

United States Code, to provide that monetary benefits paid to veterans by States and municipalities shall be excluded from consideration as income for purposes of pension benefits paid by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs; H.R. 4042, Veterans Home Loan Prepayment Protection Act of 2002; the Arlington National Cemetery Burial Eligibility Act; and a measure providing dependency and indemnity compensation to the surviving spouse of a veteran with a totally disabling service-connected cold-weather injury. Testimony was heard from Representative Gutierrez; the following officials of the Department of Veterans Affairs: Daniel L. Cooper, Under Secretary, Benefits, Veterans Benefits Administration; and Thurman Higginbotham, Deputy Superintendent, Arlington National Cemetery; Craig Duehring, Acting Assistant Secretary, Reserve Affairs, Department of Defense; representatives of veterans organizations; and a public witness.

UNEMPLOYMENT FRAUD AND ABUSE

Committee on Ways and Means: Subcommittee on Human Resources held a hearing on Unemployment Fraud and Abuse. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Labor: D. Cameron Findlay, Deputy Secretary; and Gordon S. Heddell, Inspector General; Sigurd R. Nilsen, Director, Health, Education, and Human Services Division, GAO; Miles Paris, Deputy Director, Program Support, Department of Employment Security, State of Illinois; and public witnesses.

SOCIAL SECURITY DISABILITY PROGRAMS' CHALLENGES AND OPPORTUNITIES

Committee on Ways and Means: Subcommittee on Social Security held a hearing on Social Security Disability Programs' Challenges and Opportunities. Testimony was heard from Martin Gerry, Deputy Commissioner, Disability and Income Security Programs, SSA; Robert Robertson, Director, Education, Workforce, and Income Security Issues, GAO; former Representative Hall Daub of Nebraska, Chairman, Social Security Advisory Board; and public witnesses.

Hearings continue June 18.

Joint Meetings

9/11 INTELLIGENCE INVESTIGATION

Joint Hearing: Senate Select Committee on Intelligence held joint closed hearings with the House Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence to examine events surrounding September 11, 2001, receiving testimony from officials of the intelligence community.

Hearings continue tomorrow.

NEW PUBLIC LAWS

(For last listing of Public Laws, see DAILY DIGEST of June 3, 2002, p. D549)

H.R. 3167, to endorse the vision of further enlargement of the NATO Alliance articulated by President George W. Bush on June 15, 2001, and by former President William J. Clinton on October 22, 1996. Signed on June 10, 2002. (Public Law 107-187)

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR WEDNESDAY, JUNE 12, 2002

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Defense, to hold hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2003 for the Department of Defense and related programs, 9:30 a.m., SD-192.

Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, to hold hearings to examine Medicare payments for medical supplies, 9:30 a.m., SD-124.

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Subcommittee on Science, Technology, and Space, to hold hearings to examine Internet corporations for assigned names and numbers, 2:30 p.m., SR-253.

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Subcommittee on National Parks, to hold hearings on S. 1257/H.R. 107, to require the Secretary of the Interior to conduct a theme study to identify sites and resources to commemorate and interpret the Cold War; S. 1312/H.R. 2109, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to conduct a special resource study of Virginia Key Beach, Florida, for possible inclusion in the National Park System; S. 1944, to revise the boundary of the Black Canyon of the Gunnison National Park and Gunnison Gorge National Conservation Area in the State of Colorado; H.R. 38, to provide for additional lands to be included within the boundaries of the Homestead National Monument of America in the State of Nebraska; H.R. 980, to establish the Moccasin Bend National Historic Site in the State of Tennessee as a unit of the National Park System; and H.R. 1712, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to make adjustments to the boundary of the National Park of American Samoa to include certain portions of the islands of Ofu and Olosega within the park, 2:30 p.m., SD-366.

Committee on Environment and Public Works: to hold hearings to examine the costs and benefits of multi-pollutant legislation, 9:30 a.m., SD-406.

Committee on Governmental Affairs: to hold hearings to examine the status of childhood vaccines, 9:30 a.m., SD-342.

Select Committee on Intelligence: to hold joint closed hearings with the House Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence to examine events surrounding September 11, 2001, 2:30 p.m., S-407, Capitol.