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UNITED STATES
ENERGY RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT ADMINISTRATION
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20545

February 13, 1976

MEMORANDUM FOR: The Honorable Max L. Friedersdorf
Assistant to the President

FROM: H. Hollister Cantus, Director *PCB*
Office of Congressional Relations

SUBJECT: STATUS OF MAJOR ERDA LEGISLATION

FY 1977 ERDA AUTHORIZATION BILL

Joint Committee on Atomic Energy: Chairman Montoya's Subcommittee began hearings on ERDA Authorization Bill on February 3rd. This round of hearings will resume on February 17. (See Attached Schedule)

House Science and Technology Committee: Chairman McCormack's Subcommittee continues its hearings next week when Dr. Eric H. Willis, Director of the Geothermal Division, testifies on his program. On February 19, Chairman McCormack will receive testimony on the Physical Research program from Dr. Robert L. Hirsch, Acting Assistant Administrator for Solar, Geothermal and Advanced Energy Systems and Dr. James S. Kane, Director of the Physical Research Division. The McCormack Subcommittee wraps up its first pass at the ERDA Authorization Bill on the 23rd when it discusses the Environment and Safety Program with Dr. Liverman. The Hechler Subcommittee met this last Tuesday and heard from Drs. White, Liverman and Yarymovych. Chairman Hechler has set aside the 25th as the date for recall of ERDA witnesses to conclude his hearings.

Senate Interior and Insular Affairs Committee: ERDA will testify before Senator Church's Subcommittee on February 23rd. Administrator Seamans, accompanied by the Assistant Administrators for non-nuclear energy R&D, will present the agency's budget request.

FY 1977 ERDA APPROPRIATION BILL

House Interior Appropriations Subcommittee: Chairman Yates has scheduled hearings on his portion of the ERDA budget for March 31 and April 1.

House Public Works Appropriations Subcommittee: Chairman Evins has scheduled a full cycle of hearings to begin in mid-March as shown on the



attached list.

Senate Interior Appropriations Subcommittee: The Byrd Subcommittee is tentatively slated to hold ERDA hearings on April 7.

Senate Public Works Appropriations Subcommittee: Chairman Stennis has not yet published a hearing schedule for ERDA.

OTHER ACTIVITIES

The number of hours of formal hearings at which ERDA witnesses have testified now stands at 47 for the first 26 days of the Second Session of the 94th Congress.



ENERGY RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT ADMINISTRATION

CONGRESSIONAL HEARING SCHEDULE

<u>DATE</u>	<u>COMMITTEE (Subcommittee Chmn)</u>	<u>TIME</u>	<u>ROOM</u>	<u>WITNESS (Subject)</u>
Feb 17	H. Science & Tech (McCormack)	0800	2318 RHOB	Dr. Willis (FY 77 ERDA Authorization - Geothermal)
Feb 17	Joint Committee on Atomic Energy (Montoya)	1000	S-407 Cap	Dr. Roberts, Baranowski, Voight (Uranium Enrichment-- Repricing)
Feb 19	H. Science & Tech (McCormack)	0800	2318 RHOB	Dr. Hirsch, Dr. Kane (FY 77 ERDA Authorization Physical Research)
Feb 20	H. Science and Tech (McCormack and Fuqua)	0930	2318 RHOB	Dr. Hirsch, Dr. Marvin (Solar Satellite Power Systems)
Feb 23	S. Interior (Church)	1000	3110 DSOB	Dr. Seamans, & Non-Nuclear Assistant Administrators (FY 77 Authorization)
Feb 23	H. Science & Tech (McCormack)	1400	2318 RHOB	Dr. Liverman (Environment & Safety Authorization Budget)
Feb 24	Joint Economic Committee	0930	TBA	Dr. Seamans, Mr. Heller (Conservation)
Feb 25	H. Science & Tech (Hechler)	1000	2318 RHOB	Probable Recall of ERDA Witnesses
Feb 27	H. Science & Tech (Brown)	1000	TBA	Dr. Liverman w/EPA
Mar 2	Joint Committee on Atomic Energy (Montoya)	1000	S-407 Cap	Dr. Liverman (Biomedical & Environmental Research)
Mar 2	Joint Committee on Atomic Energy (Montoya)	1400	S-407 Cap	Dr. Hirsch (Fusion)



<u>DATE</u>	<u>COMMITTEE (Subcommittee Chmn)</u>	<u>TIME</u>	<u>ROOM</u>	<u>WITNESS (Subject)</u>
Mar 3	Joint Committee on Atomic Energy (Montoya)	1400	H-403 (Exec) Cap	Dr. Roberts, Admiral Rickover (Naval Reactors)
To Be Rescheduled	Joint Committee on Atomic Energy (Montoya)	TBA	S-407 Cap	Dr. Roberts, Baranowski (Nuclear Fuel Cycle & Safeguards)
Mar 9	Joint Committee on Atomic Energy (Montoya)	1400	S-407 Cap	Dr. Hirsch, Kane (Basic Physical Research)
Mar 10	H. Appropriations (Evins)	1000	2362 RHOB	Dr. Seamans (FY 77 Budget)
Mar 11	H. Appropriations (Evins)	"	" "	Dr. Roberts, Nemzek, Newby (Fission & Space Nuclear Systems)
Mar 15	H. Appropriations (Evins)	"	" "	Dr. Hirsch & ASGA Staff (Solar, Geothermal Energy Development Program)
Mar 16	H. Appropriations (Evins)	"	" "	Dr. Hirsch & ASGA Staff (Physical Research)
Mar 17	H. Appropriations (Evins)	"	" "	Dr. Roberts, Admiral Rickover (Naval Reactors Development)
Mar 18	H. Appropriations (Evins)	"	" "	Gen. Starbird, Bratton, Lyon (National Security)
Mar 22	H. Appropriations (Evins)	"	" "	Dr. Roberts, Baranowski (Nuclear Fuel Cycle R&D)
Mar 23	H. Appropriations (Evins)	"	" "	Dr. Liverman (Environmental Research and Safety)
Mar 24	H. Appropriations (Evins)	"	" "	Mr. Heller (Conservation Research and Development)
Mar 31	H. Appropriations (Yates)	1300	B-308 RHOB	Dr. Seamans, Dr. White, Mr. Heller (ERDA Budget)

<u>DATE</u>	<u>COMMITTEE (Subcommittee Chmn)</u>	<u>TIME</u>	<u>ROOM</u>	<u>WITNESS (SUBJECT)</u>
Apr 1	H. Appropriations (Yates)	1300	B-308 RHOB	Dr. White, Mr. Heller (ERDA Budget)
Apr 7	S. Appropriations (Byrd)	1000	1114 DSOB	Dr. Seamans, Dr. White, Mr. Heller (ERDA Budget)



U.S. DEPARTMENT OF LABOR
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY
WASHINGTON

February 13, 1976

MEMORANDUM FOR THE HONORABLE MAX FRIEDERSDORF

REVIEW

Usery Becomes 15th Secretary of Labor

On Tuesday, February 10, W. J. Usery took the Oath of Office at the White House and became the 15th Secretary of Labor.

House Passes Emergency Jobs Bill

On Tuesday, February 10, the House passed H.R. 11453, Emergency Employment Projects Amendments of 1976, by a vote of 239-154. The bill was opposed by the Administration on the grounds that it would accomplish very little to ease unemployment while running billions of dollars over the President's budget. The Administration supported an amendment in the nature of a substitute offered by Rep. Quie that sought to fund existing public service jobs only. The Quie amendment was rejected on a recorded vote of 175-226.

Virgin Islands' Aliens Hearings Cancelled

The House Subcommittee on Immigration, Citizenship, and International Law (Judiciary Committee) cancelled a hearing set for February 11 at which Deputy Assistant Secretary Ben Burdetsky of the Employment and Training Administration was scheduled to testify on H.R. 11261. That bill would establish procedures for granting permanent residence to non-immigrant aliens living in the Virgin Islands.

House Science Committee Probes Labor Supply Question

On Wednesday, February 11, Deputy Assistant Secretary Ernst Stromsdorfer represented the Department on a panel of technical witnesses from the Administration before the House Subcommittee on Energy, Research Development and Demonstration (fossil fuels) of the Committee on Science and Technology. The Committee was taking testimony concerning the ERDA Authorization Bill for 1977. DOL gave testimony concerning projections of availability of specialized labor to work on the development of fossil fuels.



FORECAST

Age Discrimination Hearings in House Next Tuesday and Wednesday

The House Select Committee on Aging (Rep. Randall, Chairman) will hear departmental witnesses concerning the enforcement and administration of the Age Discrimination in Employment Act. Ronald James, Administrator of the Wage and Hour Administration, will lead the departmental team.

JH

James H. Hogue
Deputy Under Secretary
for Legislative Affairs





VETERANS ADMINISTRATION
OFFICE OF THE ADMINISTRATOR OF VETERANS AFFAIRS
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20420



February 13, 1976

MEMORANDUM FOR

The Honorable
Max L. Friedersdorf
Assistant to the President
The White House

Attached is our legislative progress report
for this week.

