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Daily Digest

HIGHLIGHTS

Senate agreed to S. Res. 83, commending Dr. Lloyd J. Ogilvie, Chaplain of the United States Senate.

Senate passed S. 3, Partial-Birth Abortion Ban Act.

The House passed H.R. 5, Help Efficient, Accessible, Low-Cost, Timely Healthcare (HEALTH) Act.

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S3649–S3764

Measures Introduced: Nineteen bills and eleven resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 610–628, S.J. Res. 9, S. Res. 83–89, and S. Con. Res. 20–22.

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Measures Reported:

Special Report entitled “Legislative Activities Report, 107th Congress”. (S. Rept. No. 108–19)

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Measures Passed:

Commending Senate Chaplain: Senate agreed to S. Res. 83, commending the service of Dr. Lloyd J. Ogilvie, the Chaplain of the United States Senate.

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Partial-Birth Abortion Ban Act: By 64 yeas to 33 nays (Vote No. 51), Senate passed S. 3, to prohibit the procedure commonly known as partial-birth abortion, as amended.

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Gila River Indian Community Judgment Fund Distribution Act: Senate passed S. 162, to provide for the use of distribution of certain funds awarded to the Gila River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community.

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Zuni Indian Tribe Water Rights Settlement Act: Senate passed S. 222, to approve the settlement of the water rights claims of the Zuni Indian Tribe in Apache County, Arizona.

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Designating Additional Joint Committee on Printing Member: Senate agreed to S. Con. Res. 20, permitting the Chairman of the Committee on Rules and Administration of the Senate to designate another member of the Committee to serve on the

Joint Committee on Printing in place of the Chairman.

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Printing and Library Joint Committee Membership: Senate agreed to S. Res. 84, providing for members on the part of the Senate of the Joint Committee on Printing and the Joint Committee of Congress on the Library.

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Fire Safety: Senate agreed to H. Con. Res. 85, expressing the sense of the Congress with regard to the need for improved fire safety in nonresidential buildings in the aftermath of the tragic fire on February 20, 2003, at a nightclub in West Warwick, Rhode Island.

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Senate Legal Representation: Senate agreed to S. Res. 86, to authorize testimony and legal representation in *W. Curtis Shain v. Hunter Bates, et al.*

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Commemorating National Wildlife Refuge System Anniversary: Senate agreed to S. Res. 87, commemorating the Centennial Anniversary of the National Wildlife Refuge System.

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Honoring Former Senator James L. Buckley: Senate agreed to S. Res. 88, honoring the 80th birthday of James L. Buckley, former United States Senator for the State of New York.

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Honoring Orville L. Freeman: Senate agreed to S. Res. 89, honoring the life of former Governor of Minnesota Orville L. Freeman, and expressing the deepest condolences of the Senate to his family on his death.

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Tributes to Dr. Lloyd Ogilvie—Agreement: A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that tributes to Dr. Lloyd Ogilvie, the retiring Senate Chaplain, be printed as a Senate Document, and

that Members have until 12 noon, Friday, March 21 to submit tributes. **Page S3763**

Nomination Considered: Senate resumed consideration of the nomination of Miguel A. Estrada, of Virginia, to be United States Circuit Judge for the District of Columbia.

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During consideration of this measure today, Senate also took the following action:

By 55 yeas to 42 nays (Vote No. 53), three-fifths of those Senators duly chosen and sworn, not having voted in the affirmative, Senate rejected the motion to close further debate on the nomination.

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A third motion was entered to close further debate on the nomination 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 Tuesday, March 18, 2003. **Pages S3693, S3698–99**

Budget Resolution—Agreement: A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that at 2 p.m., on Monday, March 17, 2003, Senate proceed to the consideration of the first concurrent budget resolution, if it has been properly reported by that time.

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A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that notwithstanding the adjournment of the Senate, the Committee on the Budget have from 11 a.m. until 12 noon on Friday, March 14, 2003, to report legislative matters. **Page S3763**

Executive Reports of Committees: Senate received the following executive reports of a committee:

Report to accompany Convention With Great Britain And Northern Ireland Regarding Double Taxation And Prevention Of Fiscal Evasion (Treaty Doc. 107–19) (Ex. Rept. 108–2) **Page S3729**

Report to accompany Protocol Amending Convention With Australia Regarding Double Taxation And Prevention Of Fiscal Evasion (Treaty Doc. 107–20) (Ex. Rept. 108–3) **Page S3729**

Report to accompany Second Additional Protocol Modifying Convention With Mexico Regarding Double Taxation And Prevention Of Fiscal Evasion (Treaty Doc. 108–3) (Ex. Rept. 108–4) **Page S3729**

Treaties Approved: The following treaties having passed through their various parliamentary stages, up to and including the presentation of the resolution of ratification, upon division, two-thirds of the Senators present and having voted in the affirmative, the resolutions of ratification were agreed to:

Convention with Great Britain and Northern Ireland regarding Double Taxation and Prevention of Fiscal Evasion (Treaty Doc. 107–19). **Page S3763**

Protocol Amending Convention with Australia Regarding Double Taxation and Prevention of Fiscal Evasion (Treaty Doc. 107–20). **Page S3763**

Second Additional Protocol Modifying Convention with Mexico Regarding Double Taxation and Prevention of Fiscal Evasion (Treaty Doc. 108–3)

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

Transmitting, pursuant to law, the 6-month periodic report relative to the national emergency with respect to Iran; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs. (PM–23) **Pages S3726–27**

Transmitting, pursuant to law, a notice stating that the emergency declared with respect to the Government of Iran is to continue beyond March 15, 2003; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs. (PM–24) **Page S3727**

Nominations Confirmed: Senate confirmed the following nominations:

By unanimous vote of 97 yeas (Vote No. Ex. 52), Thomas A. Varlan, of Tennessee, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Tennessee.

