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***Civil Service Subcommittee to Examine Government
Reorganization, Ending Redundant Programs***

Hearing to Follow Comptroller General's Major Speech at National Press Club

What: Hearing, "Making the Case for Streamlining Government"

When: September 17, 2003 at 2 p.m.

Where: Room 2154, Rayburn House Office Building

Background: Subcommittee Chairwoman Jo Ann Davis earlier this year introduced H.R. 2743, the "Government Accountability and Streamlining Act of 2003," which requires the General Accounting Office to determine whether pending bills would duplicate any existing government programs, functions or entities. This reporting requirement, similar to the Congressional Budget Office's "scoring" of legislation for budgetary impact before bills reach the House or Senate floor, is designed to avoid the creation of duplicative or overlapping programs.

This hearing is being held on the same day Comptroller General David Walker, head of the GAO, is scheduled to address the long-term outlook for the federal government's balance sheet – a picture that is gloomy, given the rising costs of Social Security, Medicare and Medicaid. Re-organizing the executive branch and avoiding redundancies are going to be particularly important tasks given the pressures placed on the federal budget due to the aging of the Baby Boomers and increasing demands for national security and other critical needs.

After speaking at the Press Club, Comptroller General Walker will head directly to Capitol Hill, where he will testify at this Subcommittee hearing. Members of the media are strongly encouraged to attend both events.

Witnesses: David Walker, Comptroller General of the U.S., General Accounting Office
Paul Volcker, chairman, National Commission on Public Service
Clay Johnson, deputy director for management, Office of Management and Budget