

programs, focusing on current and future credit concerns of rural America and the Farmers Home Administration's management of its direct and guaranteed farm loan programs and of farm properties obtained as a result of defaults on Federal loans, receiving testimony from Eugene Moos, Under Secretary for Farm and Foreign Agricultural Services; Maureen Kennedy, Administrator, Rural Housing and Community Development Division; Grant B. Buntrock, Acting Administrator, Consolidated Farm Services Agency; and Lou Anne Kling, Deputy Administrator for Farm Credit, all of the Department of Agriculture; John W. Harman, Director, Food and Agriculture Issues, Resources, Community, and Economic Development Division, and Andrew Finkel and Robert Robertson, both Evaluators, all of the General Accounting Office; Jerold L. Harris, Farm Credit Bank of Wichita, Wichita, Kansas; Darcy L. Myers, Norwest Bank, Denver, Colorado, on behalf of the

American Bankers Association; Mark Drabenstott, Federal Reserve Bank of Kansas City, Kansas City, Missouri; John R. Price, Chemical Bank, New York, New York; Eric P. Thor, Arizona State University, Tempe; and Nancy L. Thompson, Center for Rural Affairs, Walthill, Nebraska.

Committee will meet again on Tuesday, April 4.

#### APPROPRIATIONS—VA

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on VA, HUD, and Independent Agencies held hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 1996 for the Department of Veterans Affairs, receiving testimony from Jesse Brown, Secretary of Veterans Affairs; and Russell Mank, Paralyzed Veterans of America, Rick Surratt, Disabled American Veterans, James Magill, Veterans of Foreign Wars, and Carroll Williams, American Legion, all of Washington, D.C.

Subcommittee will meet again on Wednesday, April 5.

## House of Representatives

### Chamber Action

The House was not in session today. It will meet next at 12:30 p.m. on Monday, April 3.

### Committee Meetings

#### GUN LAWS: THE RIGHT TO SELF-DEFENSE

*Committee on the Judiciary:* Subcommittee on Crime held a hearing on Gun Laws, Part 1: the Right to Self-Defense. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

#### CONGRESSIONAL PROGRAM AHEAD

Week of April 3 through 8, 1995

##### Senate Chamber

On *Monday*, Senate will vote on a motion to close further debate on the Conference Report on H.R. 831, Self-Employed Health Insurance Tax Credit.

During the *balance of the week*, Senate will resume consideration of H.R. 1158, making additional supplemental appropriations and rescissions, and consider any cleared executive and legislative business.

(Senate will recess on Tuesday, April 4, 1995, from 12:30 p.m. until 2:15 p.m., for respective party conferences.)

(The official photo of the Senate will take place on Tuesday, April 4, 1995, at 2:15 p.m., in the Senate Chamber.)

#### Senate Committees

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

*Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry:* April 4, to resume hearings on proposed legislation to strengthen and improve United States agricultural programs, focusing on market effects of Federal farm policy, 9:30 a.m., SR-332.

*Committee on Appropriations:* April 3 and 6, Subcommittee on Treasury, Postal Service, and General Government, to hold hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 1996, Monday, for the Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, and the Office of Personnel Management, 2 p.m.; Thursday, for the Department of the Treasury and the Office of Management and Budget, 2 p.m.; Monday in SD-138 and Thursday in SD-116.

April 3, Subcommittee on Energy and Water Development, to hold hearings to examine the Kirtland Air Force Base closure in New Mexico, 2:30 p.m., SD-116.

April 4 and 6, Subcommittee on Defense, to hold hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 1996, Tuesday, for the Department of Defense, focusing on Air Force programs, 9:30 a.m.; Thursday, for the Department of Defense, focusing on Navy programs, 9:30 a.m.; SD-106.

April 5 and 6, Subcommittee on VA, HUD, and Independent Agencies, to hold hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 1996, Wednesday, for the National Aeronautics and Space Administration, 9:30 a.m.;

Thursday, for the Federal Emergency Management Agency, 9:30 a.m.; Wednesday in SD-192 and Thursday in SD-138.