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By 74 yeas 19 nays (Vote No. EX. 54), Jay S. Bybee, of Nevada, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Ninth Circuit. **Page S3695**

By unanimous vote of 92 yeas (Vote No. Ex. 55), J. Daniel Breen, of Tennessee, to be United States District Judge for the Western District of Tennessee.

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William H. Steele, of Alabama, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of Alabama. **Page S3695**

Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

R. Hewitt Pate, of Virginia, to be an Assistant Attorney General.

David G. Campbell, of Arizona, to be United States District Judge for the District of Arizona.

Helen R. Meagher La Lime, of Florida, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Mozambique.

36 Army nominations in the rank of general.

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Record Vote: Five record votes were taken today. (Total—55) **Pages S3658, S3662, S3693–94, S3695, S3698**

Adjournment: Senate met at 9:30 a.m., and adjourned at 7:20 p.m., until 1 p.m., on Monday, March 17, 2003. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S3763.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

MEDICAL LIABILITY CRISIS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, and Related Agencies hearings to examine causes of the medical liability insurance crisis, focusing on proposals to reform the medical litigation system, after receiving testimony from Claude A. Allen, Deputy Secretary of Health and Human Services; Peter R. McCombs, Pennsylvania Hospital, Philadelphia; Donald M. Berwick, Institute for Healthcare Improvement, Boston, Massachusetts; Jay Angoff, Rogert C. Brown and Associates, Jefferson City, Missouri; James D. Hurley, Atlanta, Georgia, on behalf of the American Academy of Actuaries; Brian Holmes, Hagerstown, Maryland; Linda McDougal, Woodville, Wisconsin; and Leanne Dyess, Vicksburg, Mississippi.

APPROPRIATIONS: VA

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Veterans' Affairs, Housing and Urban Development, and Independent Agencies concluded hearings to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2004 for the Department of Veterans Affairs, after receiving testimony from Anthony J. Principi, Secretary of Veterans Affairs.

DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION: UNIFIED COMMANDS

Committee on Armed Services: Committee concluded hearings in open and closed session to examine proposed legislation authorizing funds for fiscal year 2004 for the Department of Defense and the Future Years Defense Program, focusing on military strategy and operational requirements in of the unified and

regional commands, after receiving testimony from Adm. Thomas B. Fargo, USN, Commander, United States Pacific Command; Gen. Leon J. LaPorte, USA, Commander, United Nations Command, United Nations Command, Republic of Korea-United States Combined Forces Command, and United States Forces in Korea; and Gen. James T. Hill, USA, Commander, United States Southern Command.

DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Readiness and Management Support concluded hearings on proposed legislation authorizing funds for the Department of Defense for fiscal year 2004, focusing on the impacts of environmental laws on readiness and the related Administration legislative proposal, after receiving testimony from General John M. Keane, USA, Vice Chief of the Army; Admiral William J. Fallon, USN, Vice Chief of Naval Operations; General William L. Nyland, USMC, Assistant Commandant of the Marine Corps; General Robert H. Foglesong, USAF, Vice Chief of the Air Force; and Benedict S. Cohen, Deputy General Counsel for Installation and Environment, Department of Defense.

2004 BUDGET: FEDERAL TRANSIT ADMINISTRATION

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: Committee concluded hearings to examine the President's proposed budget request for fiscal year 2004 for the Federal Transit Administration, after receiving testimony from Jennifer L. Dorn, Administrator Federal Transit Administration, Department of Transportation.

2004 BUDGET

Committee on the Budget: Committee ordered favorably reported an original concurrent resolution setting forth the congressional budget for the United States Government for fiscal year 2004 and including the appropriate budgetary levels for fiscal year 2003 and for fiscal years 2005 through 2013.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Committee ordered favorably reported the following business items:

S. 579, to reauthorize the National Transportation Safety Board;

S. 275, to amend the Professional Boxing Safety Act of 1996, and to establish the United States Boxing Administration, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 196, to establish a digital and wireless network technology program, with amendments;

S. 165, to improve air cargo security, with amendments; and

The nominations of Ellen G. Engleman, of Indiana, to be a Member and Chairman, and Richard F. Healing, of Virginia, and Mark V. Rosenker, of Maryland, both to be Members, all of the National Transportation Safety Board, Charles E. McQueary, of North Carolina, to be Under Secretary of Homeland Security for Science and Technology, and Jeffrey Shane, of the District of Columbia, to be Under Secretary for Policy, Robert A. Sturgell, of Maryland, to be Deputy Administrator of the Federal Aviation Administration, and Emil H. Frankel, of Connecticut, to be an Assistant Secretary, all of the Department of Transportation; and United States Coast Guard promotion lists received by the Senate on January 28, February 6, February 25, and March 11, 2003.

Also, Committee adopted its rules of procedure for the 108th Congress, and announced the following subcommittee assignments:

Subcommittee on Aviation: Senators Lott (Chairman), Stevens, Burns, Hutchison, Snowe, Brownback, Smith, Fitzgerald, Ensign, Allen, Sununu, Rockefeller, Hollings, Inouye, Breaux, Dorgan, Wyden, Nelson (FL), Boxer, Cantwell, and Lautenberg.

Subcommittee on Communications: Senators Burns (Chairman), Stevens, Lott, Hutchison, Snowe, Brownback, Smith, Fitzgerald, Ensign, Allen, Sununu, Hollings, Inouye, Rockefeller, Kerry, Breaux, Dorgan, Wyden, Boxer, Nelson (FL), and Cantwell.

Subcommittee on Competition, Foreign Commerce, and Infrastructure: Senators Smith (Chairman), Burns, Brownback, Fitzgerald, Ensign, Sununu, Dorgan, Boxer, Nelson (FL), Cantwell, and Lautenberg.