RICHARD L. ROUDEBUSH
Administrator

Attachments



VETERANS ADMINISTRATION

LEGISLATIVE PROGRESS REPORT

PROPOSED TERMINATION OF THE GI BILL EDUCATION PROGRAM: The House Committee on Veterans' Affairs introduced a "clean" bill (H.R. 9576) to replace the measure (H.R. 8406) it previously considered in approving legislation to terminate the GI Bill Education program. The measure would (1) bar accrual of educational benefit entitlement to any person entering the military service on and after January 1, 1976; (2) terminate the GI Bill Education program effective December 31, 1987; (3) terminate the Predischarge Education Program (PREP), effective upon enactment, with a savings provision permitting those individuals enrolled in PREP programs as of that date to continue pursuing their programs through the current enrollment; (4) permit veterans and dependents who transfer from one educational institution to another to be paid educational benefits for up to 30 days after termination of their enrollment in the first school; (5) continue the Loan Guaranty program and provide coverage for those veterans who served between World War II and the Korean conflict (1947-1950); (6) provide 45 months of educational entitlement to those veterans discharged on and after January 31, 1955, who are basically entitled to 36 months of such benefits; and (7) repeal the 5-point Federal employment preference for veterans entering service after May 7, 1975. The measure passed the House on Monday, October 6, and was referred to the Senate Veterans' Affairs Committee on October 7, 1975. We have submitted a report to the Senate Committee after obtaining clearance from the Office of Management and Budget.



VETERANS OMNIBUS HEALTH CARE ACT OF 1976: The Subcommittee on Health and Hospitals of the Senate Committee on Veterans' Affairs will hold hearings on a bill, S. 2908, 94th Congress, the "Veterans Omnibus Health Care Act of 1976", on February 18 and 19, 1976. The Chief Medical Director will testify on February 18 at 9:30 a.m. S. 2908 was introduced on February 2, 1976, and would briefly:

1. require periodic reexamination of VA beneficiary travel;
2. authorize mental health services for treatment of the family of a veteran;
3. establish a new program of readjustment professional counseling;
4. provide total VA care for any veteran rated at 50 percent or more disabled;
5. establish priorities for VA outpatient care;
6. establish a preventive health care program;
7. provide clear authority for work therapy program;
8. authorize transfer of veterans from VA hospital to intermediate care facilities;
9. increase per diem rates for care in State homes;
10. insure informed consent;



11. change financing and bookkeeping in Veterans Canteen Service;
12. authorize release of names and addresses of VA patients under certain conditions;
13. establish statutory due process for title 38 employees;
14. study of changes in VA to accommodate aged veterans; and
15. extend VA DM&S exchange of information program.



LEGISLATIVE REPORTS SUBMITTED TO CONGRESS

February 6 - 12, 1976

H.R. 8476, 94th
Congress

A bill "To amend title 38 of the United States Code in order to expand the authority of the Administrator of Veterans' Affairs to extend medical services to veterans of World War I, and for other purposes."

Action:

VA report submitted to
Chairman, HVAC

DATE
2/5/76

Sponsor:

Mr. Roberts (for himself and
Mr. Hammerschmidt).

VA Position:

Subject bill would provide outpatient care to WW I veterans on the same basis as Spanish-American War and Indian War veterans, i.e., that any disability shall be deemed to be a service-connected disability. The exception for Spanish-American and Indian War veterans was granted by law partly because medical records to support the claims of these veterans for SC benefits were not sufficiently available. Medical records for WW I veterans are generally available and complete. In addition, enactment of H.R. 8476 would establish a precedent for demands that veterans of WW II and subsequent conflicts be afforded similar benefits. Enactment of subject bill would result in an estimated five-year cost to the VA of almost \$80,000,000 at a time when the President is urging substantial reductions in the growth of Government spending. Accordingly, VA is opposes enactment of H.R. 8476.

OMB Position:

No objection to the presentation of report from the standpoint of the Administration's program.



H.R. 8688, 94th
Congress.

A bill "To amend title 5, United States Code, to provide that for purposes of such title any individual who received a service-connected disability while serving on active duty, active duty for training, or inactive duty training in the Armed Forces shall be considered a disabled veteran."

Action:

VA report submitted to
Chairman, HVAC

DATE
2/5/76

Sponsor:

Mr. Minish.

VA Position:

Subject bill would extend civil service preference, presently provided those who have disabilities resulting from active military service, to those whose disabilities were a result of active duty for training or inactive duty training.

VA does not support enactment because it would dilute the concept and value of veteran preference for those veterans who acquire disabilities while serving on extended active duty, particularly those whose disabilities result from armed combat. However, since subject matter is primarily within scope of Civil Service Commission responsibility, we defer to views of the Commission.

OMB Position:

No objection to the presentation of report from the standpoint of the Administration's program.



H.R. 10268, 94th
Congress.

An Act "To amend title 38 of the United States Code in order to clarify the purposes for which the Administrator of Veterans' Affairs may release the names and addresses of present and former personnel of the armed services and their dependents."

Action:

VA report submitted to
Chairman, SVAC

DATE
2/9/76

Sponsor:

Mr. Satterfield.

VA Position:

H.R. 10268, if enacted, would amend subsection 3301(9) to permit our release of these names and addresses for two limited purposes in lieu of the existing provision. First, it would give the Administrator discretionary authority to release the names and addresses to those veterans' service organizations recognized under section 3402 of title 38, U.S.C.; and second, it would permit such release to any Federal, State, or local government agency if the Administrator deems the release to be "necessary or appropriate for the protection of the public health and safety."

VA has no objection to first section of bill which would restrict release of names and addresses to organizations recognized under 38 U.S.C. 3402, but points out that it will not permit our release of such information to nonprofit organizations as presently allowed; concurs in purpose and intent of second section of bill; makes no comment on increased penalties proposed as being matter for Congressional determination; and enclosed draft legislation for Committee consideration.

OMB Position:

On a similar report on H.R. 10268 which we forwarded on 1/21/76 to the Chairman, HVAC, there was no objection to the presentation of that report from the standpoint of the Administration's program.



S. 1361, 94th
Congress

A bill "To amend title 38, United States Code, to authorize a program of assistance to States for the establishment, expansion, improvement, and maintenance of veterans cemeteries, and to provide for transportation of bodies to a national cemetery."

Action:

VA report submitted to
Chairman, SVAC

DATE
2/10/76

Sponsor:

Mr. Hansen.

VA Position:

Points out that bill is identical with draft bill previously submitted by VA to the President of the Senate and urges that Congress enact bill with certain specified technical corrections.

OMB Position:

No objection to submission of report, and enactment of S. 1361 would be in accord with the program of the President.



H.R. 5803, 94th
Congress

A bill "To amend title 38, United States Code, to authorize a program of assistance to States for the establishment, expansion, improvement, and maintenance of veterans' cemeteries, and to provide for transportation of bodies to a national cemetery."

Action:

VA report submitted to
Chairman, HVAC

DATE
2/10/76

Sponsor:

Mr. Danielson (for himself and Mr. Hillis).

VA Position:

Points out that bill is identical with draft bill previously submitted by VA to the Speaker of the House and urges that Congress enact bill with certain specified technical corrections.

OMB Position:

No objection to submission of report, and enactment of H.R. 5803 would be in accord with the program of the President.



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WASHINGTON 20547

February 13, 1976

MEMORANDUM FOR: The Honorable
Max Friedersdorf
Assistant to the President
for Legislative Affairs

FROM: Edward Hidalgo
General Counsel and
Congressional Liaison *E.H.*

SUBJECT: Weekly Report

Meetings occurred this week with various staff members in the House and Senate. Favorable reports have been received of Senator Brooke's visit to Eastern Europe under USIA auspices.

Hearings on the Agency's FY '77 authorization are tentatively scheduled with the Senate Foreign Relations Committee for Thursday, March 4.

We can only hope that the Hays Subcommittee will reconsider our FY '76 bill promptly after the recess, followed by early action by the full Committee on International Relations.





OFFICE OF THE ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF DEFENSE

WASHINGTON, D. C. 20301

LEGISLATIVE
AFFAIRS

February 13, 1976

MEMORANDUM FOR DR. ROBERT K WOLTHUIS
SPECIAL ASSISTANT TO MR. FRIEDERSDORF
THE WHITE HOUSE

SUBJECT: Status of Defense Legislation

LEGISLATIONFY 1977 Defense Procurement Authorization Bill

The Fiscal Year 1977 Defense Procurement Authorization Bill, H.R. 11500, was introduced in the House by Representatives Melvin Price and Bob Wilson on January 26, 1976.

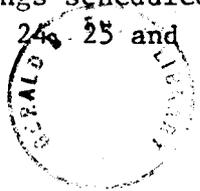
FY 1976 Defense Appropriations Bill

Conference report on H.R. 9861 was filed on December 10. House adopted conference report on December 12 by a vote of 314 to 57. The Senate began debate on December 15 and agreed by unanimous consent that a closed door hearing would be held on December 15 for further consideration of the report with specific questions on Angola. Senate adopted the conference report on December 17 by a vote of 87 to 9, after adding language originally proposed by Senator Tunney prohibiting the direct or indirect use of any H.R. 9861 funds for Angola, except for intelligence gathering. This language was adopted, after four days of debate and several revisions by a 54-22 vote, and was ruled in order because it amended an amendment reported in technical disagreement. The House, on January 27, then agreed to a preferential motion by Representative Giaimo to recede and concur in the Senate amendment to the Conference Report, by a vote of 323 to 99. The President received the bill on January 28 and signed it into law on February 9. (P.L. 94-212)

FY 1977 Military Construction Authorization Bill

The FY 1977 Military Construction Authorization Bill was forwarded to the Congress on February 5, 1976. Tentative hearing schedules for this bill are as follows:

- House Appropriations Committee, Subcommittee on Military Construction (Chairman Sikes) begins February 11 with an OSD overview. Hearings scheduled after this are: February 17 and 19 - Air Force; February 20, 23, 24, 25 and 26 - Navy; March 1, 4 - Army and March 5 - Defense Agencies.