April 5, Subcommittee on Agriculture, Rural Development, and Related Agencies, to hold hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 1996 for the Agricultural Research Service, Cooperative State Research, Education, and Extension Service, Economic Research Service, and the National Agricultural Statistics Service, all of the Department of Agriculture, 10 a.m., SD-138.

April 5 and 6, Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, State, and Judiciary, to hold hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 1996, Wednesday, for the Immigration and Naturalization Service and the Bureau of Prisons, both of the Department of Justice, 10 a.m.; Thursday, for the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration and the National Institute of Standards and Technology, both of the Department of Commerce, 10 a.m.; S-146, Capitol.

April 6, Subcommittee on Transportation, to hold hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 1996 for the Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, 10 a.m., SD-192.

*Committee on Armed Services:* April 4, Subcommittee on Seapower, to hold hearings on proposed legislation authorizing funds for fiscal year 1996 for the Department of Defense and the future years defense program, focusing on surface shipbuilding programs and the Department of the Navy's plans for modernization and recapitalization, 9:30 a.m., SR-222.

April 4, Full Committee, to hold hearings on proposed legislation authorizing funds for fiscal year 1996 for the Department of Defense and the future years defense program, focusing on Department of Energy national security issues, 2:30 p.m., SR-222.

April 5, Subcommittee on Personnel, to resume hearings on proposed legislation authorizing funds for fiscal year 1996 for the Department of Defense and the future years defense program, focusing on the Department of Defense Quality of Life Programs, 9:30 a.m., SH-216.

April 5, Subcommittee on Airland Forces, to hold hearings on the future of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO), 2:30 p.m., SR-222.

April 6, Subcommittee on Acquisition and Technology, to resume hearings on proposed legislation authorizing funds for fiscal year 1996 for the Department of Defense and the future years defense program, focusing on the implementation of acquisition management reform, 2 p.m., SR-232A.

*Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation:* April 3 and 4, Subcommittee on Consumer Affairs, Foreign Commerce, and Tourism, to hold hearings on S. 565, to regulate interstate commerce by providing for a uniform product liability law, 9:30 a.m., SR-253.

April 6, Full Committee, business meeting, to mark up S. 565, to regulate interstate commerce by providing for a uniform product liability law, 9:30 a.m., SR-253.

*Committee on Energy and Natural Resources:* April 5, Subcommittee on Forests and Public Land Management, to hold oversight hearings on the U.S. Forest Service land management planning process, 9:30 a.m., SD-366.

*Committee on Environment and Public Works:* April 4, business meeting, to consider the nomination of Shirley Ann Jackson, of New Jersey, to be a Member of the Nuclear Regulatory Commission, 10 a.m., SD-406.

April 5, Subcommittee on Superfund, Waste Control, and Risk Assessment, to resume oversight hearings on the implementation of the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act (P.L. 102-426), 9:30 a.m., SD-406.

April 6, Subcommittee on Transportation and Infrastructure, to resume hearings on S. 440, to provide for the designation of the National Highway System, focusing on issues related to the Woodrow Wilson Bridge and the innovative financing of transportation facilities, 10 a.m., SD-406.

*Committee on Finance:* April 3, Subcommittee on Taxation and IRS Oversight, to hold hearings to examine whether the research and development tax credit (enacted in 1981) should be made a permanent part of the Tax Code, allowed to expire, or restructured, 9:30 a.m., SD-215.

April 4, Full Committee, to hold hearings to review the 1995 Trade Policy Agenda and 1994 Annual Report of the President of the United States on the Trade Agreements Program, 9:30 a.m., SD-215.

April 5, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine various flat tax proposals, 9:30 a.m., SD-215.

April 6, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine issues related to the Consumer Price Index, 9:30 a.m., SD-215.

*Committee on Foreign Relations:* April 4, Subcommittee on Western Hemisphere and Peace Corps Affairs, to hold hearings to examine drug control strategies in the western hemisphere, 2 p.m., SD-419.

