

Tuesday, April 20, 1999

# Daily Digest

## Senate

### Chamber Action

*Routine Proceedings, pages S3889–S3970*

**Measures Introduced:** Fourteen bills and one resolution were introduced, as follows: S. 832–845, and S.J. Res. 20. Page S3914

**Budget Process Reform:** Senate began consideration of S. 557, to provide guidance for the designation of emergencies as a part of the budget process, taking action on the following amendments proposed thereto: Pages S3896–S3908

Pending:

Lott (for Abraham) Amendment No. 254, to preserve and protect the surpluses of the social security trust funds by reaffirming the exclusion of receipts and disbursement from the budget, by setting a limit on the debt held by the public, and by amending the Congressional Budget Act of 1974 to provide a process to reduce the limit on the debt held by the public. Pages S3896–S3908

Abraham Amendment No. 255 (to Amendment No. 254), in the nature of a substitute. Pages S3896–S3908

A motion was entered to close further debate on Amendment No. 254 (listed above) and, in accordance with the provisions of Rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, a vote on the cloture motion will occur on Thursday, April 22, 1999. Page S3908

**Education Flexibility Partnership Act—Agreement:** A unanimous-consent-time agreement was reached providing for the consideration of the conference report on H.R. 800, to provide for education flexibility partnerships, on Wednesday, April 21, 1999, with a vote to occur thereon. Page S3965

### Appointment:

**National Council on the Arts:** The Chair, on behalf of the Majority Leader, pursuant to Public Law 105–83, announced the appointment of Senator DeWine to serve as a member of the National Council on the Arts. Page S3965

**Messages From the President:** Senate received the following messages from the President of the United States:

Transmitting a report on Federal climate change expenditures; referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations (PM–19). Page S3913

**Nominations Received:** Senate received the following nominations:

Frank Almaguer, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Honduras.

John R. Hamilton, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Peru.

Donald W. Keyser, of Virginia, a Career Member of the Senior Foreign Service, Class of Minister-Counselor, for Rank of Ambassador during tenure of service as Special Representative of the Secretary of State for Nagorno-Karabakh and New Independent States Regional Conflicts.

2 Air Force nominations in the rank of general.

21 Navy nominations in the rank of admiral.

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**Adjournment:** Senate convened at 10:30 a.m., and adjourned at 7:04 p.m., until 10:30 a.m., on Wednesday, April 21, 1999. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S3965.)

## Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

### AUTHORIZATION—DEFENSE

*Committee on Armed Services:* Subcommittee on Emerging Threats and Capabilities concluded hearings on proposed legislation authorizing funds for fiscal year 2000 for the Department of Defense, focusing on the science and technology program and the future years defense program, after receiving testimony from Jacques S. Gansler, Under Secretary for Acquisition and Technology, and Delores Etter, Deputy Under Secretary for Science and Technology, both of the Department of Defense; Paul J. Hooper, Assistant Secretary of the Army for Research, Development and Acquisition; H. Lee Buchanan III, Assistant Secretary of the Navy for Research, Development and Acquisition; Lt. Gen. Gregory S. Martin, USAF, Principal Deputy, Office of the Assistant Secretary of the Air Force for Acquisition; and Frank L. Fernandez, Director, Defense Advanced Research Projects Agency.

### CONSERVATION/RESOURCES/PUBLIC LAND AND RECREATION

*Committee on Energy and Natural Resources:* Committee held hearings on S. 25, to provide Coastal Impact Assistance to State and local governments, to amend the Outer Continental Shelf Lands Act Amendments of 1978, the Land and Water Conservation Fund Act of 1965, the Urban Park and Recreation Recovery Act, and the Federal Aid in Wildlife Restoration Act (commonly referred to as the Pittman-Robertson Act) to establish a fund to meet the outdoor conservation and recreation needs of the American people; S. 446, to provide for the permanent protection of the resources of the United States in the year 2000 and beyond; and S. 532, to provide increased funding for the Land and Water Conservation Fund and Urban Parks and Recreation Recovery Programs, to resume the funding of the State grants program of the Land and Water Conservation Fund, and to provide for the acquisition and development of conservation and recreation facilities and programs in urban areas, receiving testimony from Mayor Victor Ashe, Knoxville, Tennessee, on behalf of the Conference of Mayors; Terrell Davis, Denver Broncos, Denver, Colorado, on behalf of the Pop-Warner Little Scholars and Sporting Goods Manufacturers Association; Bernadette Castro, New York State Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation, Albany; Dianne A. Curry, Dallas Park and Recreation Board, Dallas, Texas, on behalf of the National Recreation and Park Association; Hank Steinbrecher, United States Soccer, Chicago, Illinois, on behalf of the U.S.

