

nonbanking company complies with the standards in section 4 of the BHC Act (12 U.S.C. 1843). Unless otherwise noted, nonbanking activities will be conducted throughout the United States. Additional information on all bank holding companies may be obtained from the National Information Center website at www.ffiec.gov/nic/.

Unless otherwise noted, comments regarding each of these applications must be received at the Reserve Bank indicated or the offices of the Board of Governors not later than November 26, 2001.

A. Federal Reserve Bank of Cleveland (Stephen J. Ong, Vice President) 1455 East Sixth Street, Cleveland, Ohio 44101-2566:

1. *HFB Financial Corporation*, Middlesboro, Kentucky; to become a bank holding company by acquiring 100 percent of the voting shares of Home Federal Bank, Middlesboro, Kentucky.

Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, October 25, 2001.

Robert deV. Frierson,

Deputy Secretary of the Board.

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FEDERAL RETIREMENT THRIFT INVESTMENT BOARD

Sunshine Act Meeting

TIME AND DATE: 11:30 a.m. (EST), November 13, 2001.

PLACE: 4th Floor, Conference Room 4506, 1250 H Street, NW., Washington, DC.

STATUS: Open.

MATTERS TO BE CONSIDERED:

- Approval of the minutes of the October 9, 2001, Board member meeting.
- Thrift Savings Plan activity report by the Executive Director.
- Review of KPMG LLP audit reports:
 - Policies and Procedures of the Federal Retirement Thrift Investment Board Administrative Staff
 - Thrift Savings Plan F, C, S, and I Fund Investment Management Operations at Barclays Global Investors, N.A.
- Semiannual review of status of audit recommendations.
- Quarterly investment policy review.
- Annual ethics briefing.

CONTACT PERSON FOR MORE INFORMATION: Thomas J. Trabucco, Director, Office of External Affairs, (202) 942-1640.

Dated: October 29, 2001.

Elizabeth S. Woodruff,

Secretary to the Board, Federal Retirement Thrift Investment Board.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Office of the Secretary

Announcement of the Establishment of the Secretary's Council on Public Health Preparedness

AGENCY: Office of Public Health and Science.

ACTION: Notice of Establishment of the Secretary's Council on Public Health Preparedness.

SUMMARY: The Office of the Secretary announces establishment of the Secretary's Council on Public Health Preparedness by the Secretary of Health and Human Services on October 22, 2001. The Secretary established this committee to respond to public health emergencies, which exist as a consequence of the terrorist attacks on September 11, 2001.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Harold P. Thompson, (202) 690-5605.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Authority and Purpose

Pursuant to section 319 of the Public Health Service Act (42 U.S.C. 247D), the Secretary of Health and Human Services has determined that a public health emergency exists as a consequence of the terrorist attacks on September 11, 2001. The Secretary's Council on Public Health Preparedness, established pursuant to section 222 of the Public Health Service Act (42 U.S.C. §217a), will provide advice to the Secretary on appropriate actions to take to respond to this public health emergency and similar emergencies.

Function

The Council shall advise the Secretary regarding steps that the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services can take to (1) Improve the public health and health care infrastructure to better enable Federal, State, and local governments to respond to a public health emergency and, specifically, a bio-terrorism event; (2) ensure that there are comprehensive contingency plans in place at the Federal, State, and local levels to respond to a public health emergency and, specifically, a bio-terrorism event; and (3) improve public

preparedness at the Federal, State, and local levels.

Structure

The Council shall consist of not more than 26 members appointed by the Secretary. Members shall be selected from State and local public health agencies, other components of the public health community, academia, and other appropriate stakeholders. Members shall be invited to serve for overlapping four year terms. Terms for more than two years are contingent upon the renewal of the Committee by appropriate action prior to its termination. Unless renewed by appropriate action, the Council will terminate on September 30, 2003.

Compensation

Members shall be paid at a rate of \$188.00 for each day they are actively engaged in the performance of duties as members of the Council. Members also shall receive per diem and reimbursement of travel expenses incurred, in accordance with the Federal Travel Regulations, when travel becomes necessary to carry out duties in relation to Council membership.

Dated: October 26, 2001.

Arthur J. Lawrence,

Acting Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary for Health.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Office of the Secretary

Notice of Interest Rate on Overdue Debts

Section 30.13 of the Department of Health and Human Services' claims collection regulations (45 CFR Part 30) provides that the Secretary shall charge an annual rate of interest as fixed by the Secretary of the Treasury after taking into consideration private consumer rates of interest prevailing on the date that HHS becomes entitled to recovery. The rate generally cannot be lower than the Department of Treasury's current value of funds rate or the applicable rate determined from the "Schedule of Certified Interest Rates with Range of Maturities." This rate may be revised quarterly by the Secretary of the Treasury and shall be published quarterly by the Department of Health and Human Services in the **Federal Register**.

The Secretary of the Treasury has certified a rate of 13¼% for the quarter