April 5, Subcommittee on African Affairs, to hold joint hearings with the House Committee on International Relations' Subcommittee on African Affairs to examine the crisis in Rwanda and Burundi, 2 p.m., SR-325.

*Committee on Governmental Affairs:* April 4 and 5, to hold hearings on the earned income tax credit, 10 a.m., SD-342.

*Committee on the Judiciary:* April 3, Subcommittee on Antitrust, Business Rights, and Competition, business meeting, to consider pending calendar business, time and room to be announced.

April 4, Full Committee, to hold hearings on punitive damages tort reform, 10 a.m., SD-226.

April 5, Full Committee, business meeting, to mark up S. 343, to reform the Federal regulatory process, 10 a.m., SD-226.

April 6, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine the right to own property, 10 a.m., SD-226.

*Committee on Labor and Human Resources:* April 5, to hold hearings to examine activities of the Department of Health and Human Services' Food and Drug Administration, focusing on the future of American biomedical and food industries, 10 a.m., SD-430.

April 6, Full Committee, business meeting, to mark up S. 454, to reform the health care liability system and improve health care quality through the establishment of quality assurance programs; to be followed by hearings to

continue to examine activities of the Department of Health and Human Services' Food and Drug Administration, focusing on the future of American biomedical and food industries, 9 a.m., SD-430.

*Committee on Small Business:* April 4, to hold hearings to examine the Small Business Administration's 8(a) Minority Business Development Program, 10 a.m., SH-216.

*Committee on Indian Affairs:* April 5, to hold hearings on providing direct funding through block grants to tribes to administer welfare and other social service programs, 9:30 a.m., SR-485.

*Select Committee on Intelligence:* April 5, to hold hearings to examine allegations of United States involvement in two murders in Guatemala, 10 a.m., SD-106.

### House Chamber

*Monday,* Consideration of the following 4 Suspensions:

1. H.R. 1345, the District of Columbia Financial Responsibility and Management Assistance Act of 1995;

2. H.R. 716, the Fisherman's Protective Act Amendments;

3. H. Res. 120, the Resolution Expressing the Sense of Congress Regarding the American Citizens Held in Iraq; and

4. H.R. 1271, the Family Privacy Protection Act.

*Tuesday, and the Balance of the Week,* Consideration of H.R. 660, the Housing for Older Persons Act of 1995 (subject to a rule being granted);

H.R. 1240, the Sexual Crimes Against Children Prevention Act of 1995 (subject to a rule being granted); and

H.R. 1215, the Tax Fairness and Deficit Reduction Act (subject to a rule being granted).

NOTE.—Conference reports may be brought up at any time.

### House Committees

*Committee on Agriculture,* April 4, to mark up H.R. 618, to extend the authorization for appropriations for the Commodity Futures Trading Commission through fiscal year 2000, 2 p.m., 1300 Longworth.

April 6, Subcommittee on Resource Conservation, Research, and Forestry, hearing on Agricultural Wetlands and Wetland Issues in the 1995 Farm Bill, 9:30 a.m., 1300 Longworth.

*Committee on Appropriations,* April 3, Subcommittee on Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies, on Congressional and Public Witnesses, 1 p.m., 2362A Rayburn.

April 3, Subcommittee on Interior (and Related Agencies), on Office of the Secretary, Office of the Solicitor, and on the Inspector General, 1:30 p.m., B-308 Rayburn.

April 4, Subcommittee on Agriculture, on Congressional and Public Witnesses, 1 p.m., 2362A Rayburn.

April 4, Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, State, and Judiciary (and Related Agencies), on NOAA, 10

a.m., and on SEC and Commission on Civil Rights, 2 p.m., H-309 Capitol.

April 4, Subcommittee on Foreign Operations, Export Financing and Related Programs, on Security Assistance/State and DOD, 10 a.m., H-144 Capitol.