Subcommittee on Consumer Affairs and Product Safety: Senators Fitzgerald (Chairman), Burns, Smith, Wyden, and Dorgan.

Subcommittee on Oceans, Fisheries, and Coast Guard: Senators Snowe (Chairwoman), Stevens, Lott, Hutchison, Smith, Sununu, Kerry, Hollings, Inouye, Breaux, and Cantwell.

Subcommittee on Science, Technology, and Space: Senators Brownback (Chairman), Stevens, Burns, Lott, Hutchison, Ensign, Allen, Sununu, Breaux, Rockefeller, Kerry, Dorgan, Wyden, Nelson (FL), and Lautenberg.

Subcommittee on Surface Transportation and Merchant Marine: Senators Hutchison (Chairwoman), Stevens, Burns, Lott, Snowe, Brownback, Smith, Allen, Inouye, Rockefeller, Kerry, Breaux, Wyden, Boxer, and Lautenberg.

Senators McCain and Hollings are Ex-Officio Members of all the Subcommittees.

WILDFIRE PREPAREDNESS

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Committee concluded hearings to examine the impact of fires on America in 2002 and the potential 2003 fire season, focusing on the management and implementation of the National Fire Plan, the effects on tourism, and the President's Healthy Forest Initiative, after receiving testimony from David Tenny, Deputy Under Secretary of Agriculture for Natural Resources and the Environment; Lynn Scarlett, Assistant Secretary of the Interior for Policy, Management, and Budget; and Linda M. Conlin, Assistant Secretary, U.S. Trade and Development Agency.

NATIONAL HERITAGE AREAS

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Committee concluded oversight hearings to examine the designation and management of National Heritage Areas, including criteria and procedures for designating heritage areas, the potential impact of heritage areas on private lands and communities, federal and non-federal costs of managing heritage areas, and methods of monitoring and measuring the success of heritage areas, after receiving testimony from Paul Hoffman, Deputy Assistant Secretary of the Interior for Fish and Wildlife and Parks; Kathryn Higgins, National Trust for Historic Preservation, Washington, DC; C. Allen Sachse, Delaware and Lehigh National Heritage Corridor Commission, Easton, Pennsylvania; and Peyton Knight, American Policy Center, Warrenton, Virginia.

CONGESTION MITIGATION AND AIR QUALITY IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM

Committee on Environment and Public Works: Subcommittee on Clean Air, Climate Change, and Nuclear Safety concluded oversight hearings to examine the implementation of the Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality Improvement Program, and transportation conformity, focusing on the collaboration of transportation and air quality planners, direct public and private investment projects, systems and technologies that will reduce air pollution coming from the mobile source sector, after receiving testimony from Emil H. Frankel, Assistant Secretary of Transportation for Transportation Policy; Jeffrey R. Homstead, Assistant Administrator for Air and Radiation, Environmental Protection Agency; Howard R. Maier, Northeast Ohio Areawide Coordinating Agency, Cleveland, Ohio; W. Gerald Teague, Emory University School of Medicine, Atlanta, Georgia;

Jerry Lasker, Indian Nations Council of Governments, Tulsa, Oklahoma; Annette Liebe, Oregon Department of Environmental Quality, Portland, on behalf of the State and Territorial Air Pollution Program Administrators, and the Association of Local Air Pollution Control Officials; Diane Steed, American Highway Users Alliance, Washington, D.C.; Marsha Kaiser, Maryland Department of Transportation, Annapolis, on behalf of the American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials; and Michael Replogle, Environmental Defense, New York, New York.

MILITARY OPERATIONS/IRAQ

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee met in closed session to receive a briefing to examine Iraq's

political future from William Burns, Assistant Secretary of State for Middle East.

NOMINATIONS

Committee on the Judiciary: Committee held hearings to examine the nomination of Priscilla Richman Owen, of Texas, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Fifth Circuit, who was introduced by Senators Hutchison and Cornyn, where the nominee testified and answered questions in her own behalf.

INTELLIGENCE

Select Committee on Intelligence: Committee held closed hearings on intelligence matters, receiving testimony from officials of the intelligence community.

Committee will meet again on Tuesday, March 18.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Measures Introduced: 42 public bills, H.R. 1256–1297; and 7 resolutions, H.J. Res. 39;

H. Con. Res. 92–94, and H. Res. 142–144 were introduced. Pages H1900–02

Additional Cosponsors: Pages H1902–03

Reports Filed: Reports were filed today as follows:

H.R. 444, to amend the Workforce Investment Act of 1998 to establish a Personal Reemployment Accounts grant program to assist Americans in returning to work, amended (H. Rept. 108–35); and

H.R. 875, to direct the Secretary of Transportation to make grants for security improvements to over-the-road bus operations (H. Rept. 108–36). Page H1900

Speaker Pro Tempore: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he appointed Representative Thornberry to act as Speaker Pro Tempore for today. Page H1815

Help Efficient, Accessible, Low-Cost, Timely Healthcare (HEALTH) Act: The House passed H.R. 5, to improve patient access to health care services and provide improved medical care by reducing the excessive burden the liability system places on the health care delivery system by recorded vote of 229 ayes to 196 noes with 1 voting “present”, Roll No. 64. Pages H1817–71, H1879–80

Pursuant to the rule, the amendment in the nature of a substitute printed in H. Rept. 108–34 was considered as adopted. Page H1832

Rejected the Conyers motion to recommit the bill to the Committee on the Judiciary and the Committee on energy and commerce with instructions to report it back to the House forthwith with amendments in the nature of a substitute that establishes the Medical Malpractice and Insurance Reform Act of 2003 by yea-and-nay vote of 191 yeas to 234 nays, Roll No. 63. Page H1870

