

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S4651–S4732

Measures Introduced: Eleven bills and two resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 763–773, S. Res. 103, and S. Con. Res. 32. **Pages S4702–03**

Measures Passed:

Postal Civil Service Retirement System Funding Reform Act: Senate passed S. 380, to amend chapter 83 of title 5, United States Code, to reform the funding of benefits under the Civil Service Retirement System for employees of the United States Postal Service, after agreeing to a committee amendment in the nature of a substitute, and the following amendment proposed thereto: **Pages S4726–29**

Frist (for Collins) Amendment No. 469, in the nature of a substitute. **Page S4729**

Senate Legal Representation: Senate agreed to S. Res. 103, to authorize representation by the Senate Legal Counsel in the case of *John Jenkel v. Daniel K. Akaka, et al.* **Pages S4729–30**

Wartime Supplemental Appropriations: Senate began consideration of S. 762, making supplemental appropriations to support Department of Defense operations in Iraq, Department of Homeland Security, and Related Efforts for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2003, taking action on the following amendments proposed thereto: **Pages S4657–66, S4676–98**

Adopted:

Stevens/Inouye Modified Amendment No. 436, to increase Imminent Danger Special Pay. **Pages S4662–66, S4676**

Allard Modified Amendment No. 451, to establish a panel to determine responsibility for an atmosphere at the United States Air Force Academy that was conducive to the recent acts of sexual misconduct at the United States Air Force Academy. **Pages S4686–87, S4697**

Rejected:

Hollings Amendment No. 445, relative to port security. (By 52 yeas to 47 nays (Vote No. 115), Senate tabled the amendment.) **Pages S4678–86, S4690**

Landrieu Amendment No. 452, to appropriate \$1,047,000,000 for procurement for the National Guard and Reserves. (By 52 yeas to 47 nays (Vote No. 116), Senate tabled the amendment.) **Pages S4590–91, S4687–90**

Withdrawn:

Durbin Amendment No. 437 (to Amendment No. 436), of a perfecting nature. **Pages S4663–66, S4676**

McCain Amendment No. 456, to strike the appropriation of \$50,000,000 for the Maritime Loan Guarantee Program under title XI of the Merchant Marine Act, 1936. **Pages S4692–94**

Pending:

Stevens Amendment No. 435, to increase the National Debt Ceiling of the United States. **Pages S4661–62, S4677**

Reid Amendment No. 440, to provide critical funding to safeguard nuclear weapons and nuclear material in the United States and around the world. **Pages S4677–78**

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

Senate sustained a point of order against Corzine/Edwards Amendment No. 462, to help protect the public against the threat of chemical attacks, as being in violation of Rule XVI of the Standing Rules of the Senate which prohibits legislation on appropriations matters, and the amendment thus fell. **Pages S4694–97**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the bill at 10 a.m., on Thursday, April 3, 2003, and that Senator Boxer be recognized to offer an amendment related to anti-missiles. **Page S4731**

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 Circuit. **Pages S4666–76**

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

By 55 yeas to 44 nays (Vote No. 114), three-fifths of those Senators duly chosen and sworn, not having voted in the affirmative, Senate rejected the fourth motion to close further debate on the nomination. **Pages S4675–76**

Appointments:

United States Capitol Preservation Commission: The Chair, on behalf of the President pro tempore, and upon the recommendation of the Majority Leader, pursuant to Public Law 100-696, appointed the following Senators as members of the United States Capitol Preservation Commission: Senator Bennett, vice Senator Durbin, and Senator Campbell, vice Senator Reid. Page S4730

Advisory Committee on the Records of Congress: The Chair announced, on behalf of the Majority Leader, pursuant to Public Law 101-509, the appointment of Alan C. Lowe, of Tennessee, to the Advisory Committee on the Records of Congress. Page S4730

United States Capitol Preservation Commission: The Chair, on behalf of the Democratic Leader, pursuant to Public Law 100-696, announced the appointment of Senator Durbin as a member of the United States Capitol Preservation Commission, vice Senator Bennett. Page S4730

Advisory Committee on the Records of Congress: The Chair announced, on behalf of the Democratic Leader, pursuant to Public Law 101-509, the appointment of Stephen Van Buren, of South Dakota, to the Advisory Committee on the Records of Congress, vice Elizabeth Scott of South Dakota. Page S4730

Treaty Approved: The following treaty having passed through its 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 resolution of ratification was agreed to:

Joint Convention on Safety of Spent Fuel and Radioactive Waste Management Treaty Doc.106-48 with 3 conditions. Pages S4730-31

Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

Stephen M. Young, of New Hampshire, to be Ambassador to the Kyrgyz Republic.