April 4, Subcommittee on Interior (and Related Agencies), on Public Witnesses (Natural Resources), 10 a.m. and 1 p.m., B-308 Rayburn.

April 4, Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education (and Related Agencies), on Corporation for National and Community Service and Federal Mediation and Conciliation Service, 10 a.m., and on Federal Mine Safety and Health Review Commission, National Commission on Libraries, and on the National Council on Disability, 2 p.m., 2358 Rayburn.

April 4, Subcommittee on Military Construction, executive, on Arabian Gulf Construction Program, 9:30 a.m., B-300 Rayburn.

April 4, Subcommittee on National Security, on Fiscal Year 1996/97 Navy/Marine Corps Budget Overview, 10 a.m., and on Navy/Marine Corps Acquisition Programs, 1:30 p.m., H-140 Capitol.

April 4, 5, and 6, Subcommittee on Veterans' Affairs, Housing and Urban Development, and Independent Agencies, on Congressional and Public Witnesses, 9:30 a.m. and 2 p.m., H-143 Capitol.

April 5, Subcommittee on Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies, on Secretary of Agriculture, 12:30 p.m., 2362A Rayburn.

April 5, Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, State, and Judiciary (and Related Agencies), on Overview of International Trade Promotion and Enforcement Programs, 10 a.m. and 2 p.m., 2360 Rayburn.

April 5, Subcommittee on Interior (and Related Agencies), on National Endowment for the Arts, 10 a.m. and 1:30 p.m., B-308 Rayburn.

April 5, Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education (and Related Agencies), on National Mediation Board and Railroad Retirement Board, 10 a.m., and on Occupational Safety and Health Review Commission, Physician Payment Review Commission, and on Prospective Payment Assessment Commission, 2 p.m., 2358 Rayburn.

April 5, Subcommittee on National Security, executive, on Russian and Other Submarine Threats, 1 p.m., and executive, on Navy Submarine Program, 2 p.m., and on Submarine Industry Perspective, 3:30 p.m., H-140 Capitol.

April 6, Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, State, and Judiciary (and Related Agencies), on Staffing and Operation of Overseas Missions, 10 a.m., and on Department of Justice Prisons and Related Issues, 2 p.m., H-309 Capitol.

April 6, Subcommittee on Interior (and Related Agencies), on Holocaust Memorial Council and Bureau of Land Management, 10 a.m. and 1:30 p.m., B-308 Rayburn.

April 6, Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education (and Related Agencies), on Members of Congress, 10 a.m. and 2 p.m., 2358 Rayburn.

April 6, Subcommittee on National Security, on Readiness Issues, 10 a.m., H-140 Capitol.

April 7, Subcommittee on Interior (and Related Agencies), on Franklin Delano Roosevelt Memorial Commission, National Capital Planning Commission, and on Pennsylvania Avenue Development Corporation, 10 a.m., B-308 Rayburn.

April 7, Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education (and Related Agencies), on Members of Congress and Armed Forces Retirement Home, 10 a.m., 2358 Rayburn.

*Committee on Banking and Financial Services*, April 4 and 5, to continue hearings on the following: H.R. 1062, Financial Services Competitiveness Act of 1995; Glass-Steagall Reform; and related issues, 10 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.

April 6, Subcommittee on General Oversight and Investigations, hearing on the Administration's response to the Mexican Financial Crisis, 10 a.m., 2222 Rayburn.

April 6, Subcommittee on Housing and Community Opportunity, hearing on HUD Reinvention: From Blueprint, 10 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.

*Committee on the Budget*, April 4, hearing on Medicaid: A Program in Need of Reform, 10 a.m., 210 Cannon.

*Committee on Commerce*, April 3, to mark up H.R. 483, to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to permit Medicare select policies to be offered in all States, 6 p.m., 2123 Rayburn.

April 5, Subcommittee on Health and Environment, hearing on the reauthorization of the Ryan White CARE Act, 9:30 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

*Committee on Economic and Educational Opportunities*, April 4, Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations, hearing on Identifying Conflicts and Inconsistencies in Workplace Regulations, 9:30 a.m., 2175 Rayburn.