- Senate Appropriations Committee, Subcommittee on Military Construction (Chairman Mansfield) begins February 17.

- House Armed Services Committee, Subcommittee on Installations and Facilities (Chairman Ichord) begins February 23.

OTHER ACTIVITIES

- During the period February 2 - 6, approximately 81 hours were devoted by key Defense personnel in providing testimony and briefings to Members of Congress, congressional committees and committee staff members on matters pertaining to Department of Defense legislative proposals. This brings the approximate total to 306 hours during the 2nd Session, 94th Congress.

SENATE COMMITTEE MEETINGS HELD

February 6, 1976

Committee on Armed Services, Subcommittee on Manpower and Personnel (Chairman Nunn), resumed hearings on proposed military procurement authorizations for fiscal year 1977, receiving testimony from Assistant Secretary of Defense (Manpower and Reserve Affairs) William K. Brehm, accompanied by Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense (Manpower and Reserve Affairs) John I. Ahearne; Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense (Procurement and Research) Robert J. Murray; Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense (Reserve Affairs) Will Hill Tankersley; and Staff Director (Planning and Requirements) I. M. Greenberg, all of the Department of Defense. Hearings recessed subject to call.

HOUSE COMMITTEE MEETINGS HELD

February 6, 1976

Committee on Armed Services (Chairman Price) continued hearings on H.R. 11500, Department of Defense appropriation authorization for fiscal year 1977. Testimony was heard from Dr. Clifford J. Miller, Deputy Comptroller for Plans and Systems, Department of Defense.

February 9, 1976

Committee on Appropriations, Subcommittee on Defense (Chairman Mahon), continued hearings on the Department of Defense appropriations for fiscal year 1977. Testimony was heard from Secretary of the Navy Middendorf; Admiral Holloway, Chief of Naval Operations; and Marine Corps Commandant General Wilson.

Committee on Armed Services, Subcommittee on Investigations (Chairman Hebert) held a hearing on Civil Defense with testimony from the Director, Defense Civil Preparedness Agency, John E. Davis.

Committee on the Budget, Task Force on National Security (Chairman Giamo) held a hearing on the long-term implications of the Defense Department's fiscal year 1977 budget request. Testimony was heard from Secretary of Defense Donald Rumsfeld.



HOUSE COMMITTEE MEETINGS HELD (Continued)February 9, 1976 (Continued)

Committee on Armed Services (Chairman Price) continued hearings on H.R. 11500, Department of Defense appropriation authorization for fiscal year 1977 with testimony from CBO Director Dr. Alice M. Rivlin.

Committee on Armed Services (Chairman Price) met and ordered reported favorably to the House S. 2117, relating to the detail, pay, and succession to duties of the Assistant Commandant of the Marine Corps (technical amendments).

February 10, 1976

Committee on Appropriations, Subcommittee on Defense (Chairman Mahon) held hearings on the Department of Defense appropriations for fiscal year 1977. Testimony was heard from Secretary of the Navy Middendorf; Admiral Holloway, Chief of Naval Operations; and Marine Corps Commandant General Wilson.

Committee on Appropriations, Subcommittee on Military Construction (Chairman Sikes), held a hearing on the Harry Diamond Development Center with testimony from Under Secretary of the Army Augustine.

Committee on Armed Services (Chairman Price) continued hearings on military posture and H.R. 11500, Department of Defense appropriation authorization for fiscal year 1977. Testimony was heard from Dr. Malcolm R. Currie, Director, Defense Research and Engineering.

Committee on Armed Services, Subcommittee on Investigations (Chairman Hebert) continued hearings on civil defense with testimony from Mr. Cecil Russell, President, U.S. Civil Defense Council; and Mr. George Jones, President-elect, National Association of State Directors for Disaster Preparedness.

Select Committee on Intelligence (Chairman Pike), concluded consideration of recommendations regarding the future of intelligence.

February 11, 1976

Committee on Appropriations, Subcommittee on Military Construction (Chairman Sikes), continued hearings with testimony from Defense Department and Air Force witnesses.

Committee on Science and Technology, Subcommittee on Aviation and Transportation Research and Development (Chairman Milford), concluded hearings on fiscal year 1977 NASA authorization. Testimony was heard from Dr. H. Guyford Stever, Director, NSF; and Dr. Walter B. LaBerge, Assistant Secretary of the Air Force (Research and Development).



HOUSE COMMITTEE MEETINGS HELD (Continued)

February 11, 1976 (Continued)

Committee on the Budget, Task Force on Defense (Chairman Glaimo), received an intelligence briefing from Mr. John Hughes, Defense Intelligence Agency, on Soviet Forces, Soviet Research and Development and Civil Defense.

Committee on Armed Services (Chairman Price) continued hearings on military posture and H.R. 11500, Department of Defense appropriation authorization for fiscal year 1977. Testimony was heard from Dr. Eugene Rostow, Coalition for a Democratic Majority.


Edgar A. Chavarrie
Brigadier General, USAF
Deputy Assistant Secretary of
Defense (Programs)





U.S. SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20416

Date: February 13, 1976
Reply to
Attn of: OCR
Subject: SBA and the Congress

To: Dr. Robert Wolthius
Staff Assistant to Mr. Friedersdorf
The White House

1. Administrator Kobelinski

Late Friday, the Senate confirmed the nomination of Mitchell Kobelinski to be Administrator of the Small Business Administration. Subsequently, Mr. Kobelinski was sworn in at the White House on Thursday, February 12th.

2. Mobile Field Hearings

The Senate Select Small Business Committee held a hearing on February 6, in Mobile, Alabama, which focused on the economic problems of the small farms and fisheries in the Central Gulf States. SBA was represented by Mr. Wiley Messick, Region IV Director, and Mr. James Barksdale, District Director. The hearing, chaired by Senator Sparkman (D-Ala.), utilized a new format where, after each panel's testimony, the representatives of SBA were given time to respond to any criticisms or complaints. SBA's testimony centered around the current issues facing small business in the area, such as the estate tax relief; capital gains tax relief; and relief from excessive government regulation and excessive paperwork. Much of the hearing concerned the problems of the local shrimpers and fishermen. The SBA, through the 502 program has made available over \$8.5 million for this industry. Consequently, the hearing focused on the benefits of this program and the need for continued participation by the SBA's 502 program.



3. SBA and Women

The Senate Select Small Business Committee will hold hearings on the variety of assistance programs that SBA offers to women. Hearings are to be held on February 24th and chaired by Senator Javits (R-NY). Deputy Administrator Louis Laun will represent the Small Business Administration.

4. Business Loans Oversight Hearing

The Senate Select Committee on Small Business plans to hold an oversight hearing on February 23rd, to discuss the SBA's 7(a) regular business loan program. The committee intends to base its hearings on the General Accounting Office report on the program, and the lead-off witness will be Elmer Staats, Comptroller General. SBA will be represented by Mr. Laun, Deputy Administrator. Hearings will be chaired by Senator Haskell (D-Colo.).

5. North Carolina Field Hearings

The Senate Small Business Subcommittee of Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs plans to hold field hearings in Raleigh, North Carolina, on February 23rd. The hearing will center on discussion of SBA's surety bond program, set-asides, and SBIC's. District Director George Marshall will present testimony on behalf of SBA.

6. Robinson-Patman Act

The Ad-Hoc Subcommittee on the Robinson-Patman Act of the House Small Business Committee will hold another day of hearings on February 26th on efforts to amend or repeal the Robinson-Patman Act. Scheduled as witnesses on the 26th are representatives of the University of Virginia and the Cornell Law School.

7. Budget and the Economy

The Senate Budget Committee will hold a series of hearings on the proposed fiscal year 1977 budget and its impact on the economy. On March 4, the Committee will discuss the impact the budget will have on the business and finance sectors; on March 10, the Committee will focus on the economic forecast projections; and the March 11 hearing will focus on the proposed budgets impact on monetary policy.

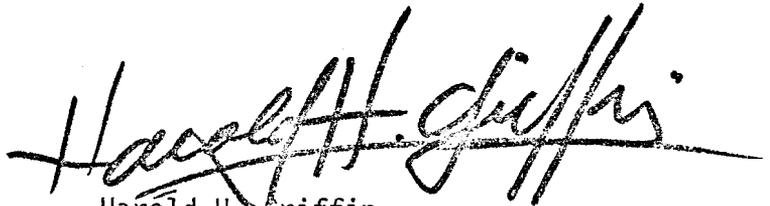


8. Family Farm Hearings

The Senate Select Small Business Committee (Nelson-D-Wisc., Chairman) will be joined by the Environment and Land Resources Subcommittee (Haskell-D-Colo., Chairman) of the Senate Interior and Insular Affairs Committee for two days of field hearings in Fresno, California. The hearings, to be held on February 16 and 17, will focus on the effect of federal irrigation, under the Central Valley Project, on the family farms in that area.

9. Senate Oversight Hearings

The Senate Small Business Subcommittee of Banking, Housing and Urban Affairs will hold oversight hearings on March 8 and 9. The hearings will focus on the SBA set-aside program, the lease guarantee program, and the surety bond program.