The House agreed to H. Res. 139, the rule that provided for consideration of the bill by a recorded vote of 225 ayes to 201 noes, Roll No. 62. Earlier agreed to order the previous question by a yea-and-nay vote of 225 yeas to 201 nays, Roll No. 61. And, pursuant to the provisions of H. Res. 139, H. Res. 126 was laid on the table. Pages H1828–29

Legislative Program: The Majority Leader announced the Legislative Program for the week of March 17. Page H1872

Meeting Hour—Monday, March 17 and Tuesday, March 18: Agreed that when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet at noon on Monday, March 17 and agreed that when the House adjourns on Monday, it adjourn to meet at 12:30 p.m. on Tuesday, March 18, for morning hour today. Page H1874

Calendar Wednesday: Agreed to dispense with the Calendar Wednesday business of Wednesday, March 19. Page H1874

Mexico-United States Interparliamentary Group: The Chair announced the Speaker's appointment of Representative Kolbe as Chairman, Mexico-United States Interparliamentary Group. Page H1875

Canada-United States Interparliamentary Group: The Chair announced the Speaker's appointment of Representative Houghton as Chairman, Canada-United States Interparliamentary Group. **Page H1875**

British-American Interparliamentary Group: The Chair announced the Speaker's appointment of Representative Petri as Chairman, British-American Interparliamentary Group. **Page H1875**

Speaker Pro Tempore List: The chair announced that on February 10, the Speaker delivered to the Clerk a letter listing members in the order in which each shall act as Speaker pro tempore under clause 8(b)(3) of rule 1. **Page H1875**

Presidential Messages: Read the following messages from the President:

Continuation of the National Emergency re Iran: Message wherein he transmitted his notice announcing the continuation of the national emergency with respect to Iran—referred to the Committee on International Relations and ordered printed (H. Doc. 108-46); and **Page H1875**

Six Month Periodic Report on the National Emergency re Iran: Message wherein he transmitted a six month periodic report on the national emergency with respect to Iran—referred to the Committee on International Relations and ordered printed (H. Doc. 108-47). **Page H1875**

Designation by the Speaker re Assembly of the Congress: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he stated that pursuant to H. Con. Res. 1, regarding consent to assemble outside the seat of Government, and also for the purposes of concurrent resolutions of the current Congresses as may contemplate his designation of members to act in similar circumstances, he designates Representative Tom DeLay of Texas to act jointly with the Majority Leader of the Senate or his designee, in the event of his death or inability, to notify the Members of the House and Senate, respectively, of any reassembly under any such concurrent resolution. He further stated that in the event of the death or inability of that designee, the alternate Members of the House listed in the letter dated March 13, 2003 that has placed with the Clerk are designated, in turn, for the same purposes.

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Senate Message: Message received from the Senate today appears on pages H1871.

Referral: S. 3 was held at the desk.

Quorum Calls—Votes: Two yea-and-nay votes and two recorded votes developed during the proceedings of the House today and appear on pages H1828-29, H1870, and H1871. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 7 p.m.

Committee Meetings

AGRICULTURE, RURAL DEVELOPMENT, FDA AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration and Related Agencies held a hearing on National Resources Conservation Service. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the USDA: Mark Rey, Under Secretary, Natural Resources and Environment; Bruce Knight, Chief, Natural Resources Conservation Service; and Gerald Patterson, Acting Budget Officer.

The Subcommittee also held a hearing on Research, Education and Economics. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the USDA: Joseph J. Jen, Under Secretary, Research, Education and Economics; Edward B. Knipling, Acting Administrator, Agricultural Research Service; Collen Hefferan, Administrator, Cooperative State Research, Education and Extension Service; Susan E. Offutt, Administrator, Economic Research Service; and R. Ronald Bosecker, Administrator, National Agricultural Statistics Service.

COMMERCE, JUSTICE, AND STATE AND THE JUDICIARY, AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, and State and The Judiciary, and Related Agencies held a hearing on SEC. Testimony was heard from William H. Donaldson, Chairman, SEC.

DEFENSE APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Defense met in executive session to hold a hearing on U.S. Northern Command. Testimony was heard from Gen. Ralph Eberhart, USAF, Commander and Chief, U.S. Northern Command.

ENERGY AND WATER DEVELOPMENT APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Energy and Water Development held a hearing on Department of Energy-Science, Nuclear Energy, and Renewable Energy. Testimony was heard from Robert Card, Under Secretary, Energy, Science and Environment, Department of Energy.

FOREIGN OPERATIONS, EXPORT FINANCING, AND RELATED PROGRAMS APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Foreign Operations, Export Financing, and Related Programs held a hearing on Secretary of State. Testimony was heard from Colin L. Powell, Secretary of State.

INTERIOR AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Interior and Related Agencies held a hearing on National Endowment for the Arts, and National Endowment for the Humanities. Testimony was heard from Bruce Cole, Chairman, National Endowment for the Humanities; and Dana Gioia, Chairman, National Endowment for the Arts.

LABOR, HHS, EDUCATION AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, Education and Related Agencies held a hearing on Department of Education—Panel: “Special Education and Vocational Education” program. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Education: Robert Pasternack, Assistant Secretary, Office of Special Education and Rehabilitation Services; and Grover Whitehurst, Assistant Secretary, Institute of Education Sciences; Office of Education Research and Improvement.

TRANSPORTATION AND TREASURY, AND INDEPENDENT AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Transportation and Treasury, and Independent Agencies held a hearing on Inspector General, Department of Transportation. Testimony was heard from Kenneth M. Mead, Inspector General, Department of Transportation.

VA AND HUD, AND INDEPENDENT AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on VA and HUD, and Independent Agencies held a hearing on Council on Environmental Quality. Testimony was heard from James Connaughton, Chairman, Council on Environmental Quality.