Steven A. Browning, of Texas, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Malawi.

Ronald L. Schlicher, of Tennessee, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Tunisia.

John F. Maisto, of Pennsylvania, to be Permanent Representative of the United States of America to the Organization of American States, with the rank of Ambassador.

William Emil Moschella, of Virginia, to be an Assistant Attorney General.

Teresa M. Ressel, of Virginia, to be an Assistant Secretary of the Treasury.

Herbert S. Garten, of Maryland, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Legal Services Corporation for a term expiring July 13, 2005.

Thomas R. Meites, of Illinois, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Legal Services Corporation for a term expiring July 13, 2004.

Stephen D. Krasner, of California, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the United States Institute of Peace for a term expiring January 19, 2005.

Daniel Pipes, of Pennsylvania, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the United States Institute of Peace for a term expiring January 19, 2005.

Charles Edward Horner, of the District of Columbia, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the United States Institute of Peace for a term expiring January 19, 2007.

Elizabeth Courtney, of Louisiana, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Corporation for Public Broadcasting for a term expiring January 31, 2010. (Reappointment)

1 Air Force nomination in the rank of general.

1 Army nomination in the rank of general.

2 Marine Corps nominations in the rank of general.

Routine lists in the Coast Guard, Foreign Service, Marine Corps. Pages S4731-32

Nominations Withdrawn: Senate received notification of withdrawal of the following nominations:

Ronald L. Schlicher, of Tennessee, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Tunisia, which was sent to the Senate on April 2, 2003. Page S4732

Messages From the House: Pages S4701-02

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Authority for Committees to Meet: Page S4726

Record Votes: Three record votes were taken today. (Total—116) Pages S4676, S4690-91

Adjournment: Senate met at 10 a.m., and adjourned at 7:39 p.m., until 9:30 a.m., on Thursday, April 3, 2003. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today's Record on page S4731.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

APPROPRIATIONS: NAVY

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Defense concluded hearings to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2004 for the Navy, after receiving testimony from Hansford T. Johnson, Acting Secretary of the Navy; Admiral Vernon E. Clark, U.S. Navy, Chief of Naval Operations; and General Michael W. Hagee, Commandant of the Marine Corps.

D.C. FOSTER CARE

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on District of Columbia concluded hearings to examine the status of foster care in the District of Columbia, focusing on child welfare reform, and issues associated with the Child and Family Services Agency's performance and policies, after receiving testimony from Representative Tom Davis; Cornelia M. Ashby, Director, Education, Workforce, and Income Security Issues, General Accounting Office; Olivia A. Golden, Director, District of Columbia Child and Family Services Agency; Judith W. Meltzer, Center for the Study of Social Policy, Washington, D.C.; and Ann E. Schneiders, National Association of Counsel for Children, Denver, Colorado.

APPROPRIATIONS: FAA

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Transportation, Treasury, and General Government to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2004 for the Federal Aviation Administration, focusing on aviation safety and security issues, and financial challenges facing the aviation industry, after receiving testimony from Kenneth M. Mead, Inspector General, Marion C. Blakey, Administrator, Federal Aviation Administration, Jeffrey N. Shane, Under Secretary for Policy, all of the Department of Transportation.

DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION: DOE

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Strategic Forces concluded hearings to examine proposed legislation authorizing funds for fiscal year 2004 for the Department of Defense, focusing on the Department of Energy Office of Environmental Management and Office of Legacy Management, after receiving testimony from Jessie Hill Roberson, Assistant Secretary of Environmental Management, and Michael W. Owen, Director, Office of Worker and Community Transition, both of the Department of Energy.