Harold H. Griffin
Director, Office of
Congressional Relations



List of SBA Witnesses

- February 23: Deputy Administrator Louis Laun will testify at oversight hearings relating to SBA's 7(a) Business Loan Program to be held by the Senate Select Committee on Small Business. Sen. Haskell will chair.
- February 23: North Carolina District Director George Marshall will testify at field hearings at the Senate Small Business Subcommittee of the Senate Banking Committee, to be held in Raleigh.
- Senator Morgan (D.-N.C.), Subcommittee Chairman, will chair the hearings.
- February 24: Deputy Administrator Louis Laun will appear before the Senate Select Committee on Small Business to discuss SBA assistance programs which affect women.
- March 11: SBA will present its budget before the House Appropriations Subcommittee on State-Justice-Commerce-Judiciary and Related Agencies.



STATUS OF LEGISLATION AND HEARINGS AFFECTING
SBA AND THE SMALL BUSINESS COMMUNITY

<u>Bill No.</u>	<u>Title and Subject Matter:</u>	<u>STATUS:</u>
S.2498	<u>Small Business Act and Small Business Act Amendment</u> The Act amends the Small Business Act by providing assistance for small business export activities; requires a study on the possibility of consolidating Federal disaster loan authorities, to be completed by April 30, 1976; increases authorization for surety bond guarantee program from \$35 million to \$56.5 million; establishes a National Commission on Small Business in America; and extends the SBA loan eligibility to small farmers.	Passed Senate, but House failed to approve all but the agriculture provision prior to the December recess. House consideration resumed on January 28 and 29, when House Small Business Committee took up the provision of S.2498 pertaining to Small Business Investment Corporations.
HR.9056	<u>Small Business Pollution Control Financing Program</u> Creates a pollution control financing program and would extend eligibility for all SBA programs to those farmers and food producers which are presently considered ineligible as being "agricultural" under present SBA regulations.	The Act passed the House on October 6 and was referred to Senate Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs Committee. Subsequently, the Senate attached the provisions of HR 9056 relating to SBA eligibility of small farmers to S.2498. This action came in the form of an amendment by Sen. Javits, which was adopted by a vote of 50-25 on December 12, 1975.
	<u>Surety Bond Guarantee Program</u> House and Senate hearings dealt with the adequacy of the surety bond program's authorization and funding level, and various program reforms which might make the program increasingly self-sustaining.	Hearings were before the Senate Select Committee on Small Business, and the House Subcommittee on SBA oversight of the Small Business Committee. Senate Select Committee on Small Business to hold further hearings on this in March, (tentative). Two amendments to S.2498 relating to the Surety bond program were adopted on the Senate floor on December 12. These were (1) Burgers amendment to pay to the obligee whatever would have been payable to the surety, and (2) Mondale amendment to increase the authorized capital of the Surety Bond Guarantee Fund from \$35 million to \$56.5 million.

Bill No.	Title and Subject Matter:	Status:
S.1839	<u>Increased Authorizations for certain Small Business Loan and Guarantee Program</u> The Act increases the subceilings on SBIC loans from \$725 to \$825 million and increases the subceilings for economic opportunity loans under Title IV of the Economic Opportunity Act from \$450 million to \$525 million. The Act also clarifies the language of P.L. 93-501 as it relates to SBIC's, and also provides for an increase in the Surety Bond Guarantee Fund from \$35 million to \$45 million.	The Act passed the Senate on June 4 and was referred to the House Small Business Committee which will hold hearings on this in May.
HR 4888 (S.1457)	<u>The Small Business Amendments Act of 1975</u> Makes loans available for small businesses suffering economic injuries as the result of the disruption of operations and services of public utilities.	The Act passed the House on June 5 and was referred to the Senate Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs Committee. Subsequently the Senate rejected this proposal by a vote of 28-46 in the form of a Javits amendment to S.2498, which then passed S.2498 on December 12.
S. Res 104	<u>Relating to the Senate Committee on Small Business</u> The resolution would transfer legislative authority from the Senate Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs Committee to a new Select Committee on Small Business. This would parallel the structure adopted by the House which granted legislative authority to its Small Business Committee at the beginning of the 94th Congress.	The resolution is pending before the Senate Rules and Administration Committee. The resolution presently has 72 co-sponsors. Hearings were held on Feb. 5, and the Rules Committee is to resume consideration later this month.
HR 5541 (S.1259)	<u>Small Business Relief Act</u> The Act provides for emergency relief for small business concerns in connection with fixed-price Government contracts.	Passed the House on April 22, and the Senate on October 30. Conference report filed on December 12. Signed by the President on December 31 (P.L. 94-190).
S.2613	<u>Small Business Investment Act Amendments</u> To change the title and duties of the Associate Administrator for Finance and Investment to "Associate Administrator for Investment," who is to devote his full time as head of the Small Business Investment Division.	Referred to the Small Business Subcommittee of the Senate Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs. Hearings are tentatively planned for May.



Bill No. Title and
 Subject Matter:

Status:

HR 10612 Tax Reform Act of 1975
Assist Small Business by: allowing taxpayers using the cash method of accounting to deduct prepayment of interest only in the period to which it relates under an actual method of accounting; revision of several partnership tax rules; extension of the temporary investment tax credit until December 31, 1981; and extension of the change in corporate tax rates until December 31, 1977 of 20 percent on the first \$25,000 in taxable income and 22 percent on the second \$25,000 in taxable income.

The Act passed the House on December 4, 1975, and is currently pending before the Senate Finance Committee. Hearings are to begin March 17, 1976.

HR 5559 Internal Revenue Code Amendments
The Act is a minor railroad tax exemption proposal, with an amendment adopted by the Senate Finance Committee. The amendment provides for the six month extension of those provisions of the Tax Reduction Act of 1975 (PL. 94-12) which are due to expire on December 31st. These include the temporary reduction of the corporate tax rate to 20 percent for the first \$25,000 and 22 percent on the next \$25,000, before the regular 48 percent corporate tax rate takes affect.

The original Act, minus the amendment, passed the House on June 3rd and was referred to the Senate Finance Committee. The Act passed the Senate, with the amendment, on December 15, but with no offsetting spending ceiling. The Senate and House agreed to the Conference Report on December 17. The President Vetted the Act December 18, and the House sustained the veto.

HR 8117 Small Business and the Petroleum Industry
The bill makes loans available for small businesses in the petroleum and petrochemical industries and preserves and protects these small businesses.

Currently pending before the House Subcommittee on SEA and SBIC of the Small Business Committee (Smith-Iowa-Chairman). Hearings will continue in May. The bill was also referred to the House Interstate and Foreign Commerce Committee.

Robinson-Patman Act

The House Small Business, Ad Hoc Subcommittee on Antitrust, the Robinson-Patman Act, and related Matters (Gonzalez-Chairman) has held several hearings on recent efforts to amend or repeal the Robinson-Patman Act.

The House Small Business Committee completed its first phase of the hearings; with additional ones anticipated.

Solar Energy-business

Hearings on the role of small business in the development of solar energy.

Hearings before the Senate Small Business Committee. Hearings were adjourned subject to the call of the Chairman.

Solar Energy-residential

To assist home owners and builders in purchasing solar heating and cooling equipment.

Currently pending before both the House Small Business Committee, and the House Banking, Currency and Housing Committee.

S.2845
HR 11380

HR 8524

Bill No.	Title and Subject Matter:	Status:
----	<u>Procurement Assistance Oversight</u> Oversight hearings on procurement assistance and the small business timber set-aside program.	Hearings before the Senate Select Committee on Small Business. Hearings were adjourned subject to the call of the Chairman.
----	<u>Impact of Federal Paperwork on Small Business</u> Hearings on the burden of Federal forms on small businesses.	Subcommittee on SPA and SBIC of the House Business Committee (Smith-Iowa-Chairman). Hearings to continue this session. Senate Select Committee on Small Business and Senate Finance held joint hearing on Feb. 2 & 3, on paperwork, burden and cost of complying with the Employee Retirement Income Security Act.
----	<u>Small Business in America</u> Hearings on the relationship between small business and the economic and social ideas of American life.	Hearings were before the Senate Select Committee on Small Business (Nelson-Chairman). They were adjourned subject to the call of the Chairman.
HR 5982	<u>Protection of Meat Market</u> To prohibit certain anticompetitive activities by meat packers or meat marketers in controlling livestock prior to slaughter.	House Small Business Committee has held hearings, with additional ones anticipated.
----	<u>SEA-Appropriation</u> The Small Business Administration's appropriation for fiscal year 1977.	The House Appropriations, Subcommittee on State-Justice-Commerce-Judiciary-and Related Agencies will hold hearings on March 11, 1976.
----	<u>SEA-Authorization</u> The Small Business Administration's authorization for fiscal year 1977.	The Senate Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs, Subcommittee on Small Business tentatively plans to hold hearings in April, 1976.
S.J. Res. 163	<u>National Small Business Week</u> The resolution authorizes and request the President to issue a proclamation designating the week beginning May 9, 1976, as "National Small Business Week."	Currently pending before the Senate Judiciary Committee.

TO: Robert K. Wolthuis
White House Staff
Assistant

FROM: Michael M. Uhlmann
DEPARTMENT: Justice

February 13, 1976

SUBJECT: Legislative Report

HIGHLIGHTS

The testimony of the Attorney General and Director Kelley, Wednesday, February 11, before the House Judiciary Subcommittee on Civil and Constitutional Rights on FBI Guidelines was well received and has generated considerable favorable interest and comment from other committees and members of Congress.

The Animal Welfare Act Amendments (H.R. 5808), as it reached the House floor Monday, contained a provision permitting Agriculture Department attorneys to bring certain criminal prosecutions. With the aid of Congressman Wiggins the measure was amended to retain clearly the prosecutive authority of the Attorney General.