The Subcommittee also held a hearing on Chemical Safety and Hazard Investigation Board. Testimony was heard from Carolyn Merritt, Chairman, Chemical Safety and Hazard Investigation Board.

NATIONAL DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION BUDGET REQUEST

Committee on Armed Services: Continued hearings on the fiscal year 2004 national defense authorization budget request. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Defense: Gen. Ralph E. Eberhart, USAF, Commander, U.S. Northern Command; and Adm. James O. Ellis, Jr., USN, Commander, U.S. Strategic Command.

Hearings continue March 20.

ENVIRONMENTAL LEGISLATIVE PROPOSALS

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Readiness held a hearing on environmental legislative proposals. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Defense: Raymond F. DuBois, Jr., Deputy Under Secretary, Installations and Environment; Nelson Gibbs, Assistant Secretary, Air Force, Installations, Environment and Logistics, Department of the Air Force; Raymond J. Fatz, Deputy Assistant Secretary, (Environment, Safety and Occupational Health), Department of the Army; and Wayne Army, Deputy Assistant Secretary, (Installations and Facilities), Department of the Navy; John Peter Suarez, Assistant Administrator, Office of Enforcement and Compliance Assurance, EPA; Julie MacDonald, Special Assistant to Assistant Administrator, Fish, Wildlife and Parks, Department of the Interior; William Hogarth, Assistant Administrator, Fisheries, National Marine Fisheries Service, NOAA, Department of Commerce; and public witnesses.

FORCE PROTECTION POLICY—HOMELAND SECURITY—ROLE OF DOD AND NATIONAL GUARD

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Terrorism, Unconventional Threats and Capabilities held a hearing on force protection policy, with emphasis on the role of the Department of Defense and the National Guard in homeland security. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Defense: Paul McHale, Assistant Secretary, Homeland Defense; Maj. Gen. Raymond F. Rees, USA, Acting Chief, National Guard Bureau; and Maj. Gen. Timothy J. Lowenberg, USAF, The Adjutant General, Director, Military Department, State of Washington.

TOTAL FORCE TRANSFORMATION—OVERVIEW MILITARY PERSONNEL BUDGET REQUEST

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Total Force held a hearing on the Department of Defense total force transformation and overview of the fiscal year 2004 military personnel budget request. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the

Department of Defense: David S. C. Chu, Under Secretary, Personnel and Readiness; Lt. Gen. John Le Moyne, USA, Deputy Chief of Staff, G-1, U.S. Army; Vice Adm. Gerald Hoewing, USN, Chief of Naval Personnel; Lt. Gen. Garry L. Parks, USMC, Deputy Commandant, Manpower and Reserve Affairs, U.S. Marine Corps; and Lt. Gen. Richard E. Brown, USAF, Deputy Chief of Staff, Personnel, U.S. Air Force.

CONCURRENT BUDGET RESOLUTION

Committee on the Budget: Ordered reported the Concurrent Resolution on the Budget for Fiscal Year 2004.

IDEA—IMPROVING RESULTS FOR CHILDREN AND DISABILITIES

Committee on Education and the Workforce: Subcommittee on Education Reform held a hearing on “IDEA, Focusing on Improving Results for Children and Disabilities.” Testimony was heard from Dianne Talarico, Superintendent, City School District, Canton, Ohio; Larry Lorton, Superintendent, Caroline County School District, Denton, Maryland; and public witnesses.

SMALL BUSINESS HEALTH FAIRNESS ACT

Committee on Education and the Workforce: Subcommittee on Employer-Employee Relations held a hearing on H.R. 660, Small Business Health Fairness Act of 2003. Testimony was heard from Ann L. Combs, Assistant Secretary, Employee Benefits Security Administration, Department of Labor; and public witnesses.

COMPREHENSIVE NATIONAL ENERGY POLICY

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Energy and Air Quality concluded hearings on “Comprehensive National Energy Policy.” Testimony was heard from Sam J. Ervin, Commissioner, Public Utility Commission, State of North Carolina; and public witnesses.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Financial Services: Ordered reported the following bills: H.R. 21, Unlawful Internet Gambling Funding Prohibition Act; H. R 522, amended, Federal Deposit Insurance Act of 2003; and H.R. 758, amended, Business Checking Freedom Act of 2003.

PORNOGRAPHY ACCESS ON NETWORKS

Committee on Government Reform: Held a hearing entitled “Stumbling onto Smut: The Alarming Ease of Access to Pornography on Peer-to-Peer Networks.” Testimony was heard from Linda Koontz, Director,

Information Management Issues, GAO; John M. Netherland, Acting Director, CyberSmuggling Center, Bureau of Immigration and Customs Enforcement, Department of Homeland Security; and public witnesses.

FEDERAL E-GOVERNMENT INITIATIVES

Committee on Government Reform: Subcommittee on Technology, Information Policy, Intergovernmental Relations and the Census held an oversight hearing entitled “Federal E-Government Initiatives: Are We Headed In the Right Direction?” Testimony was heard from Mark A. Forman, Associate Director, Information Technology and Electronic Government, OMB; Joel C. Willemsen, Managing Director, Information Technology, GAO; and public witnesses.

COMMITTEE FUNDING

Committee on House Administration: Met to consider Committee funding requests for the following Committees: Agriculture, Science, Rules, Armed Services, Energy and Commerce, Budget, International Relations, Homeland Security and Veterans.

EUROPE—U.S. PRIORITIES

Committee on International Relations: Subcommittee on Europe held a hearing on United States Priorities in Europe. Testimony was heard from A. Elizabeth Jones, Assistant Security, Bureau of European and Eurasian Affairs, Department of State; and J. D. Crouch, II, Assistant Secretary, Bureau of International Security Policy, Department of Defense.