UNIVERSAL TELECOMMUNICATIONS SERVICE

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Subcommittee on Communications concluded hearings on the future of Universal Service, focusing on preserving and advancing high quality, reliable and affordable telecommunications services to the greatest extent throughout America, after receiving testimony from Kathleen Q. Abernathy, Commissioner, Federal Communications Commission; Carson Hughes, Telepax, Inc./Cellular South Licenses, Inc., Jackson, Mississippi, on behalf of the Wireless Independent Group; Joel E. Lubin, AT&T Corporation, Washington, D.C.; Matthew Dosch, Comporium Group, Rock Hill, South Carolina, on behalf of the United States Telecom Association; Robert W. Orent, Hiawatha Communications, Inc., Munising, Michigan, on behalf of the Independent Telephone and Telecommunications Alliance; William R. Gillis, Washington State University, Pullman; and Thomas R. Meade, Alaska Communications Systems, Jack H. Rhyner, TelAlaska, Inc., and Dana L. Tindall, General Communication, Inc., all of Anchorage, Alaska.

NASA

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Subcommittee on Science, Technology, and Space concluded hearings to examine certain issues with respect to the NASA human space flight program, and the Space Shuttle Columbia accident, after receiving testimony from Marcia S. Smith, Specialist in Aerospace and Telecommunication Policy, Resources, Science and Industry Division, Congressional Research Service, Library of Congress; Brian E. Chase, National Space Society, Washington, D.C.; and Alex Roland, Duke University Department of History, Durham, North Carolina.

MILITARY ENCROACHMENT

Committee on Environment and Public Works: Committee concluded oversight hearings to examine certain provisions of the President's proposed budget request for the National Defense Authorization Act for fiscal year 2004 relating to encroachment of environmental laws on military bases and training operations, after receiving testimony from Benedict S. Cohen, Deputy General Counsel for Environment and Installations, Department of Defense; John Peter Suarez, Assistant Administrator for Enforcement, and Compliance Assurance, Environmental Protection Agency; H. Craig Manson, Assistant Secretary of the Interior for Fish and Wildlife and Parks; Barry W. Holman, Director of Defense Infrastructure Issues, General Accounting Office; Frank J. Gaffney, Jr., Center for Security Policy, and Jamie Rappaport

Clark, National Wildlife Federation, both of Washington, D.C.; Daniel S. Miller, Colorado Department of Law, and Douglas Benevento, Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment, both of Denver; Ingrid Lindemann, Aurora Colorado, on behalf of the National League of Cities; Bonner Cohen, Lexington Institute, Arlington, Virginia.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Finance: Committee ordered favorably reported the following business items:

An original bill, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide energy tax incentives;

S. 760, to implement effective measures to stop trade in conflict diamonds, with an amendment;

S. 753, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide for the modernization of the United States Tax Court; and

The nominations of Mark W. Everson, of Texas, to be Commissioner of Internal Revenue, and Raymond T. Wagner, Jr., of Missouri, to be a Member of the Internal Revenue Service Oversight Board, both of the Department of Treasury, and Diane L. Kroupa, of Minnesota, Mark Van Dyke Holmes, of New York, Harry A. Haines, of Montana, Robert Allen Wherry, Jr., of Colorado, and Joseph Robert Goeke, of Illinois, each to be a Judge of the United States Tax Court.

FOREIGN ASSISTANCE

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee held hearings to examine the President's proposed budget request for fiscal year 2004 for United States foreign assistance, focusing on security and economic assistance programs, Sub-Saharan Africa, Europe and Eurasia, and the Western Hemisphere, and development and expanding economies, after receiving testimony from William M. Bellamy, Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary, Bureau of African Affairs, Charles P. Ries, Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary, Bureau of European and Eurasian Affairs, and J. Curtis Struble, Acting Assistant Secretary, Bureau of the Western Hemisphere Affairs, all of the Department of State; and Constance Berry Newman, Assistant Administrator, Bureau for Africa, Kent R. Hill, Assistant Administrator, Bureau for Europe and Eurasia,

Adolfo A. Franco, Assistant Administrator, Bureau for Latin America and the Caribbean, and E. Anne Peterson, Assistant Administrator, Bureau for Global Health, all of the United States Agency for International Development.