COMPLETED HEARINGS

Feb. 11	FBI Legislative Policies and Guidelines	House Judiciary Comm., Subc. on Civil and Constitutional Rights	Edward H. Levi, Attorney General, and Clarence M. Kelley, Director, FBI
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FUTURE HEARINGS

Feb. 18	Justice's Appropriation	House Appropriations Comm., Subc. on State, Justice, Commerce, & Judiciary	Edward H. Levi, Attorney General
Feb. 18	Proposals to amend the Federal Election Act of 1971	Senate Rules & Administration Comm., Subc. on Privileges & Elections	Antonin Scalia, AAG, OLC





UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
Office of the Secretary
Washington, D.C. 20230

February 13, 1976

MEMORANDUM FOR The Honorable Max Friedersdorf

FROM: Robert A. Reintsema *RAH*
Acting Assistant to the Secretary
for Congressional Affairs

SUBJECT: Commerce Department Review and Forecast of Legislative
Activities for the week ending February 13

I. REVIEW

Budget: Subcommittee on State, Justice, Commerce and Related Agencies of House Committee on Appropriations continued hearings February 9 with NOAA Administrator White testifying; February 10 with USTS Assistant Secretary Holden, Fire Administrator Tipton, Science and Technology Assistant Secretary Ancker-Johnson, Patent and Trademark Commissioner Dann, and NBS Acting Director Ambler testifying; and February 11 with Maritime Affairs Assistant Secretary Blackwell testifying.

Foreign Investment/Boycotts: On February 6, the Senate Committee on Banking, Housing and Urban Affairs reported S. 953, to regulate foreign investment in the U.S. and to clarify the U.S. position on boycotts and restrictive trade practices against U.S. concerns, with an amendment.

Agricultural Census: On February 11, the House Committee on Post Office and Civil Service reported H.R. 7824, amending section 142 of title 13, USC, providing that in 1983 and every five years thereafter, the Census of Agriculture would relate to the same years as would the economic censuses taken under section 131 of title 13.

Endangered Species: On February 11, the House Committee on Merchant Marine and Fisheries reported H.R. 10229, Endangered Species Act of 1973 Amendments, amended.



200-Mile Fisheries: Senator Buckley was appointed in lieu of Senator Pearson as a conferee on H.R. 200, 200-mile fisheries management zone.

Clean Air: House Committee on Interstate and Foreign Commerce continued markup February 10 and 11 on H.R. 10498, Clean Air Act Amendments.

Antitrust: On February 10, the House Committee on Rules granted a one hour open rule to H.R. 8532, Antitrust Parens Patriae Act pertaining to class action suits.

Railroad Revitalization: On February 9, the House agreed to S. J. Res. 167, amending the Railroad Revitalization and Regulatory Reform Act -- clearing the measure for the President.



II. FORECAST

GENERAL

Inflation and World Economy: Subcommittee on International Finance and Resources of Senate Committee on Finance will continue hearings February 17 on inflation and how it is affecting the world economy. The Subcommittee will explore the major causes of inflation, the effect of exchange rate changes on inflation and the effect of international cartel pricing on world inflation. The scheduled witnesses are former Treasury Secretary Henry Fowler, former Under Secretary of the Treasury Paul Volcker and former Under Secretary of Defense G. Warren Butler.

Nomination Hearings: Senate Committee on Commerce will hold hearings February 19 on the nominations of Joseph Kasputys, to be an Assistant Secretary of Commerce; Richard Darman, to be an Assistant Secretary of Commerce; and J. T. Smith II, to be General Counsel (10 a.m., 5110 Dirksen).

ADMINISTRATION

Assistant Secretary/Appropriations: Subcommittee on Transportation and Commerce of House Committee on Interstate and Foreign Commerce will hold hearings March 8 on H.R. 6810/S. 1622, authorizing an additional Assistant Secretary of Commerce; and H.R. 11570, authorizing appropriations for the Department of Commerce to be available until expended or for periods in excess of one year.

DOMESTIC AND INTERNATIONAL BUSINESS

Domestic

Tax Reform: Senate Committee on Finance will begin hearings March 17 on tax cuts and tax revision proposals. The hearings will focus on whether to extend or increase tax reductions that expire July 1 and tax code revisions voted by the House last year. The energy tax bill, H.R. 6860 (on which earlier consideration was halted last September), will also be discussed in the context of the overall tax revision bill.

Clean Air: House Committee on Interstate and Foreign Commerce will continue markup February 17 and 18 on H.R. 10498, Clean Air Act Amendments. There will be evening sessions held also until the markup of this bill is completed.



Domestic (cont'd)

Antitrust: The House has scheduled floor action on H.R. 8532, Antitrust Parens Patriae Act pertaining to class action suits, during the week of February 23.

Subcommittee on Monopolies and Commercial Law of House Committee on the Judiciary will hold oversight hearings February 18 on antitrust laws.

Toxic Substances: Senate Committee on Commerce will continue markup February 17 on S. 776, Toxic Substances Control Act.

Health Insurance: Subcommittee on Health of House Committee on Ways and Means will hold field hearings on national health insurance in Chicago, February 26 and 27; in San Francisco, March 18 and 19; in Knoxville, March 25 and 26; in Salem, Oregon, May 6 and 7; and in New Orleans, May 20 and 21.

International Investment Survey: Subcommittee on Foreign Commerce and Tourism of Senate Committee on Commerce will hold hearings February 27 on S. 2839, International Investment Survey Act. This bill would authorize the Commerce Department to collect information on and to analyze outward and inward investment by multinational corporations. Commerce Department will be invited to testify.

East-West Trade: Subcommittee on International Trade and Commerce of House Committee on International Relations will hold hearings March 16 on export licensing of advanced technology under the national security control provisions of the Export Administration Act. Secretary Richardson or an appropriate Department official has been invited to testify. The Departments of State and Defense will also appear. These hearings will preface and supplement later hearings contemplated by the full Committee in conjunction with the proposed extension of the Export Administration Act (2 p.m., 2255 Rayburn).

Duty Suspensions: Subcommittee on Trade of House Committee on Ways and Means will hold hearings February 19 and 20 on duty suspension legislation. The Subcommittee has requested that the Commerce Department testify on this legislation. Witnesses have not yet been determined.



ECONOMIC AFFAIRS

Inflation Impact: Committee to Investigate a Balanced Federal Budget, which consists of approximately 70 Members of Congress, will hold hearings the latter part of March and again in May on Federal spending. Secretary Richardson has been invited to testify March 24 on the impact of inflation on business operations (9 a.m.).

Confidentiality of Census Records: House Committee on Post Office and Civil Service, in executive session, is scheduled to consider H.R. 10686, providing for the release of Census records by the National Archives, on February 19 (9:45 a.m., 309 Cannon).

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

PWEDA: Subcommittee on Economic Development of Senate Committee on Public Works will hold hearings March 15, 16 and 17 on S. 2228, three-year extension of the Public Works and Economic Development Act. Extension of Title V which relates to the Regional Commissions, will also be considered. EDA Assistant Secretary Mizell, accompanied by Acting Special Assistant to the Secretary for Regional Economic Coordination John Eden, will testify on March 17.

Budget Requests: Subcommittee on Economic Development of Senate Committee on Public Works will hold hearings beginning February 19, through March 1, on the budget requests of the respective Federal programs under its jurisdiction. EDA Assistant Secretary Mizell, accompanied by Michael Whalen, will testify on February 20 (9:30 a.m., 4200 Dirksen).

ENERGY

Energy Information: Senate Committee on Interior and Insular Affairs and the National Fuels and Energy Policy Study Group will hold hearings March 3, 8, 9 and 12 on S. 1864, Energy Information Act.

Oil Shale: Subcommittee on Minerals, Materials and Fuels of Senate Committee on Interior and Insular Affairs will hold a hearing March 16 on S. 2313, amending the Mineral Leasing Act of 1920 relating to oil shale leasing.

Coal Leasing: Subcommittee on Minerals, Materials and Fuels of Senate Committee on Interior and Insular Affairs will hold oversight hearings February 16 on Federal coal leasing. Interior Secretary Kleppe will testify.



ENERGY (Cont'd)

Energy Conservation: Senate Committee on Commerce will hold hearings February 25 and 26 on S. 2932, relating to energy conservation in the industrial sector, which includes residential, commercial, and the public sector as well as the industrial community. Commerce Department may be invited to testify.

Oil Company Competition: Subcommittee on Monopolies and Commercial Law of House Committee on the Judiciary will hold a markup session February 19 on joint ventures by major oil companies for the production of crude petroleum products (2 p.m., 2300 Rayburn).

Natural Gas: Senate Committees on Commerce and Interior and Insular Affairs will hold joint hearings February 17 on S. 2950, Alaskan Natural Gas Pipeline Authorization Act, which relates to the construction and operation of a natural gas pipeline from Alaska across Canada to domestic markets in the U.S. (9:30 a.m., 3110 Dirksen).

MARITIME ADMINISTRATION

Negotiated Contracts: Subcommittee on Merchant Marine of House Committee on Merchant Marine and Fisheries will hold a markup session February 18 on H.R. 11504, extending section 502(a) of the Merchant Marine Act, 1936, through June 30, 1979. This section provides the Secretary of Commerce with the authority to negotiate contracts and construction differential subsidies for the building of U.S. vessels.

