

Committee Meetings

HUNTS POINT MARKETING TERMINAL— REVIEW ILLEGAL ACTIVITIES

Committee on Agriculture: Subcommittee on Livestock and Horticulture held a hearing to review illegal activities at the Hunts Point Marketing Terminal. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the USDA: Roger Viadero, Inspector General; and Kathleen A. Merrigan, Administrator, Agriculture Marketing Service; and public witnesses.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Banking and Financial Services: Ordered reported the following bills: H.R. 1161, amended, Financial Contract Netting Improvement Act of 1999; H.R. 4541, amended, Commodity Futures Modernization Act of 2000; and H.R. 4096, Bureau of Engraving and Printing Security Printing Amendments Act of 2000.

UNDERSTANDING INTERGENERATIONAL ECONOMIC ISSUES

Committee on the Budget: Held a hearing on Understanding Intergenerational Economic Issues. Testimony was heard from Senator Kerrey; Dan L. Crippen, Director, CBO; former Governor Pete Du Pont, State of Delaware; former Representative Tim Penny, State of Minnesota; and public witnesses.

INTERNET FREEDOM AND BROADBAND DEPLOYMENT ACT

Committee on Commerce: Subcommittee on Telecommunications, Trade, and Consumer Protection held a hearing on H.R. 2420, Internet Freedom and Broadband Deployment Act of 1999. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

FELONIES AND FAVORS

Committee on Government Reform: Held a hearing on "Felonies and Favors: A Friend of the Attorney General Gathers Information from the Justice Department." Testimony was heard from Richard L. Huff, Co-Director, Office of Information and Privacy, Department of Justice; from the following former officials of the Department of Justice: John R. Schmidt, Associate Attorney General; and John Hogan, Chief of Staff to Attorney General Janet Reno; Rebekah Poston; and public witnesses.

SUDAN PEACE ACT

Committee on International Relations: Subcommittee on Africa approved for full Committee action S. 1453, Sudan Peace Act.

FAIR JUSTICE ACT

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Commercial and Administrative Law held a hearing on H.R. 4105, Fair Justice Act of 2000. Testimony was heard from Representative Traficant; the following officials of the Department of Justice: Matthew Fogg, Chief Deputy U.S. Marshall, United States

Marshals Service; David Margolis, Associate Deputy Attorney General; John Keeney Deputy Assistant Attorney General, Criminal Division; H. Marshall Jarrett, Counsel, Office of Professional Responsibility; and Howard Scribnick, General Counsel; Michael Shaheen, Senior Counselor, Commissioner, IRS, Department of the Treasury; and public witnesses.

OVERSIGHT—CONSTITUTIONAL RIGHTS AND THE GRAND JURY

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on the Constitution held an oversight hearing on Constitutional Rights and the Grand Jury. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Justice: James K. Robinson, Assistant Attorney General, Criminal Division; and Loretta Lynch, U.S. Attorney, Eastern District of New York; and public witnesses.

OVERSIGHT—STATE SOVEREIGN IMMUNITY AND PROTECTION OF INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Courts and Intellectual Property held an oversight hearing on State Sovereign Immunity and Protection of Intellectual Property. Testimony was heard from Marybeth Peters, Register of Copyrights, Library of Congress; Todd Dickinson, Under Secretary, Intellectual Property and Director, Patent and Trademark Office, Department of Commerce; and public witnesses.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Immigration and Claims approved for full Committee action, as amended, H.R. 4548, Agricultural Opportunities Act.

The Subcommittee also approved private immigration bills.

OVERSIGHT—HYDROGRAPHIC SERVICES IMPROVEMENT ACT

Committee on Resources: Subcommittee on Fisheries Conservation, Wildlife and Oceans held an oversight hearing on implementation of the Hydrographic Services Improvement Act of 1998. Testimony was heard from Scott Gudes, Deputy Under Secretary, NOAA, Department of Commerce; Richard Larrabee, Deputy Director, Port Commerce Department, The Port Authority of New York and New Jersey; and public witnesses.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Resources: Subcommittee on Water and Power held a hearing on the following measures: H.R. 2820, to provide for the ownership and operation of the irrigation works on the Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community's reservation in Maricopa County, Arizona, by the Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community; H.R. 2988, Lower Rio Grande Valley Water Resources Conservation and