Soccer Federation and the U.S. Soccer Foundation; Chuck Cushman, American Land Rights Association, Battle Ground, Washington; Alan Front, Trust for Public Land, San Francisco, California; Bruce Vincent, People for the USA, Libby, Montana, on behalf of the Alliance for America; Theodore R. Roosevelt, IV, Lehman Brothers, New York, New York; Jane Hague, Metropolitan King County Council, Seattle, Washington, on behalf of the National Association of Counties; Robert J. Smith, Competitive Enterprise Institute, Washington, D.C.; and Judith E. Bittner, Alaska State Department of Natural Resources, Anchorage, on behalf of the National Conference of State Historic Preservation Officers.

Hearings continue on Tuesday, April 27.

### BALLISTIC MISSILE THREAT

*Committee on Foreign Relations:* Committee resumed hearings on the United States vulnerability to ballistic missile attack, receiving testimony from James R. Schlesinger, former Secretary of Defense; William Schneider, Jr., former Under Secretary of State for Security Assistance, Science and Technology; and James R. Lilley, former U.S. Ambassador to China.

Hearings recessed subject to call.

### WAR IN KOSOVO

*Committee on Foreign Relations:* Committee held hearings on issues relating to the war in Kosovo, focusing on United States and NATO policy, receiving testimony from Madeleine K. Albright, Secretary of State.

Hearings recessed subject to call.

### NOMINATIONS

*Committee on Governmental Affairs:* Committee concluded hearings on the nominations of Stephen H. Glickman and Eric T. Washington, each to be an Associate Judge of the District of Columbia Court of Appeals, and Hiram E. Puig Lugo, to be an Associate Judge of the Superior Court of the District of Columbia, after the nominees, who were introduced by District of Columbia Delegate Eleanor Holmes Norton, testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

### FLAG PROTECTION AMENDMENT

*Committee on the Judiciary:* Committee held hearings on S.J. Res. 14, proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States, authorizing Congress to prohibit the physical desecration of the flag of the United States, after receiving testimony from Richard D. Parker, Harvard Law School, Cambridge, Massachusetts; Maj. Gen. Patrick H. Brady, USA (Ret.), Sumner, Washington, on behalf of the Citizens Flag Alliance, Inc.; Gary E. May, University of

Southern Indiana, Newburgh; Maribeth Seely, Sandystone-Walpack School, Branchville, New Jersey; Nathan D. Wilson, West Virginia Council of Churches, Charleston; and Lt. Gen. Edward Baca, USA (Ret.), Albuquerque, New Mexico, former Chief, National Guard Bureau.

Hearings continue on Wednesday, April 28.

### DOMESTIC PREPAREDNESS

*Committee on the Judiciary:* Subcommittee on Youth Violence, with the Subcommittee on Technology, Terrorism, and Government Information, concluded joint hearings on domestic preparedness in the next generation, after receiving testimony from Barbara Y. Martinez, Deputy Director, National Domestic Preparedness Office, and Andy Mitchell, Deputy Director, Office for State and Local Domestic Preparedness Support, Office of Justice Programs, both of the Department of Justice; James M. Hughes, Director, National Center for Infectious Diseases, Centers for Disease Control, Department of Health and Human Services; Charles L. Cragin, Acting Assistant Secretary of Defense for Reserve Affairs; Richard A. Dyer, Lee's Summit Fire Department, Lee's Summit, Missouri, on behalf of the International Association of Fire Chiefs; Patrick J. Sullivan, Jr., Arapahoe County Sheriff's Department, Littleton, Colorado, on behalf of the National Sheriff's Association; and Richard L. Alcorta, Maryland Institute for Emergency Medical Services Systems, Baltimore, and Joseph F. Waeckerle, Leawood, Kansas, both on behalf of the American College of Emergency Physicians.