OVERSIGHT-INTERNATIONAL COPYRIGHT PIRACY

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Courts, the Internet, and Intellectual Property held an oversight hearing on the “International Copyright Piracy: Links to Organized Crime and Terrorism.” Testimony was heard from John G. Malcolm, Deputy Assistant Attorney General, Criminal Division, Department of Justice; and public witnesses.

AQUATIC INVASIVE SPECIES RESEARCH ACT

Committee on Science: Subcommittee on Environment, Technology, and Standards approved for full Committee action H.R. 1081, Aquatic Invasive Species Research Act.

HARMFUL ALGAL BLOOMS AND HYPOXIA

Committee on Science: Subcommittee on Environment, Technology, and Standards held a hearing on Harmful Algal Blooms and Hypoxia: Strengthening the Science. Testimony was heard from Donald Scavia, Chief Scientist, National Ocean Service, NOAA, Department of Commerce; Robert Hirsch, Associate

Director, Water, U.S. Geological Survey, Department of the Interior; Dan Ayres, Coastal Shellfish Lead Biologist, Department of Fish and Wildlife, State of Washington; and public witnesses.

OVERSIGHT—COAST GUARD AND FEDERAL MARITIME COMMISSION BUDGET REQUESTS; COMMITTEE ORGANIZATION

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure: Subcommittee on Coast Guard and Maritime Transportation held an oversight hearing on the Administration's Fiscal Year 2004 Budgets for the U.S. Coast Guard and the Federal Maritime Commission. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security: Adm. Thomas H. Collins, USCG, Commandant; and Master Chief Franklin A. Welch, USCG, Master Chief Petty Officer; and Steven Blust, Chairman, Federal Maritime Commission.

Prior to the hearing, the Subcommittee met for organizational purposes.

OVERSIGHT—FEDERAL HIGHWAY AND TRANSIT PROGRAMS REAUTHORIZATION

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure: Subcommittee on Highways, Transit and Pipelines held an oversight hearing on Reauthorization of Federal Highway and Transit Programs: What are the needs, and how to meet those needs. Testimony was heard from Tim Martin, Secretary, Department of Transportation, State of Illinois; and public witnesses.

SOCIAL SECURITY PROTECTION ACT

Committee on Ways and Means: Ordered reported, as amended, H.R. 743, Social Security Protection Act of 2003.

HOT SPOTS BRIEFING

Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence: Subcommittee on Intelligence Policy and National Security met in executive session to receive a briefing on Hot Spots. The Subcommittee was briefed by departmental witnesses.

FUTURE IMAGERY ARCHITECTURE PROGRAM

Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence: Subcommittee on Technical and Tactical Intelligence met in executive session to hold a hearing on Future Imagery Architecture Program. Testimony was heard from departmental witnesses.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR FRIDAY, MARCH 14, 2003

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Emerging Threats and Capabilities, to hold hearings to examine the posture of U.S. Joint Forces Command and the role of joint experimentation in force transformation, in review of the Defense Authorization Request for Fiscal Year 2004, 9:30 a.m., SR-22.

House

No committee meetings are scheduled.

CONGRESSIONAL PROGRAM AHEAD

Week of March 17 through March 22, 2003

Senate Chamber

On *Monday*, at 2 p.m., Senate expects to begin consideration of the First Concurrent Budget Resolution.

On *Tuesday*, Senate will resume consideration of the nomination of Miguel A. Estrada, of Virginia, to be United States Circuit Judge for the District of Columbia Circuit, with a vote to occur on the motion to invoke cloture.

During the balance of the week, Senate expects to continue consideration of the First Concurrent Budget Resolution, and may consider any other cleared legislative and executive business.

Senate Committees

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry: March 20, to hold hearings to examine the nomination of Vernon Bernard Parker, of Arizona, to be an Assistant Secretary of Agriculture, 10:30 a.m., SR-328A.

Committee on Appropriations: March 18, Subcommittee on Military Construction, to hold hearings to examine Base Realignment and Closure, 10 a.m., SD-138.

March 19, Subcommittee on Defense, to hold hearings to examine, 10 a.m., SD-192.

March 20, Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, State, and the Judiciary, to hold hearings to examine the President's budget request for fiscal year 2004 for the Department of Commerce, 10 a.m., S-146, Capitol.

March 20, Subcommittee on Interior, to hold hearings to examine the President's proposed budget request for fiscal year 2004 for the Department of Agriculture Forest Service, 10 a.m., SD-124.

Committee on Armed Services: March 18, to hold hearings to examine proposed legislation authorizing funds for fiscal year 2004 for the Department of Defense for ballistic missile defense, 9:30 a.m., SD-106.

March 19, Subcommittee on Readiness and Management Support, to hold hearings to examine proposed legislation authorizing funds for fiscal year 2004 for the Department of Defense for acquisition policy and outsourcing issues, 9:30 a.m., SR-222.

March 19, Subcommittee on Strategic Forces, to hold hearings to examine proposed legislation authorizing funds for fiscal year 2004 for the Department of Defense for strategic forces and policy, 2:30 p.m., SR-232A.

March 19, Subcommittee on Personnel, to hold hearings to examine proposed legislation authorizing funds for fiscal year 2004 for the Department of Defense for the National Guard and Reserve military and civilian personnel programs, 3 p.m., SH-216.

March 20, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine proposed legislation authorizing funds for fiscal year 2004 for the Department of Defense for atomic energy defense activities of the Department of Energy, 9:30 a.m., SH-216.

March 20, Subcommittee on SeaPower, to hold hearings to examine proposed legislation authorizing funds for fiscal year 2004 for the Department of Defense for the U.S. Transportation Command, 2:30 p.m., SR-232A.

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: March 18, to hold hearings to examine proposals to regulate illegal Internet gambling, 10 a.m., SD-538.