Improvement Act of 1999; H.R. 4013, Upper Mississippi River Basin Conservation Act of 2000; and S. 1778, to provide for equal exchanges of land around the Cascade. Testimony was heard from Lino Gutierrez, Principal Deputy Assistant, Western Hemisphere Affairs, Department of State; the following officials of the Department of the Interior: Larry Todd, Acting Director, Operations, Bureau of Reclamation; Michael J. Anderson, Deputy Assistant Secretary, Indian Affairs; and Dennis B. Fenn, Associate Director, Biology, U.S. Geological Survey; John Bernal, U. S. Commissioner, International Boundary and Water Commission, United States and Mexico; Linda K. Levy, Assistant Secretary, Department of Environmental Quality, State of Louisiana; and public witnesses.

OCEAN AND MARINE SCIENCE

Committee on Science: Subcommittee on Basic Research and the Subcommittee on Energy and Environment held a joint hearing on The State of Ocean and Marine Science. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Small Business: Ordered reported the following bills: H.R. 4890, Small Business Contract Equity Act of 2000; H.R. 4897, Equity in Contracting for Women Act of 2000; H.R. 4944, Export Working Capital Loan Improvement Act of 2000; H.R. 4943, Small Business Federal Acquisition Simplification Act of 2000; H.R. 4946, amended, National Small Business Regulatory Assistance Act of 2000; and H.R. 4945, Small Business Competition Preservation Act of 2000.

AIRCRAFT ACCIDENTS—TREND TOWARDS CRIMINALIZATION

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure: Subcommittee on Aviation held a hearing on the Trend Towards Criminalization of Aircraft Accidents. Testimony was heard from Daniel Campbell, Managing Director, National Transportation Safety Board; Guy Lewis, U.S. Attorney, Southern District of Florida; and public witnesses.

OVERSIGHT—TOTAL MAXIMUM DAILY LOADS INITIATIVES

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure: Subcommittee on Oversight, Investigations, and Emergency Management held a hearing on Oversight of Total Maximum Daily Loads (TMDL) Initiatives. Testimony was heard from Members of Congress; J. Charles Fox, Assistant Administrator, Office of Water, EPA; and James Lyons, Under Secretary, Natural Resources and Environment, USDA.

FSC REPEAL AND EXTRATERRITORIAL INCOME EXCLUSION ACT

Committee on Ways and Means: Ordered reported H.R. 4986, FSC Repeal and Extraterritorial Income Exclusion Act of 2000.

LOS ALAMOS UPDATE; INTELLIGENCE COLLECTION ISSUES

Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence: Met in executive session to hold a hearing on Department of Energy/Los Alamos Update. Testimony was heard from departmental witnesses.

The Committee also met in executive session to hold a briefing on Intelligence Collection Issues. The Committee was briefed by departmental witnesses.

Joint Meetings

APPROPRIATIONS—LABOR, HEALTH, HUMAN SERVICES, AND EDUCATION

Conferees continued to meet 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.

MILOSEVIC THREAT TO SERBIA AND MONTENEGRO

Commission on Security and Cooperation in Europe: Commission completed hearings to examine Yugoslavia President Slobodan Milosevic's recent efforts to perpetuate his power by forcing changes to the Yugoslav constitution, cracking down on opposition and independent forces in Serbia, and threatening to usurp authority in Montenegro, after receiving testimony from Bogdan Ivanisevic, Human Rights Watch, New York, New York; Stojan Cerovic, Vreme (Time), on behalf of the United States Institute for Peace, and David Dasic, Republic of Montenegro Trade Mission to the United States of America, both of Washington, D.C.; and Branislav Canak, Nezavisnost (Independence), Belgrade, Serbia.

NEW PUBLIC LAWS

(For last listing of Public Laws, see DAILY DIGEST, p. D834)

S. 986, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to convey the Griffith Project to the Southern Nevada Water Authority. Signed July 26, 2000. (P.L. 106-249)

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR FRIDAY, JULY 28, 2000

Senate

No meetings/hearings scheduled.

House

No Committee meetings are scheduled.