### VETERANS CONTINGENCY PLAN

*Committee on Veterans' Affairs:* Committee concluded hearings on the Department of Veterans Affairs contingency plans for the year 2000, after receiving testimony from Hershel W. Gober, Deputy Secretary, Harold Gracey, Acting Assistant Secretary for Information and Technology, Ernesto Castro, Y2K Program Manager, James Burrell, Deputy Chief Re-

search and Development Officer, Thomas Garthwaite, Deputy Under Secretary for Health, and Leonard Bourget, Y2K Program Manager, Veterans Health Administration, all of the Department of Veterans Affairs; Thomas Shope, Special Assistant to the Director for Science and Technology, Food and Drug Administration, Department of Health and Human Services; Joel C. Willemsen, Director, Civil Agencies Information Systems, Accounting and Information Management Division, General Accounting Office; Constance Craig, Chief Information Officer/Assistant Commissioner for Information Resources, Financial Management Service, Department of the Treasury; Kenneth Buckley, Assistant Director, Division of Reserve Bank Operations and Payment Systems, Federal Reserve System; and Nicholas F. Barranca, Vice President, Operations Planning, United States Postal Service.

### NATIVE AMERICAN GRAVE PROTECTION AND REPATRIATION

*Committee on Indian Affairs:* Committee concluded oversight hearings on the implementation of the Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act (P.L. 101-601), after receiving testimony from Maricopa County Superior Court Judge Sherry Hunt, Phoenix, Arizona; Rosita Worl, Sealaska Heritage Foundation, Juneau, Alaska; Tex G. Hall, Three Affiliated Tribes of the Fort Berthold Reservation, New Town, North Dakota, on behalf of the Aberdeen Area Tribal Chairmen's Association; Armand Minthorn, Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation, Pendleton, Oregon; Robert P. Gough, Rosebud Sioux Tribe, Rosebud, South Dakota, on behalf of the estate of Tasunke Witko; Ernie Stevens, Jr, National Congress of American Indians, and Keith W. Kintigh, Society for American Archaeology, both of Washington, D.C.; and W. Donald Duckworth, Bishop Museum, Honolulu, Hawaii, on behalf of the American Association of Museums.

# House of Representatives

## Chamber Action

**Bills Introduced:** 24 public bills, H.R. 1475–1498; 1 private bill, H.R. 1499; and 3 resolutions, H. Con. Res. 88–89 and H. Res. 144, were introduced.

Pages H2201–02

**Reports Filed:** Reports were filed today as follows: Conference report on H.R. 800, to provide for education flexibility partnerships (H. Rept. 106–100);

H. Res. 142, providing for consideration of H.R. 1184, to authorize appropriations for carrying out the Earthquake Hazards Reduction Act of 1977 for fiscal years 2000 and 2001 (H. Rept. 106–101); and

H. Res. 143, waiving points of order against the conference report on H.R. 800, to provide for education flexibility partnerships (H. Rept. 106–102).

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**Speaker Pro Tempore:** Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he designated Representative Bass to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. Page H2139

**Recess:** The House recessed at 1:10 p.m. and reconvened at 2:00 p.m. Page H2144

**Private Calendar:** Agreed to dispense with the call of the Private Calendar. Page H2144

**Suspensions:** The House agreed to suspend the rules and pass the following measures:

**Thrift Savings Plan Changes:** H.R. 208, amended, to amend title 5, United States Code, to allow for the contribution of certain rollover distributions to accounts in the Thrift Savings Plan, to eliminate certain waiting-period requirements for participating in the Thrift Savings Plan; Pages H2161–64

**1st Anniversary of the Good Friday Peace Agreement:** H. Con. Res. 54, amended, recognizing the historic significance of the first anniversary of the Good Friday Peace Agreement; Pages H2171–76

**International Narcotics Control and Law Enforcement Assistance Appropriations:** H.R. 1379, amended, to amend the Omnibus Consolidated and Emergency Supplemental Appropriations Act, 1999, to make a technical correction relating to an emergency supplemental appropriation for international narcotics control and law enforcement assistance. Agreed to amend the title; Pages H2176–77

**Honoring Rosa Parks with A Gold Medal on Behalf of the Congress:** H.R. 573, amended, to authorize the President to award a gold medal on behalf of the Congress to Rosa Parks in recognition of her contributions to the Nation (passed by a ye and

nay vote of 424 yeas to 1 nay, Roll No. 92). Subsequently, the House passed S. 531, a similar Senate-passed bill—clearing the measure for the President. H.R. 573 was then laid on the table; and

Pages H2150–61, H2177–78

**Condemning the Murder of Rosemary Nelson:** H. Res. 128, amended, condemning the murder of human rights lawyer Rosemary Nelson and calling for the protection of defense attorneys in Northern Ireland (passed by a ye and nay vote of 421 yeas to 2 nays, Roll No. 93). Pages H2164–71, H2178–79

**Presidential Message—Climate Control Activities:** Read a message from the President wherein he transmitted his account of all Federal agency climate change programs and activities—referred to the Committees on Appropriations, International Relations, Science, Commerce, and Ways and Means.