April 5, full Committee, hearing on Executive Order 12954, and H.R. 1176, to nullify an Executive order that prohibits Federal contracts with companies that hire permanent replacements for striking employees, 9:30 a.m., 2175 Rayburn.

*Committee on Government Reform and Oversight*, April 4, Subcommittee on Human Resources and Intergovernmental Relations, oversight hearing on the Department of Labor: Opportunities for Cost Savings, 10 a.m., 2247 Rayburn.

April 5, Subcommittee on Civil Service, to continue hearings on Contracting Out: Part 2, 1:30 p.m., 311 Cannon.

April 6, Subcommittee on Human Resources and Intergovernmental Relations, oversight hearing on the Department of Education: Opportunities for Cost Savings, 10 a.m., 2247 Rayburn.

April 6, Subcommittee on National Security, International Affairs, and Criminal Justice, hearing on the Effectiveness of the National Drug Control Strategy and the Status of the Current Drug War, 8 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

*Committee on House Oversight*, April 4, hearing and mark-up of FCC Authorization, 10 a.m., 1310 Longworth.

April 5, full Committee, hearing on Franking Reform, 10 a.m., 1310 Longworth.

*Committee on International Relations*, April 3, Subcommittee on International Operations and Human Rights, hearing on Chinese Prison System, 2 p.m., 2172 Rayburn.

April 4, full Committee, hearing on State Department Reorganization, 10 a.m., 2172 Rayburn.

April 4, full Committee, hearing on the President's International Affairs Budget Request for Fiscal Year 1996, 3 p.m., 2172 Rayburn.

April 6, full Committee, hearing on Middle East Overview and U.S. Assistance to the Palestinians, 2:30 p.m., 2172 Rayburn.

April 6, Subcommittee on Africa, hearing on the Threat of Islamic Extremism in Africa, 10 a.m., 2200 Rayburn.

*Committee on the Judiciary*, April 3, Subcommittee on the Constitution, oversight hearing on group preferences and the law, 1 p.m., 2237 Rayburn.

April 5, Subcommittee on Courts and Intellectual Property, hearing on H.R. 1170, to provide that cases challenging the constitutionality of measures passed by State referendum be heard by a three-judge court, 10 a.m., 2237 Rayburn.

April 5, Subcommittee on Crime, hearing on the Government Policies Associated With the Second Amendment, 10 a.m., 2141 Rayburn.

April 5, Subcommittee on Immigration and Claims, oversight hearing on the impact of illegal immigration on public benefit programs and the American labor force, 1:30 p.m., 2226 Rayburn.

April 6, full Committee, hearing on International Terrorism: Threats and Responses, 10 a.m., 2141 Rayburn.

*Committee on National Security*, April 4, Subcommittee on Military Installations and Facilities, to continue hearings on the fiscal year 1996 national defense authorization request, 10 a.m., 2212 Rayburn.

April 4, Subcommittee on Military Personnel, to continue hearings on the fiscal year 1996 national defense authorization request, 2 p.m., 2212 Rayburn.

April 4, Subcommittee on Military Procurement and the Subcommittee on Military Research and Development, to continue joint hearings on the fiscal year 1996 national defense authorization request, 2 p.m., 2118 Rayburn.

April 6, Subcommittee on Military Personnel, executive, to receive a briefing on the Ranger training deaths, 2 p.m., 2118 Rayburn.

April 6, Subcommittee on Military Procurement, to continue hearings on the fiscal year 1996 national defense authorization request, 10 a.m., 2118 Rayburn.

April 6, Special Oversight Panel on the Merchant Marine, hearing on Maritime Security Program, 2 p.m., 2212 Rayburn.

April 6, Special Oversight Panel on Morale, Welfare and Recreation, to continue hearings on the fiscal year 1996 national defense authorization request, 10 a.m., 2212 Rayburn.

