

small businesses. Testimony was heard from J. Howard Beales III, Director, Bureau of Consumer Protection, FTC; and public witnesses.

OVERSIGHT—FAA'S AIR TRAFFIC CONTROL MODERNIZATION PROGRAM STATUS

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure: Subcommittee on Aviation held an oversight hearing on The Status of the Federal Aviation Administration's Air Traffic Control Modernization Programs. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Transportation: Kenneth R. Mead, Inspector General; and Charles Keegan, Associate Administrator, FAA; Gerald Dillingham, Director, Civil Aviation Issues, GAO; and a public witness.

U.S.-CHINA ECONOMIC RELATIONS

Committee on Ways and Means: Held a hearing on United States-China Economic Relations and China's Role in the Global Economy. Testimony was heard from John B. Taylor, Under Secretary, International Affairs, Department of the Treasury; N. Gregory Mankiw, Chairman, Council of Economic Advisers; Ambassador Josette Shiner, Deputy U.S. Trade Representative; Douglas Holtz-Eakin, Director, CBO; Loren Yager, Director, Office of International Affairs and Trade, GAO; and Robert Rogowsky, Director, Office of Operations, U.S. International Trade Commission.

Hearings continue tomorrow.

SECURING FREEDOM AND THE NATION

Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence: Held a hearing entitled "Securing Freedom and the Nation: Collecting Intelligence Under the Law, Constitutional and Public Policy Consideration." Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY FINANCIAL ACCOUNTABILITY ACT

Select Committee on Homeland Security: Ordered reported, as amended, H.R. 2886, Department of Homeland Security Financial Accountability Act.

STRENGTH THROUGH KNOWLEDGE

Select Committee on Homeland Security: Subcommittee on Cybersecurity, Science, and Research and Development held a hearing entitled "Strength Through Knowledge: Homeland Security Science and Technology; Setting and Steering a Strong Course." Tes-

timony was heard from Parney C. Albright, Assistant Secretary, Plans, Programs and Budgets, Department of Homeland Security.

Joint Meetings

EMERGENCY SUPPLEMENTAL, IRAQ AND AFGHANISTAN APPROPRIATIONS ACT

Conferees on Wednesday, October 30, 2003, agreed to file a conference report on the differences between the Senate and House passed versions of H.R. 3289, making emergency supplemental appropriations for defense and for the reconstruction of Iraq and Afghanistan for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2004.

NEW PUBLIC LAWS

(For last listing of Public Laws, see DAILY DIGEST, p. D 1186)

H.R. 1900, to award a congressional gold medal to Jackie Robinson (posthumously), in recognition of his many contributions to the Nation, and to express the sense of the Congress that there should be a national day in recognition of Jackie Robinson. Signed on October 29, 2003. (Public Law 108-101).

H.R. 3229, to amend title 44, United States Code, to transfer to the Public Printer the authority over the individuals responsible for preparing indexes of the Congressional Record. Signed on October 29, 2003. (Public Law 108-102).

S. 1591, to redesignate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 48 South Broadway, Nyack, New York, as the "Edward O'Grady, Waverly Brown, Peter Paige Post Office Building". Signed on October 29, 2003. (Public Law 108-103).

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR FRIDAY, OCTOBER 31, 2003

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

No meetings/hearings scheduled.

House

Committee on Ways and Means, to continue hearings on United States-China Economic Relations and China's Role in the Global Economy, 9 a.m., 1100 Longworth.