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**Senate Messages:** Message received from the Senate appears on page H2139.

**Referrals:** S. 249, was referred to the Committee on Education and the Workforce; S. 426 and S. 430, were referred to the Committee on Resources, and S. 453 was referred to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure. Page H2200

**Quorum Calls—Votes:** Two ye and nay votes developed during the proceedings of the House today and appear on pages H2177–78 and H2178–79. There were no quorum calls.

**Adjournment:** The House met at 12:30 p.m. and adjourned at 8:34 p.m.

## Committee Meetings

### INTERIOR APPROPRIATIONS

**Committee on Appropriations:** Subcommittee on Interior continued appropriation hearings. Testimony was heard from Members of Congress.

### LABOR, HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES, AND EDUCATION APPROPRIATIONS

**Committee on Appropriations:** Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education continued appropriation hearings. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

### VA, HUD AND INDEPENDENT AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS

**Committee on Appropriations:** Subcommittee on VA, HUD and Independent Agencies held a hearing on the Department of Veterans Affairs. Testimony was

heard from Togo D. West, Jr., Secretary of Veterans Affairs.

#### **BANK SECRECY ACT—REPORTING REQUIREMENTS**

*Committee on Banking and Financial Services:* Subcommittee on General Oversight and Investigations and the Subcommittee on Financial Institutions and Consumer Credit held a joint hearing on reporting requirements under the Bank Secrecy Act of 1970 and related statutes. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of the Treasury: James E. Johnson, Under Secretary, Enforcement; and Bonni G. Tischler, Assistant Commissioner, Office of Investigations, U.S. Customs Service; Mary Lee Warren, Deputy Assistant Attorney General, Criminal Division, Department of Justice; Richard A. Small, Assistant Director, Division of Banking Supervision and Regulation, Board of Governors, Federal Reserve System; Christie A. Sciacca, Associate Director, Division of Supervision, FDIC; and public witnesses.

#### **WORK INCENTIVES IMPROVEMENT ACT**

*Committee on Commerce:* Subcommittee on Health and Environment approved for full Committee action amended H.R. 1180, Work Incentives Improvement Act of 1999.

#### **ENERGY LABORATORIES—SECURITY—GAO PERSPECTIVE**

*Committee on Commerce:* Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations held a hearing on Security at the Department of Energy's Laboratories: The Perspective of the General Accounting Office. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Energy, Resources, and Science Issues, GAO: Victor S. Rezendes, Director; William F. Fenzel, John R. Schulze and Gary R. Boss, all Assistant Directors.

#### **EMPLOYER HEALTH PLAN ACCOUNTABILITY**

*Committee on Education and the Workforce:* Subcommittee on Employer-Employee Relations, hearing on Employer Health Plan Accountability: Do Participants Have Adequate Protections? Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

#### **REGULATORY RIGHT-TO-KNOW ACT**

*Committee on Government Reform:* Subcommittee on National Economic Growth, Natural Resources, and Regulatory Affairs approved for full Committee action amended H.R. 1074, Regulatory Right-to-Know Act of 1999.

#### **BANKRUPTCY REFORM ACT**

*Committee on the Judiciary:* Began markup of H.R. 833, Bankruptcy Reform Act of 1999.

Will continue tomorrow.

#### **MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES**

*Committee on Resources:* Subcommittee on National Parks and Public Lands held a hearing on the following bills: H.R. 791, Star-Spangled Banner National Historic Trail Study Act of 1999; and H.R. 1104, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to transfer administrative jurisdiction over land within the boundaries of the home of Franklin D. Roosevelt National Historic Site to the Archivist of the United States for the construction of a visitor center. Testimony was heard from Denis Galvin, Deputy Director, National Park Service, Department of the Interior; John W. Carlin, Archivist of the United States, National Archives and Records Administration; and public witnesses.

#### **CONFERENCE REPORT-EDUCATION FLEXIBILITY PARTNERSHIP ACT**

*Committee on Rules:* Granted, by a vote of 11 to 0, a rule waiving all points of order against the conference report to accompany H.R. 800, Education Flexibility Partnership Act of 1999, and against its consideration. The rule provides that the conference report shall be considered as read. Testimony was heard from Chairman Goodling and Representative Castle.