Maritime Authorization: Subcommittee on Merchant Marine of House Committee on Merchant Marine and Fisheries will hold a markup session February 18 on H.R. 11481, Maritime authorization for FY 1977. A full Committee markup on this bill has tentatively been scheduled for February 25, subject to Subcommittee approval.

Maritime Policy: Subcommittee on Merchant Marine of House Committee on Merchant Marine and Fisheries will hold oversight hearings February 26 on the Operating-Differential Subsidy program. Maritime Administration officials will probably begin testifying on March 3.

Third-Flag Carriers: Subcommittee on Merchant Marine of House Committee on Merchant Marine and Fisheries may hold a markup either February 18 or February 26 on H.R. 7940, third-flag carriers.

MARITIME ADMINISTRATION (Cont'd)

Petroleum Products: Subcommittee on Merchant Marine of Senate Committee on Commerce will hold a hearing February 25 on S. 2422, providing that the coastwise laws of the U.S. should extend to the Virgin Islands with respect to the transportation of crude oil, residual fuel oil, and refined petroleum products.

NATIONAL OCEANIC AND ATMOSPHERIC ADMINISTRATION

Endangered Species: Subcommittee on Fisheries, Wildlife Conservation and the Environment of House Committee on Merchant Marine and Fisheries will hold a markup February 19 on H.R. 8092, extending the authorization for appropriations to carry out the Endangered Species Act of 1973.

Seabed Mining: Subcommittee on Oceanography of House Committee on Merchant Marine and Fisheries has tentatively scheduled hearings for February 23, 24, March 8 and 9 on deep seabed mining legislation.

Ocean Dumping: Subcommittees on Oceanography and Fisheries, Wildlife Conservation and the Environment of House Committee on Merchant Marine and Fisheries will hold joint oversight hearings February 27 on the Marine Protection, Research and Sanctuaries Act (ocean dumping). Dr. Donald Martineau, Deputy Associate Administrator for Marine Resources, and Robert Knecht, Assistant Administrator for Coastal Zone Management, NOAA, will testify.

Weather Modification: Senate Committee on Commerce will hold hearings February 17 on S. 2705, providing for a Commission to study the need for regulation of weather modification activities; S. 2706, authorizing and directing the Secretary of Commerce to plan and carry out an experimental research program to determine the feasibility of and the most effective methods for drought prevention and alleviation by weather modification; and S. 2707, authorizing the Secretary of Commerce to carry out a program of assistance to States in preventing and alleviating drought emergencies. NOAA Administrator White will testify (2:30 p.m., 5110 Dirksen).

Sea Grants: Subcommittee on Oceanography of House Committee on Merchant Marine and Fisheries will hold hearings March 1, 2 and 3 on Sea Grant oversight and authorization. NOAA Administrator White and Dr. Robert Abel, Director of the National Sea Grant Program, will testify.

Subcommittee on Oceans and Atmosphere of Senate Committee on Commerce will hold hearings March 22 and 23 on Sea Grant oversight and authorization.

NATIONAL OCEANIC AND ATMOSPHERIC ADMINISTRATION (Cont'd)

Ozone Depletion: Senate Committee on Aeronautical and Space Sciences will hold hearings March 1 on ozone depletion. Dr. Edward Epstein, Associate Administrator for Environmental Monitoring and Prediction, NOAA, will testify.

SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

Copyrights: Subcommittee on Courts, Civil Liberties, and the Administration of Justice of House Committee on the Judiciary has tentatively scheduled to continue markup on February 17 and 18 of H.R. 2223, copyright law revision. This markup may be cancelled if the full Committee decides to hold a markup session on gun control legislation.

Screw Thread Standards: Subcommittee on Antitrust and Monopoly of Senate Committee on the Judiciary has tentatively scheduled hearings for the second week in March on voluntary standards. These hearings may involve the revised screw thread standards proposed by the Interdepartmental Screw Thread Committee.

TOURISM

International Travel Act: Subcommittee on Transportation and Commerce of House Committee on Interstate and Foreign Commerce will hold hearings March 8 on H.R. 11569, amending the International Travel Act of 1961 to provide funding authorization for familiarization tours given to foreign travel agents and journalists by the United States Travel Service.



TESTIMONY DELIVERED BY COMMERCE DEPARTMENT OFFICIALS

2/9-11	Assistant Secretaries and heads of operating units before the Subcommittee on State, Justice, Commerce and Related Agencies of House Committee on Appropriations on the Commerce Department's budget for FY 1977	12 hrs. 35 mins. (total)
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FUTURE TESTIMONY BY COMMERCE DEPARTMENT OFFICIALS

- 2/17 NOAA Administrator White before the Senate Committee on Commerce on weather modification
- 2/19 Joseph Kasputys, Richard Darman and J. T. Smith II before the Senate Committee on Commerce on their nominations
- 2/19 or 20 Commerce officials before the Subcommittee on Trade of House Committee on Ways and Means on duty suspension legislation
- 2/20 EDA Assistant Secretary Mizell, accompanied by Michael Whalen, before the Subcommittee on Economic Development of Senate Committee on Public Works on the budget requests of the respective Federal programs under the Committee's jurisdiction
- 2/25 or 26 Commerce official may be invited to testify before the Senate Committee on Commerce on energy conservation
- 2/27 Dr. Donald Martineau and Robert Knecht of NOAA before the Subcommittees on Oceanography and Fisheries, Wildlife Conservation and the Environment of House Committee on Merchant Marine and Fisheries on ocean dumping oversight
- 2/27 Commerce Department will be invited to testify before the Subcommittee on Foreign Commerce and Tourism of Senate Committee on Commerce on the International Investment Survey Act
- 3/1 Dr. Edward Epstein of NOAA before Senate Committee on Aeronautical and Space Sciences on ozone depletion
- 3/1,2,3 NOAA Administrator White and Dr. Robert Abel of NOAA before the Subcommittee on Oceanography of House Committee on Merchant Marine and Fisheries on Sea Grant oversight and authorization
- 3/3 Maritime Administration official will probably testify before the Subcommittee on Merchant Marine of House Committee on Merchant Marine and Fisheries on Operating-Differential Subsidy program oversight



- 3/16 Secretary Richardson or an appropriate Department official has been invited to testify before the Subcommittee on International Trade and Commerce of House Committee on International Relations on the export licensing of advanced technology under the national security control provisions of the Export Administration Act
- 3/17 EDA Assistant Secretary Mizell, accompanied by Acting Special Assistant to the Secretary for Regional Economic Coordination John Eden before the Subcommittee on Economic Development of Senate Committee on Public Works on the Public Works and Economic Development Act extension
- 3/24 Secretary Richardson has been invited to testify before the Committee to Investigate a Balanced Federal Budget on the impact of inflation on business operations



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February 13, 1976

TO: HONORABLE ROBERT K. WOLTHUIS
Staff Assistant to Mr. Friedersdorf

FROM: KENNETH M. DUBERSTEIN
Director of Congressional Affairs

SUBJECT: Legislative Report

Glomar Explorer:

Under its existing authorities, GSA has recently been assigned responsibility for "disposal" of the ship the Hughes Glomar Explorer. You'll recall that the vessel has received extensive publicity during the Hill's investigation of intelligence activities. Since funding for the ship's operation runs out on June 30, we have been requested to find alternative uses for it.

At this point, no Federal agency has expressed an immediate need for the vessel. Several agencies (NOAA, ERDA, & NSF) have expressed general interest, but do not have sufficient funds to operate the ship. Accordingly, we are seriously considering outleasing the Glomar Explorer for two to three years, pending development of a Federal agency need.

In coordination with OMB, we have met informally with Congressman Charles Mosher, ranking minority member of the Science and Technology Committee, who is the leading House advocate for finding a Federal need. Other interested Members are Senators Metcalf, Jackson, and Fannin. We will be meeting within the next week with members and staff of the House and Senate Government Operations Committees to explain our disposal procedures and our determination to outlease the vessel pending a Federal need. Once a lessor is selected, the lease agreement must be submitted to the Government Operations Committees for review.

House Public Works Committee:

Commissioners of Public Buildings Nick Panuzio and I met this week with Congressman Teno Roncalio, Chairman of our Public Works Subcommittee, to discuss the status of several pending prospectuses.

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Of 38 new construction, lease, and repair and alteration prospectuses pending before the Subcommittee, 20 have been approved by the Senate Public Works Committee. The primary emphasis was on the repair and alteration projects which are already funded in the FY '76 appropriations bill, but not yet authorized. Of the 24 pending repair and alteration prospectuses, 14 have already received Senate Committee approval.

Roncalio stated that he does not want to rubber stamp the repair and alteration prospectuses, and would only consider five of them at a hearing during the week of February 23. When we explained that most of these projects are already funded and have been before the Subcommittee for at least 6 months, he agreed to add additional projects for Subcommittee consideration if Members requested that he do so. Members -- including full Committee Chairman Bob Jones, full ranking minority Bill Harsha, and ranking minority member of the Subcommittee, William Walsh -- will request that he do so.

Tapes & Documents: (See Legislative Report for January 23)

A February 5 letter from Chairman Ribicoff, ranking minority Percy, and Chairman Brademas stated:

We do not recognize as valid your attempted withdrawal of the proposed regulations submitted to the Congress by GSA on October 15, 1975. We, of course, are willing to consider any refinement you may now wish to suggest to provisions of the proposed regulations. We hope this entire matter can be resolved expeditiously so that these regulations can become effective without further delay.