NOMINATIONS

Committee on Governmental Affairs: Committee concluded hearings on the nominations of Clay Johnson III, of Texas, to be Deputy Director for Management, Office of Management and Budget, who was introduced by Senators Hutchison and Cornyn, Albert Casey, of Texas, and James C. Miller III, of Virginia, each to be a Governor of the United States Postal Service, who were both introduced by Senator Hutchison, after each nominee testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: Committee ordered favorably reported the following business items:

S. 719, 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, with an amendment;

S. 389, to increase the supply of quality child care, with amendments;

S. 231, to authorize the use of certain grant funds to establish an information clearinghouse that provides information to increase public access to defibrillation in schools.

INDIAN HEALTH CARE

Committee on Indian Affairs: Committee concluded hearing to examine S. 556, to amend the Indian Health Care Improvement Act to revise and extend that Act, after receiving testimony from Charles W. Grim, Interim Director, Indian Health Service, Department of Health and Human Services; Julia Davis-Wheeler, Denver, Colorado, on behalf of the National Indian Health Board; and Don Kashevaroff, Alaska Native Tribal Health Consortium, Anchorage, Alaska.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Measures Introduced: 26 public bills, H.R. 1553–1578; 1 private bill, H.R. 1579; and 4 resolu-

tions, H.J. Res. 45; H. Con. Res. 135, and H. Res. 170–171, were introduced.

Pages H2702–03

Additional Cosponsors:

Pages H2703–04

Reports Filed: Reports were filed today as follows: H.R. 1559, making emergency wartime supplemental appropriations for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2003, and for other purposes (H. Rept. 108-55);

H.R. 1280, to reauthorize the Defense Production Act of 1950, amended (H. Rept. 108-56); and

H. Res. 172, providing for consideration of H.R. 1559, making emergency wartime supplemental appropriations for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2003 (H. Rept. 108-57). Page H2702

Speaker Pro Tempore: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he appointed Representative La Hood to act as Speaker Pro Tempore for today. Page H2589

Federal Deposit Insurance Reform Act: The House passed H.R. 522, to reform the Federal deposit insurance system by ye-and-nay vote of 411 yeas to 11 nays, Roll No. 98. Pages H2603-25

Agreed to the amendment in the nature of a substitute recommended by the Committee on Financial Services now printed in the bill (H. Rept. 108-50) and made in order by the order of the House of April 1. Pages H2612-24

Rejected the Ose amendment No. 1 printed in the Congressional Record of April 1 that sought to strike provisions increasing the deposit insurance amount from \$100,000 to \$130,000 and indexing it to inflation; Pages H2619-24

Social Security Protection Act: The House passed H.R. 743, to amend the Social Security Act and the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide additional safeguards for Social Security and Supplemental Security Income beneficiaries with representative payees, to enhance program protections, by recorded vote of 396 yeas to 28 noes, Roll No. 102. Pages H2625-69

Rejected the Green motion to recommit the bill to the committee on Ways and Means with instructions to report it back to the House promptly with an amendment addressing the concerns of Federal, State, and local government employees about the government pension offset under title II of the Social Security Act by recorded vote of 203 yeas to 220 noes, Roll No. 101. Pages H2667-68

Pursuant to the rule, the amendment in the nature of a substitute recommended by the Committee on Ways and Means now printed in the bill (H. Rept. 108-46) was considered as adopted. Page H2634

Rejected the Green amendment in the nature of a substitute that sought to strike section 418 that requires government employees to be covered by Social Security for their last 60 months of employment in order to be exempt from the Government Pension

Offset by ye-and-nay vote of 196 yeas to 228 nays, Roll No. 100. Pages H2652-67

H. Res. 168, the rule that provided for consideration of the bill was agreed to by voice vote. Agreed to order the previous question by ye-and-nay vote of 245 yeas to 177 nays, Roll No. 99. Pages H2591-H2603, H2625

Recess: the House recessed at 3:03 p.m. and reconvened at 5:27 p.m. Page H2669

Senate Messages: Messages received from the Senate today appears on page H2589.

Referrals: S. 704, S. 711, S. 712, and S. 718 were referred to the Committee on Armed Services. Page H2701

Amendments: Amendments ordered printed pursuant to the rule appear on pages H2704-06.