#### **EARTHQUAKE HAZARDS REDUCTION ACT**

*Committee On Rules:* Granted, by a vote of 10 to 0, an open rule providing 1 hour of debate on H.R. 1184, Earthquake Hazards Reduction Authorization Act of 1999. The rule waives clause 4(a) of rule XIII (requiring a three day layover of the committee report) against consideration of the bill. The rule provides that the amendment in the nature of a substitute recommended by the Committee on Science now printed in the bill be considered as an original bill for the purpose of amendment. The rule provides that the committee amendment in the nature of a substitute shall be open for amendment by section. The rule authorizes the Chair to accord priority in recognition to Members who have pre-printed their amendments in the Congressional Record. The rule allows for the Chairman of the Committee of the Whole to postpone votes during consideration of the bill, and to reduce voting time to five minutes on a postponed question if the vote follows a fifteen minute vote. Finally, the rule provides one motion to recommit with or without instructions. Testimony was heard from Chairman Sensenbrenner and Representative Smith of Michigan.

## Joint Meetings

### EDUCATION FLEXIBILITY PARTNERSHIP ACT

*Conferees*, on Thursday, April 15, agreed to file a conference report on H.R. 800, to provide for education flexibility partnerships.

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### COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR WEDNESDAY, APRIL 21, 1999

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

#### Senate

*Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry*: to hold hearings to review the recent report on the Federal Crop Insurance Program by the Office of Inspector General, Department of Agriculture, 8:30 a.m., SR-328A.

*Committee on Appropriations*: Subcommittee on Defense, to hold hearings on issues relating to the Defense Health Program, 10 a.m., SD-192.

*Committee on Armed Services*: Subcommittee on Readiness and Management Support, to hold hearings on the readiness of the United States Navy and Marines operating forces, 9:30 a.m., SR-222.

Subcommittee on SeaPower, to hold hearings on proposed legislation authorizing funds for fiscal year 2000 for the Department of Defense, focusing on ship acquisition programs and policy and the Future Years Defense Program, 2:30 p.m., SR-222.

*Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation*: Subcommittee on Science, Technology, and Space, to hold hearings on proposed legislation authorizing funds for fiscal year 2000 for Technology Administration, Department of Commerce, and S. 795, to amend the Fastener Quality Act to strengthen the protection against the sale of mismarked, misrepresented, and counterfeit fasteners and eliminate unnecessary requirements, 2 p.m., SR-253.

*Committee on Energy and Natural Resources*: to hold hearings on whether the United States has the natural gas supply and infrastructure necessary to meet projected demand, 9:30 a.m., SD-366.

Subcommittee on Forests and Public Land Management, to hold oversight hearings to review the Memorandum of Understanding signed by multiple agencies regarding the Lewis and Clark bicentennial celebration, 2 p.m., SD-366.

*Committee on Foreign Relations*: business meeting to mark up proposed legislation authorizing funds for fiscal years 2000-2001 for foreign assistance programs, 10 a.m., SH-216.

*Full Committee*, to hold hearings to examine NATO's 50th anniversary summit, 2 p.m., SD-562.

*Committee on Governmental Affairs*: to hold hearings on S. 746, to provide for analysis of major rules, to promote the public's right to know the costs and benefits of major rules, and to increase the accountability of quality of Government, 9:30 a.m., SD-342.

*Committee on Indian Affairs*: to hold hearings on S. 401, to provide for business development and trade promotion

for native Americans, and for other purposes, 9:30 a.m., SR-485.

*Select Committee on Intelligence*: to hold closed hearings on pending intelligence matters, 3 p.m., SH-219.

*Committee on the Judiciary*: to hold hearings on privacy issues surrounding the internet, 10 a.m., SD-226.

Subcommittee on Constitution, Federalism, and Property Rights, business meeting to consider S. J. Res. 14, proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States authorizing Congress to prohibit the physical desecration of the flag of the United States, 1 p.m., SD-226.

*United States Senate Caucus on International Narcotics Control*: to hold hearings on the threat of corruption to United States Law Enforcement along the Southwest border, 2 p.m., SH-216.

#### House

*Committee on Appropriations*, Subcommittee on Defense, executive, on Kosovo Supplemental, 2 p.m., 2359 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, on public witnesses, 10 a.m., and 2 p.m., 2358 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on VA, HUD and Independent Agencies, on Department of Veterans Affairs, 9:30 a.m., and 1:30 p.m., 2359 Rayburn.

*Committee on Banking and Financial Services*, Subcommittee on Domestic and International Monetary Policy, hearing on the Administration's Fiscal Year 2000 authorizations for the international financial institutions and related programs, 10 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.