We will be submitting to Government Operations and House Administration a legal opinion by our Office of General Counsel that we do have the authority to withdraw the proposed regulations.

With all this, we are preparing as rapidly as possible a revised set of regulations to clarify possible unconstitutional provisions as mentioned in the recent three-judge panel decision. We expect to submit regulations to the Hill before the end of March.

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Presidential Transition Act Amendments:

In conjunction with the Office of Management and Budget, we are preparing legislation to amend the Presidential Transition Act of 1963 and the Act of August 25, 1958, as amended (the Former Presidents Act). The draft legislation is consistent with the GAO report of December 24, 1975, entitled "Federal Assistance for Presidential Transitions: Recommendations for Changes in Legislation."

The proposed amendments to the Presidential Transition Act delete all references to assistance to be provided former Presidents and former Vice Presidents, thereby limiting the Act to services and facilities for Presidents-elect and Vice-Presidents-elect. Accordingly, all of the present appropriation authorization of \$900,000 for any one Presidential transition would be available to assist the incoming President and Vice President, or twice the amount previously provided. The GAO report of November 1970 stated that "the \$450,000 Federal funds made available to the incoming Nixon administration was clearly inadequate in light of the estimated \$1.5 million spent to defray the expenses of the incoming administration." Therefore, the amendments to this Act propose a new ceiling of \$1.5 million.

The proposed amendments to the Former Presidents Act provide in one act the authorization for all allowances and services to be provided a former President from the time he leaves office, clarifies provisions in this Act for items to be furnished a former President, and adds a provision authorizing the use of Federal funds for a three-month period after a former President's death to provide for an orderly closing of his office. The proposed amendments to this Act also transfer the provisions from the Presidential Transition Act authorizing assistance to be provided a former Vice President for six months after he leaves office.

With OMB approval, the draft legislation will be ready for the Hill within a few weeks.

Records Management Legislation:

GSA has worked with OMB over the last few months to develop an Administration position in response to a number of bills introduced in the 94th Congress dealing with records management authority of the Administrator. We have also been in communication

with the staff of the Government Activities and Transportation Subcommittee, House Government Operations Committee, which has jurisdiction over these measures. We strongly support the current pending legislation, which would strengthen our records management authority without interrupting the responsibilities of the individual agency heads to carry out their mission. The Subcommittee has been receptive to our suggestions for improving GSA's statutory authority in this area. The Federal Paperwork Commission, during its January meeting, endorsed the thrust of the Administration position and encouraged passage of such legislation.

We anticipate action on the House side within the next two months. Senate action will follow.

Legislative Program:

The following items in the Legislative Program were transmitted to OMB this week:

Item #20 This legislative proposal would amend the Davis-Bacon Act to increase the amount of construction contracts subject to its provisions from \$2,000 to \$10,000. We feel that the \$2,000 threshold is no longer realistic. The Commission on Government Procurement recommended that the limit for applying these socioeconomic programs to the procurement process be raised to \$10,000.

This measure appeared in the Program for the last session as an item under intensive consideration, pending COGP determinations.

Item #23 This proposal concerns the use of the proceeds from the disposition of surplus real property to pay direct expenses for environmental consultants' fees and protection and maintenance costs. Other expenses are currently authorized, but this item would add to the types of expenditures allowed to be paid from the proceeds.

This is a new item in the Program.



Item #31 The Federal Property Act now provides that proceeds from the disposition of surplus real property shall be set aside in a separate fund in the Treasury. Payments may be made from the fund by GSA for direct expenses incurred in the utilization and disposal of property. Item #31 would permit GSA to obligate in addition, funds to pay the cost of relocating activities from the properties which have been determined to be other than optimally utilized. This would include, in certain circumstances, costs for acquiring new facilities to house the relocated activities.

This item has appeared in the last three Programs.

Item #39 This measure would provide for the inclusion of interest and legal fees in judgments granted on suits by subcontractors based upon payment bonds. Presently, the expense of litigation deters many smaller businessmen from bringing suits for sums due them, and brings economic pressure upon them to settle for less than the amounts due. This proposal would serve to protect these businessmen from unnecessary financial losses when performing as subcontractors and suppliers on Government contracts.

This proposal has appeared in the past five GSA Legislative Programs. Following OMB clearance during the 93rd Congress, a draft bill was sent to the Hill where it was introduced as H. R. 11691 and passed in May, 1974. A draft bill was forwarded to OMB on February 26, 1975.

Item #57 This item would include certain types of properties in the list of properties which GSA may sell by negotiation for less than fair market value.

This is a new item in the Legislative Program.



Senate Public Works Committee -- Budget Hearings:

On February 24 the Senate Public Works Committee will hold a budget review hearing on the Federal Buildings Fund FY '77 budget, especially construction, leasing, and repairs and alterations which come under the committee's jurisdiction. Under the new congressional budget process, legislative committees must submit budget recommendations to the Budget Committees by March 15.

The committee has requested that representatives of the Public Buildings Service appear to present testimony and answer questions on the following subjects:

- budget submission to OMB,
- rationale for the budget request,
- optimum level of spending for programs,
- views on program expansion or reduction, and
- estimate of programs for the next five years.

Consumer Information Center Appropriations:

On February 26 Dave Peterson, Director of the Consumer Information Center, will appear before the Subcommittee on HUD-Independent Agencies, Senate Appropriations Committee, concerning the Center's fiscal year 1977 budget requests. Hearings before the House subcommittee have already been completed.

The Center's funding request for '77 is \$1,073,000. This includes an increase of \$19,000 over the '76 funding -- required solely to fund the full year's cost of the October 1975 pay increase.

Appropriations Hearings:

GSA's appropriations hearings before the Treasury, Postal Service and General Government Subcommittee, House Appropriations Committee, will be held March 8, 9, 10, 11, and 12. The Senate Subcommittee has scheduled our session for March 23. Administrator Eckerd will be testifying at both hearings, accompanied by other key officials.

UPCOMING HEARINGS

- February 24 Senate Public Works Committee; regarding GSA's FY '77 budget requests for the Federal Buildings Fund; representatives of the Public Buildings Service will testify and answer questions
- February 26 Postponed from February 18 -- Subcommittee on HUD-Independent Agencies, House Appropriations Committee; regarding FY '77 budget requests for GSA's Consumer Information Center; Center Director Dave Peterson will testify
- week of
February 23 Subcommittee on Public Buildings and Grounds, House Public Works and Transportation Committee; representatives of the Public Buildings Service will appear to answer questions concerning several pending building prospectuses
- March 8-12 Subcommittee on Treasury, Postal Service and General Government, House Appropriations Committee; Administrator Eckerd and other key officials will testify on GSA's FY 1977 budget requests
- March 23 Subcommittee on Treasury, Postal Service and General Government, Senate Appropriations Committee; Administrator Eckerd and other key officials will testify on GSA's FY 1977 budget requests
- no firm date Joint Economic Committee, Subcommittee on Energy; representatives of the Public Buildings Service will testify on GSA's energy conservation initiatives in Federal facilities





DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
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February 13, 1976

MEMORANDUM FOR: MAX FRIEDERSDORF
Assistant to the President
The White House

FROM: PAUL A. THEIS *PT*
Deputy Under Secretary
for Congressional and Public Affairs

SUBJECT: Weekly Wrap-up

On February 6, the Subcommittee on Livestock and Grains of the House Agriculture Committee met and approved for full committee action H. R. 8410 (amended) to amend the Packers and Stockyards Act of 1921.

On February 9, by a vote of 335-54, the House passed H. R. 5808, the Animal Welfare Act Amendments of 1976, after amending the bill to limit appropriations for animal transport and cock fights to \$600,000 per year and \$400,000 per year, respectively.

The House Agriculture Committee held hearings February 10 and 11 on general review and recommendations of the food stamp program. Richard Feltner, Assistant Secretary for Marketing and Consumer Services, testified before the Committee.

COMING UP

The House Agriculture Committee will hold a business meeting February 19 to discuss the following: The GAO report on grain inspection, S. 1545 transfer of peanut allotments because of disasters and H. R. 8410 amendments to the Packers and Stockyards Act of 1921.



DEPARTMENTAL WITNESSES BEFORE CONGRESS

February 9 - February 13, 1976

<u>Appearances</u>		<u>Hours</u>	
<u>Principal</u>	<u>Technical</u>	<u>Principal</u>	<u>Technical</u>
1	4	4	2
<u>ACCUMULATED TOTALS THIS SESSION</u>			
13	29	20	3 1/2

APPEARANCES BY THE SECRETARY (INCLUDED ABOVE)

<u>Appearances</u>	<u>Hours</u>
0	0
<u>ACCUMULATED TOTALS THIS SESSION</u>	
3	6



UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Schedule of Hearings



<u>Date and Committee</u>	<u>Bill - Subject</u>	<u>Witness</u>
2/17/76 Full H. Agric.; 10 A.M.; (1301-L); Cong. Thomas Foley, Chm.	H.R. 11743 - National Agricultural Research Act	Robert Long Assistant Secretary
2/18/76 Sen. Banking, Housing, & Urban Aff.; Subc. on Housing & Urban Aff.; 10 A.M.; (5302-D); Sen. John Sparkman, Chm.	Oversight of rural housing problems	James Bostic Dep. Asst. Sec.
2/18 & 19/76 House Appropriations Comm.; Subc. on Ag. & Related Agencies; 1 P.M. (2362-R); Cong. Jamie Whitten, Chm.	1977 Budget for the Department	Earl Butz Secretary
2/19/76 H. Ways and Means; Subc. on Trade; 1:30 P.M.; (1102-L); Cong. Wm. Green, Chm.	Duty suspension legislation	Technical witnesses
2/26/76 Sen. Int. & Ins. Aff.; Subc. on Envir. & Land Res.; 10 A.M.; (3110-D); Sen. Floyd Haskell, Chm.	S. 1872 - Cibola National Forest S. 2511 - Land exchange in Boise, Idaho, et al.	Not selected
3/5/76 Sen. Select Comm. on Nut. & Human Needs; 9:30 A.M.; Sen. George McGovern, Chm.	U. S. policy toward the FAO	Richard Bell Assistant Secretary
3/16/76 H. Agric.; Subc. on Dom. Mktg. and Cons. Relations; 10 A.M.; (1301-L); Cong. Joseph Vigorito, Chm.	Current coffee price situation	Not selected

Date and Committee

Bill - Subject

Witness

3/18/76

Sen. Ag. & For.; Subc. on Ag.
Res. & Gen. Legis.; 10 A.M.;
(324-R), Sen. James Allen,
Chm.