March 20, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine issues related to the Department of Housing and Urban Development's proposed rule on the Real Estate Settlement Procedures Act, 9:30 a.m., SD-538.

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: March 20, to hold hearings to examine the Space Shuttle Colombia, focusing on the future of space policy, 2:30 p.m., SR-253.

Committee on Environment and Public Works: March 18, Subcommittee on Fisheries, Wildlife, and Water, to hold hearings to examine the President's proposed budget for fiscal year 2004 for the Fish and Wildlife Service, 10 a.m., SD-406.

March 20, Subcommittee on Clean Air, Climate Change, and Nuclear Safety, to hold hearings to examine proposed legislation amending the Clean Air Act regarding fuel additives and renewable fuels, 9:30 a.m., SD-406.

Committee on Finance: March 18, to hold hearings to examine the nomination of Mark W. Everson, of Texas, to be Commissioner of Internal Revenue, 10 a.m., SD-219.

Committee on Foreign Relations: March 18, to hold hearings to examine the war on terrorism, focusing on diplomacy issues, 9:30 a.m., SD-419.

March 18, Full Committee, to hold a closed briefing to examine the current hostage situation in Colombia, 4 p.m., S-407, Capitol.

March 19, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine nonproliferation issues, 9:30 a.m., SD-419.

March 19, Subcommittee on East Asian and Pacific Affairs, to hold hearings to examine the effects and consequences of an emerging China, 2:30 p.m., SD-419.

March 20, Full Committee, business meeting to consider pending calendar business, 9:30 a.m., SD-419.

March 20, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine how to make embassies safer in areas of conflict, 2:30 p.m., SD-419.

Committee on Governmental Affairs: March 20, to hold hearings to examine possible terrorist threats on cargo containers, 9:30 a.m., SD-342.

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: March 19, business meeting to consider S. 15, to amend the Public Health Service Act to provide for the payment of compensation for certain individuals with injuries resulting from the administration of smallpox countermeasures, to provide protections and countermeasures against chemical, radiological, or nuclear agents that may be used in a terrorist attack against the United States, and to improve immunization rates by increasing the distribution of vaccines and improving and clarifying the vaccine injury compensation program, proposed legislation entitled "Lifespan Respite Care Act", "Pediatric Drugs Research Authority", "Caring for Children Act of 2003", "Genetics Information Nondiscrimination Act of 2003", and pending nominations, 10 a.m., SD-430.

Committee on Indian Affairs: March 19, to hold hearings to examine S. 424, to establish, reauthorize, and improve energy programs relating to Indian tribes, and S. 522, to amend the Energy Policy Act of 1992 to assist Indian tribes in developing energy resources, 10 a.m., SR-485.

Committee on the Judiciary: March 19, to hold hearings to examine ethical regenerative medicine research and human reproductive cloning, 9:30 a.m., SD-226.

Committee on Rules and Administration: March 19, to hold oversight hearings to examine the operations of the Secretary of the Senate and the Architect of the Capitol, 9:30 a.m., SR-301.

Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship: March 18, to hold hearings to examine the practice of contract bundling in federal agency procurement, focusing on the loss of federal jobs in small business, 9:30 a.m., SR-428A.

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: March 20, to hold joint hearings with the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs to examine legislative presentations of AMVETS, American Ex-Prisoners of War, the Vietnam Veterans of America, the Military Officers Association of America, and the National Association of State Directors of Veterans' Affairs, 10 a.m., 345 Cannon Building.

Select Committee on Intelligence: March 18, to hold closed hearings to examine intelligence matters, 10 a.m., SH-219.

Special Committee on Aging: March 20, to hold hearings to examine Medicare, focusing on prescription drugs, 10:30 a.m., SD-562.

House Chamber

To be announced.

House Committees

Committee on Appropriations, March 19, Subcommittee on Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and related Agencies, on Rural Development, 9:30 a.m., 2362A Rayburn.

March 19, Subcommittee on Defense, executive, on Fiscal Year 2004 National Foreign Intelligence Program, 10 a.m., H-405 Capitol, and on Fiscal Year 2004 Air Force Budget Overview, 1:30 p.m., 2362A Rayburn.

March 19, Subcommittee on Energy and Water Development, executive, on Department of Energy: National Nuclear Security Administration, 10 a.m., 2362B Rayburn.

March 19, Subcommittee on Foreign Operations, Export Financing and Related Programs, on Secretary of the Treasury, 2 p.m., H-144 Capitol.

March 19, Subcommittee on Interior, on National Park Service, 10 a.m., B-308 Rayburn.

March 19, Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, on Department of Education Panel: "Vocational, Adult and Postsecondary Education" programs, 10:15 a.m., 2358 Rayburn.

March 19, Subcommittee on Transportation and Treasury, and Independent Agencies, on Director, Office of Management and Budget, 2 p.m., 2358 Rayburn.

March 19, Subcommittee on VA, HUD and Independent Agencies, on Department of Housing and Urban Development, 10 a.m., and 1:30 p.m., 2359 Rayburn.

March 20, Subcommittee on Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration and Related Agencies, on Food, Nutrition and Consumer Services, 9:30 a.m., 2362A Rayburn.

March 20, Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, and State and The Judiciary, and Related Agencies, on Secretary of State, 10 a.m., and on DEA and Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives, 2 p.m., 2258 Rayburn.

March 20, Subcommittee on Defense, on Fiscal Year 2004 Navy/Marine Corps Budget Overview, 9:30 a.m., 2212 Rayburn.

March 20, Subcommittee on Energy and Water Development, on Department of Energy: Nuclear Waste Management and Disposal, 10 a.m., 2362B Rayburn.

March 20, Subcommittee on Homeland Security, on Secretary of Homeland Security, 10 a.m., 2359 Rayburn.

March 20, Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, on Secretary of Health and Human Services, 10:15 a.m., 2358 Rayburn.