*Committee on Commerce*, to mark up the following bills: H.R. 1400, Bond Price Competition Improvement Act of 1999; H.R. 459, to extend the deadline under the Federal Power Act for FERC Project No. 9401, the Mt. Hope Waterpower Project; H.R. 1378, to authorize appropriations for carrying out pipeline safety activities under chapter 601 of title 49, United States Code; and H.R. 45, Nuclear Waste Policy Act of 1999, 10 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

*Committee on Education and the Workforce*, Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations, hearing on Federal Prison Industries, 1:30 p.m., 2175 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Workforce Protections, hearing on the following H.R. 987, Workplace Preservation Act; the Safety and Health Audit Promotion Act; the Safety and Health Audit Promotion and Whistleblower Improvement Act; and the Models of Safety and Health Excellence Act, 10:30 a.m., 2175 Rayburn.

*Committee on International Relations*, hearing on the Situation in Kosovo, 10 a.m., 2172 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Asia and the Pacific and the Subcommittee on International Economic Policy and Trade, joint hearing on the Embattled State of U.S.-China Relations: Assessing the Zhu Rongji Visit, 1:30 p.m., 2172 Rayburn.

*Committee on the Judiciary*, to continue markup of H.R. 833, Bankruptcy Reform Act of 1999; and to mark up H.R. 771, to amend rule 30 of the Federal Rules of Civil

Procedure to restore the stenographic preference for recording depositions, 10:15 a.m., 2141 Rayburn.

*Committee on Rules*, to consider H.R. 999, Beaches, Environmental Assessment, Cleanup, and Health Act of 1999, 3:30 p.m., H-313 Capitol.

*Committee on Science*, Subcommittee on Space and Aeronautics, hearing on Extension of Space Launch Indemnification, 2 p.m., 2318 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Technology, hearing on Genetics Testing in the New Millennium: Advances, Standards and Implications, 10 a.m., 2318 Rayburn.

*Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure*, Subcommittee on Economic Development, Public Buildings, Hazardous Materials and Pipeline Transportation; to mark up the following bills: H.R. 118, to designate the Federal building at 300 East 8th Street in Austin, Texas, as the "J.J. 'Jake' Pickle Federal Building"; H.R. 560, to designate the Federal building located at 300 Recinto Sur Street in Old San Juan, Puerto Rico, as the "Jose V. Toledo United States Post Office and Courthouse"; H.R. 686, to designate a United States courthouse in Brownsville, Texas, as the "Garza-Vela United States Courthouse"; H.R. 1121, to designate the Federal building and United States courthouse located at 18 Greenville Street

in Newnan, Georgia, as the "Lewis R. Morgan Federal Building and United States Courthouse"; S. 453, to designate the Federal building located at 709 West 9th Street in Juneau, Alaska, as the "Hurff A. Saunders Federal Building"; and S. 460, to designate the United States courthouse located at 401 South Michigan Street in South Bend, Indiana, as the "Robert K. Rodibaugh United States Bankruptcy Courthouse", 1 p.m., 2167 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Water Resources and Environment, to mark up the Water Resources Development Act of 1999, 10 a.m., 2167 Rayburn.

*Committee on Veterans' Affairs*, Subcommittee on Benefits, hearing on the following bills: H.R. 1071, Montgomery GI Bill Improvements Act of 1999; and H.R. 1182, Servicemembers Educational Opportunity Act of 1999, 10 a.m., 340 Cannon.

Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations and the Subcommittee on Health, joint hearing on the suspension of medical research at Department of Veterans Affairs medical facilities in West Los Angeles and Spulveda, California, 10 a.m., 334 Cannon.

*Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence*, executive, briefing on China Damage Assessment, 11:30 p.m., H-405 Capitol.

*Next Meeting of the SENATE*

10:30 a.m., Wednesday, April 21

## Senate Chamber

**Program for Wednesday:** After the recognition of ten Senators for speeches and the transaction of any morning business (not to extend beyond 12:30 p.m.), Senate will consider the conference report on H.R. 800, Education Flexibility Partnership Act, with a vote to occur thereon.

*Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES*

10 a.m., Wednesday, April 21

## House Chamber

**Program for Wednesday:** Consideration of H.R. 1184, Earthquake Hazards Reduction (open rule, 1 hour of general debate); and  
Consideration of the conference report on H.R. 800, Education Flexibility Partnership Act (rule waiving points of order, 1 hour of general debate).

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