cooperative Park in Youngstown, Ohio; H.R. 4144, Coal Accountability and Retired Employee Act of the 21st Century; H.R. 4226, Black Hills National Forest and Rocky Mountain Research Station Improvement Act; H.R. 4318, Red River National Wildlife Refuge Act; H.R. 4521, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to authorize and provide funding for rehabilitation of the Going-to-the-Sun Road in Glacier National Park, to authorize funds for maintenance of utilities related to the Park; H.R. 4643, Torres-Martinez Desert Cahuilla Indians Claims Settlement Act; H.R. 4725, to amend the Zuni Land Conservation Act of 1990 to provide for the expenditure of Zuni funds by that tribe; H.R. 4790, Hunting Heritage Protection Act; H.R. 4828, Steens Mountain Wilderness Act of 2000; H.R. 4840, Atlantic Coastal Fisheries Act of 2000; and H.R. 4847, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to refund certain amounts received by the United States pursuant to the Reclamation Reform Act of 1982, 11 a.m., 1324 Longworth.

*Committee on Rules,* to consider the following: H.R. 4844, Railroad Retirement and Survivors' Improvement Act of 2000; and H.R. 4865, Social Security Benefits Tax Relief Act of 2000, 3 p.m., H-313 Capitol.

*Committee on Science,* to mark up the following bills: H.R. 2413, Computer Security Enhancement Act of 1999; H.R. 4901, National Science Foundation Authorization Act of 2000; H.R. 4429, Electronic Commerce Enhancement Act of 2000; and H.R. 4271, National Science Education Act, 2 p.m., 2318 Rayburn.

*Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure,* to mark up the following: GSA Fiscal Year Courthouse Construction Program; Out-of-cycle Lease-San Francisco, California (IRS) 1 Out-of-cycle Amendment-Kansas City, Missouri (Courthouse); 11 (b) Resolution, John Hopkins University, Baltimore, Maryland; S. 1794, to designate the Federal courthouse at 145 East Simpson Avenue in Jackson, Wyoming, as the "Clifford P. Hansen Federal Courthouse"; H.R. 2163, to designate the United States courthouse located at 500 Pearl Street in New York City, New York, as the "Ted Weiss United States Courthouse"; and Corps of Engineers Survey Resolutions, 10 a.m., 2167 Rayburn.