*Committee on Resources*, April 5, to mark up the following bills: H.R. 541, Atlantic Tunas Convention Act of 1995; H.R. 1139, to amend the Atlantic Striped Bass Conservation Act; H.R. 1141, Sikes Act Improvement

Amendments of 1995; H.R. 1175, Marine Resources Revitalization Act of 1995; H.R. 898, to prohibit high seas fishing vessels from engaging in harvesting operations on the high seas without specific authorization from the Secretary of Commerce; and H.R. 1266, Greens Creek Land Exchange Act of 1995, 11 a.m., 1324 Longworth.

April 5, Subcommittee on Native American and Insular Affairs, to mark up H.R. 1332, Rongelap Recovery and Community Self-Reliance Act, 2 p.m., 1334 Longworth.

*Committee on Rules*, April 3, to consider the following bills: H.R. 1271, Family Privacy Protection Act of 1995; H.R. 660, Housing for Older Persons Act of 1995; and H.R. 1240, Sexual Crimes Against Children Prevention Act of 1995, 5 p.m., H-313 Capitol.

*Committee on Small Business*, April 4, Subcommittee on Procurement, Exports, and Business Opportunities, hearing on Surety Bonds, 10 a.m., 2359 Rayburn.

April 6, full Committee, hearing on SBA's Office of Advocacy, 10 a.m., 2359 Rayburn.

*Committee on Standards of Official Conduct*, April 4, executive, to consider pending business, 4 p.m., HT-2M Capitol.

*Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure*, April 4 and 5, to mark up legislation to reauthorize and amend the Federal Water Pollution Control Act, 10 a.m. on April 4, and 1 p.m. on April 5, 2167 Rayburn.

April 5, to mark up the following: Coast Guard Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 1996; and the Natural Gas and Hazardous Pipeline Safety Programs, 10 a.m., 2167 Rayburn.

*Committee on Veterans' Affairs*, April 6, Subcommittee on Hospitals and Health Care, hearing on reorganization of the Veterans Health Administration, 9 a.m., 334 Cannon.

*Committee on Ways and Means*, April 3, Subcommittee on Health, hearing on the Medicare End-Stage Renal Disease (Kidney Failure) Program, 10 a.m., 1100 Longworth.

*Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence*, April 4, executive, hearing on Covert Actions, 10 a.m., and executive,

a hearing on Intelligence Personnel, 2 p.m., H-405 Capitol.

### Joint Meetings

*Joint Economic Committee*: April 5, to resume hearings to examine the Administration's proposal to raise the minimum wage, 9 a.m., 1100 Longworth Building.

April 7, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine the employment-unemployment situation for March, 9:30 a.m., SD-562.

*Joint hearing*: April 5, Senate Committee on Foreign Relations' Subcommittee on African Affairs, to hold joint hearings with the House Committee on International Relations' Subcommittee on African Affairs to examine the crisis in Rwanda and Burundi, 2 p.m., SR-325.

*Commission on Security and Cooperation in Europe*: April 3, to hold a closed briefing on recent developments in Croatia and Bosnia-Herzegovina, 3 p.m., 2318 Rayburn Building.

*Commission on Security and Cooperation in Europe*: April 4, to hold hearings to examine the extent to which ethnic cleansing, destruction of cultural sites, and associated war crimes in Bosnia and Herzegovina and other parts of the former Yugoslavia constitute genocide, 2 p.m., 2322 Rayburn Building.

*Commission on Security and Cooperation in Europe*: April 6, to hold hearings to examine United Nations and NATO activities in the former Yugoslavia, focusing on the development of a new mandate for United Nations peacekeepers in Croatia and efforts to restore peace and stability in Bosnia and Herzegovina, 10 a.m., 2261 Rayburn Building.

*Commission on Security and Cooperation in Europe*: April 7, to hold a closed briefing on the United Nations High Commission for Refugees (UNHCR) activities and concerns in the former Yugoslavia and several of the New Independent States of the former Soviet Union, 10 a.m., 2255 Rayburn Building.