March 20, Subcommittee on Military Construction, on European Command Military Construction, 10 a.m., B-300 Rayburn.

March 20, Subcommittee on VA, HUD and Independent Agencies, on Neighborhood Reinvestment Corporation, 10 a.m., and on Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry, 11 a.m., H-143 Capitol.

Committee on Armed Services, March 18, Subcommittee on Readiness, hearing on the state of military readiness and review of the fiscal year 2004 fiscal year defense authorization budget request, 2 p.m., 2118 Rayburn.

March 18, and 20, Subcommittee on Readiness, hearings on the state of military readiness and review of the fiscal year 2004 Defense Authorization budget request, 4 p.m., on March 18 and 3 p.m., on March 20, 2118 Rayburn.

March 19, full Committee, hearing on U.S.-France security relations, and H.R. 1023, to prohibit through the period ending December 21, 2007, any Department of Defense participation in any International aviation trade exhibition (known as an "air show") to be held, 10 a.m., 2118 Rayburn.

March 19, Subcommittee on Projection Force, hearing on U.S. Transportation Command's airlift and sealift programs, 5 p.m., 2212 Rayburn.

March 19, Subcommittee on Strategic Forces, hearing on space programs in the fiscal year 2004 national defense authorization budget request, 5 p.m., 2216 Rayburn.

March 19, Subcommittee on Terrorism, Unconventional Threats and Capabilities, hearing on Department of Defense efforts to address the chemical and biological threat, 2 p.m., 2118 Rayburn.

March 19, Subcommittee on Total Force, hearing on hearing on domestic violence, Joint Officer Management and education reform, employer support of the Guard and Reserve, Reserve pay and benefits, and Department of Defense Active and Reserve Components Force Mix Study, 2 p.m., 2212 Rayburn.

March 20, full Committee, to continue hearings on 2004 fiscal year defense authorization budget request, with emphasis on Ballistic Missile Defense Programs, 9 a.m., 2118 Rayburn.

March 20, Subcommittee on Tactical Air and Land Forces, hearing on the fiscal year 2004 national defense authorization budget request, 11:30 a.m., 2118 Rayburn.

Committee on Energy and Commerce, March 18, Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations, hearing entitled "A Review of NRC's Proposed Security Requirements for Nuclear Power Plants," 3 p.m., 2123 Rayburn.

March 19, Subcommittee on Commerce, Trade and consumer Protection, hearing entitled "Does the U.S. Olympic Committee's Organizational Structure Impede its Mission?" 10 a.m., 2322 Rayburn.

Committee on Financial Services, March 18, Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigation, hearing entitled "Paying Dividends: How the President's Tax Plan Will Benefit Individual Investors and Strengthen the Capital Markets," 3 p.m., 2128 Rayburn.

March 19, full Committee, hearing on the state of the international financial system, IMF reform, and compliance with IMF agreements, 10 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.

March 19, Subcommittee on Domestic and International Monetary Policy, Trade, and Technology, hearing and markup of the Defense Production Act Reauthorization of 2003, 2 p.m., 2128 Rayburn.

Committee on International Relations, March 20, Subcommittee on East Asia and the Pacific, hearing on the U.S. and South Asia: Challenges and Opportunities for American policy, 1 p.m., 2172 Rayburn.

Committee on Resources, March 19, oversight hearing on Enhancing America's Energy Security, 10 a.m., 1324 Longworth.

March 19, Subcommittee on Fisheries Conservation, Wildlife and Oceans, oversight hearing on the Administration's Fiscal Year budget requests for NOAA and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, 2 p.m., 1334 Longworth.

Committee on Small Business, March 20, hearing entitled "Changes to SBA Financing Programs Needed for Revitalization of Small Manufacturers," 9:30 a.m., 2360 Rayburn.

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, March 19, Subcommittee on Economic Development, Public Buildings and Emergency Management, to mark up the following: Fiscal Year GSA lease resolutions; two GSA amending resolutions; H.R. 281, to designate the Federal building and United States courthouse located at 200 West 2nd Street in Dayton, Ohio, as the "Tony Hall Federal Building and United States Courthouse;" H. Con. Res. 53, authorizing the use of the Capitol Grounds for the Greater Washington Soap Box Derby; a resolution regarding the 22nd National Peace Officers Memorial Service; and other pending business, 10 a.m., 2253 Rayburn.

March 19, Subcommittee on Water Resources and Environment, hearing on Meeting the Nation's Wastewater Infrastructure Needs, 1 p.m., 2167 Rayburn.

March 20, Subcommittee on Aviation, to consider a motion to go into executive session to hold a hearing on

Protecting Commercial Aircraft from the Threat of Missile Attacks, 9:30 a.m., 2253 Rayburn.

Committee on Veterans' Affairs, March 19, Subcommittee on Health, hearing on the availability and eligibility for pharmaceutical services provided by the Department of Veterans Affairs, 2 p.m., 334 Cannon.

Committee on Ways and Means, March 20, Subcommittee on Human Resources, hearing to Review State Use of Federal Unemployment Funds, 1 p.m., B-318 Rayburn.

Joint Meetings

Joint Meetings: March 20, Senate Committee on Veterans' Affairs, to hold joint hearings with the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs to examine legislative presentations of AMVETS, American Ex-Prisoners of War, the Vietnam Veterans of America, the Military Officers Association of America, and the National Association of State Directors of Veterans' Affairs, 10 a.m., 345 Cannon Building.

Next Meeting of the SENATE

1 p.m., Monday, March 17

Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

12 noon, Monday, March 17

Senate Chamber

Program for Monday: After the transaction of any morning business (not to extend beyond 2 p.m.), Senate expects to begin consideration of the First Concurrent Budget Resolution.

House Chamber

Program for Monday: Pro forma session.

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