S. 2598 - Dairy & Meat Import
Inspection & Identification

Frank Mulhern, APHIS
Gordon Fraser, FAS





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ASSISTANT SECRETARY

February 13, 1976

MEMORANDUM FOR THE HONORABLE MAX L. FRIEDERSDORF

FROM: Harold F. Eberle, Jr. *HFE*
Assistant Secretary
Legislative Affairs

SUBJECT: Legislative Report

THIS PAST WEEK:

- HR.11854, the President's Job Creation Tax Incentive Program, which would permit very rapid amortization for businesses that construct new plants, purchase equipment, or expand existing facilities in areas experiencing unemployment of 7% or more, was introduced on Feb. 10.
- A draft bill "to remove the limitation on dues for U.S. membership in International Criminal Police Organization: was transmitted to Congress, Feb. 12.

WEEK TO COME:

- 2/17 - Secretary Simon and OMB Director Lynn/House Ways & Means: Debt Ceiling
- 2/17 - Ass't Sec'y. Parsky/Senate Commerce & Interior Committees: Oversight hearings on Arctic natural gas reserves.
- 2/18 - Under Secretary Yeo/House Budget, Task Force on Tax Expenditures and Off-Budget Agencies: Exchange Stabilization Fund
- 2/19 - Ass't Sec'y. Jones/Senate Finance, Subcommittee on Financial Markets: Treasury tax policy as it relates to capital formation.
- 2/19 - Secretary Simon/Senate Banking: Lockheed Loan Guarantee. Proxmire is expected to press the Loan Guarantee Board for a phased time table of collections from Lockheed.



DEBT CEILING:

Although Treasury will not ask for a particular ceiling, the arithmetical result of revenues and expenditures effectively puts it in the range of \$621 billion by June 30 (end of FY 1976) and \$640 billion by September 30 (end of transitional quarter and beginning of FY 1977), which is consonant with the levels set by Congress in its Second Budget Resolution, December 8. Mark-up is scheduled for 2/18.

Secretary Simon will strongly urge the adoption of several proposals to improve the management of the public debt:

- Increase by \$10 billion the amount of Treasury bonds that can be issued without regard to the 4 1/4% ceiling;
- Extend the maximum maturity of Treasury notes to 10 years from the present 7 years;
- Remove the statutory ceiling on the savings bonds interest rates.

These proposals were sought several times this past year (and accepted once in the Senate), but Ways & Means Democrats have refused to grant them, the absence of which pushes up short term interest rates and will impair the financial basis for an extended recovery.



Number	Title	Summary	Status	Administration Position
HR.10624 S.2615	Municipal Bankruptcy	Amends bankruptcy act to allow for easier access to bankruptcy by municipalities.	Conference set February 17.	Seeking Compromise Language
HR.6558 8244 S.1625	Renewal of General Revenue Sharing	Would extend and revise the State and Local Fiscal Assistance Act	House hearings recessed. Mark-up expected to begin February 23.	Support
HR.3035	Tax and Loan Accounts	Would authorize the Treasury to invest temporarily surplus cash in interest-bearing accounts.	Passed House 391 - 0 on December 15. Senate hearings expected in May.	Support
S.1267	Financial Institutions Act of 1975.	To expand competition, provide improved customer services, strengthen the ability of financial institutions to adjust to changing economic conditions, and to improve the flows of funds for mortgage credit.	Banking titles passed Senate December 11 by a vote of 79 - 14. Tax title struck from bill and referred to Finance Committee. Pending.	Support
HR.10612	Reform of U.S. Tax Laws	Extends for one year existing individual tax rates (rates reduced last year), adjust corporate tax rates, and contains numerous "reform provisions" dealing w/tax shelters, foreign income taxations, et. al.	Passed House Dec. 4. Pending in Finance. Hearings to begin Mar. 16. Mark-up expected in May.	Generally support.

Number	Title	Summary	Status	Administration Position
HR.9220	Customs Modernization	Would modernize and revise certain Customs regulations.	Pending in Ways and Means.	Support
HR.9721	African Development	Providing for increased participation by U.S. in IDB, to provide for entry of non-regional members and the Bahamas and Guyana in the IDB to provide for the participation of U.S. in ADF and for other purposes.	Passed the House December 9 by a vote of 249 - 166, 19 voting not present. Senate Foreign Relations reported it out February 3. No action has been taken.	Support
HR.5620	Mint Buildings	Would authorize construction of a new mint in Denver.	Passed House on September 19. Referred to Senate Banking on September 24. Hearings scheduled for Feb. 27.	Support
HR.8175 S.1907	Financial Support Fund	Would authorize participation by the U.S. in a new \$25 billion Financial Support Fund.	House Banking - last day of hearings was September 18. In Senate Foreign Relations pending.	Support
HR.10392	Destruction of Explosive Materials	To amend Chapter 40, Title 18, U.S. Code, to authorize the destruction of explosive materials subject to seizure and forfeiture where it is impractical or unsafe to remove the materials to a place of storage or where such materials cannot be safely stored.	Referred to Judiciary.	Support

Number	Title	Summary	Status	Administration Position
HR. 11193	National Firearms Act	To amend the National Firearms Act to elimin- ate formal forfeiture procedures, both judicial and adminis- trative, involving un- registered National Firearms Act weapons.	Before full Judiciary.	Support
HR.10108	Electric Power Facility Construc- tion Act of 1975	Provide incentives for expansion of electric power facilities of other than petroleum fueled generating facilities by reducing the costs of construction for electric utility property through changes in the invest- ment credit and the allowances for amorti- zation and depreciation, and by encouraging investment in electric utilities.	Pending in Ways & Means.	Support



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February 13, 1976

MEMORANDUM TO: MAX FRIEDERSDORF
Assistant to the President

FROM: SOL MOSHER
Assistant Secretary for
Legislative Affairs

SUBJECT: LEGISLATIVE REPORT
February 9 - 13, 1976

Attached please find the Legislative Report for the week
of February 9th through 13th, 1976.



Sol Mosher



LEGISLATIVE REPORT

SENATE

REVIEW

None

FORECAST

Committee on Banking, Housing and Urban Affairs, Subcommittee on Housing and Urban Affairs, will hold hearings on February 18 on Rural Housing issues. Assistant Secretary David Cook will testify.

Committee on Banking, Housing and Urban Affairs, Subcommittee on Oversight, will hold hearings on Oversight/Housing Goals on February 20. Secretary Hills will testify.

Confirmation: Floor action on the confirmation of Constance Newman, of the District of Columbia, to be Assistant Secretary of Housing and Urban Development, is expected on Monday, February 16.



LEGISLATIVE REPORT

HOUSE

REVIEW

None

FORECAST

Committee on Armed Services - The Civil Defense Panel of the Subcommittee on Investigations will hold hearings on February 19. The panel is interested in the relationship between FDAA and the civil defense activities performed by other agencies. Thomas P. Dunne, Administrator of FDAA, will testify.

Committee on Banking, Currency and Housing, Oversight Subcommittee will hold hearings on condominiums on March 10. Secretary Hills will testify.

Committee on Banking, Currency and Housing, Subcommittee on Housing and Community Development, will hold hearings on March 2 and 3 on H.R. 11769, to authorize and amend various HUD programs. Secretary Hills will testify on March 2, with the Under Secretary and other program Assistant Secretary to be available for participation on March 3 to justify their new authorizations and administrative expenses. H.R. 11769 is a "mini-omnibus" bill which includes new authorizations for FY '77; authorization for administrative expenses (heretofore administrative expense authorizations which includes personnel levels, salaries, etc., have been the "traditional turf of the Appropriations Committee because of the complexity detailed justification, etc."); plus several provisions in H.R. 9852 as amended and passed by the Senate. Congressman Edward Boland, Chairman of the HUD Appropriations Subcommittee, is extremely concerned about the authorizing committee venturing into the Appropriations Subcommittee's area, and we believe that Boland may lead a Floor fight should the Banking Committee report out a bill which includes a ceiling for administrative expenses. Congressman Garry Brown is a co-sponsor of H.R.



LEGISLATIVE REPORT

HOUSE

FORECAST (con't)

11769. His purpose in being listed as a sponsor was to insure inclusion of two items in H.R. 9852, as passed by the Senate, which were not in the bill originally drafted by Congressman Barrett. These two items are of particular importance to the Administration, and Brown's co-sponsorship does not imply support for the dollar figures contained in the committee bill.