Quorum Calls—Votes: Three ye-and-nay votes and two recorded votes developed during the proceedings of the House today and appear on pages H2624-25, H2625, H2666-67, H2668, and H2668-69. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 10:22 p.m.

Committee Meetings

FOREIGN OPERATIONS, EXPORT FINANCING AND RELATED PROGRAMS APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Foreign Operations, Export Financing and Related Programs continued appropriation hearings. Testimony was heard from Members of Congress, and public witnesses.

INTERIOR APPROPRIATIONS

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

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 NIH. Testimony was heard from Elias A. Zerhouni, M.D., Director, NIH, Department of Health and Human Services.

TRANSPORTATION AND TREASURY, AND INDEPENDENT AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Transportation and Treasury, and Independent Agencies held a hearing on GSA Building Cost Drivers. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the

GSA: Stephen A. Perry, Administrator; and F. Joseph Moravec, Commissioner, Public Building Service; and public witnesses.

The Subcommittee also held a hearing on OPM. Testimony was heard from Kay Cole James, Director, OPM.

VA, HUD, AND INDEPENDENT AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on VA, HUD, and Independent Agencies held a hearing on EPA. Testimony was heard from Christine Todd Whitman, Administrator, EPA.

NATIONAL DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION BUDGET REQUEST

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Tactical Air and Land Forces held a hearing on the fiscal year national defense authorization budget request for the Department of the Navy and the Department of the Air Force tactical weapon system acquisition programs and future technology initiatives. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Defense: John J. Young, Jr., Assistant Secretary (Research, Development and Acquisition); Rear Adm. Mark P. Fitzgerald, USN, Deputy Director, Air Warfare Division, and Lt. Gen. Michael A. Hough, USMC, Deputy Commandant for Aviation, U.S. Marine Corps, all with the Department of the Navy; Marvin R. Sambur, Assistant Secretary (Acquisition), Lt. Gen. Ronald E. Keys, USAF, Deputy Chief of Staff, Air and Space Operations, and Lt. Gen. John D.W. Corley, USAF, Principal Deputy, Assistant Secretary (Acquisition), all with the Department of the Air Force; and Allen Li, Director, Acquisition Sourcing Management, GAO.

MILITARY RESALE AND MORALE, WELFARE AND RECREATION PROGRAMS ACTIVITIES

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Total Force held a hearing on Military Resale and Morale, Welfare and Recreation Programs Activities. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Defense: Charles S. Abell, Principle Deputy Under Secretary, Personnel and Readiness; Lt. Gen. Michael E. Zettler, USAF, Chairman, Department of Defense Commissary Operating Board, Deputy Chief of Staff, Installations and Logistics Headquarters U.S. Air Force; Maj. Gen. Kathryn G. Frost, USA, Commander, Army and Air Force Exchange Service; Rear Adm. William J. Maguire, USN, Supply Corps, U.S. Navy, Commander, Navy Exchange Service Command; Maj. Gen. Mike Wiedemer, USAF, Director, Defense Commissary Agency; and Michael P. Downs, Director, Personnel

and Family Readiness Division, Headquarters, U.S. Marine Corps.

IMPROVING EDUCATION RESULTS FOR CHILDREN WITH DISABILITIES ACT

Committee on Education and the Workforce: Subcommittee on Education Reform approved for full Committee action, as amended, H.R. 1350, Improving Education Results for Children With Disabilities Act of 2003.

ENERGY POLICY ACT

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Continued markup of the Energy Policy Act of 2003.

RATING THE RATING AGENCIES: THE STATE OF TRANSPARENCY AND COMPETITION

Committee on Financial Services: Subcommittee on Capital Markets, Insurance, and Government Sponsored Enterprises held a hearing entitled "Rating the Rating Agencies: the State of Transparency and Competition." Testimony was heard from Annette Nazareth, Director, Division of Market Regulations, SEC; and public witnesses.

U.S. LEADERSHIP AGAINST HIV/AIDS, TUBERCULOSIS, AND MALARIA ACT

Committee on International Relations: Ordered reported, as amended, H.R. 1298, United States Leadership Against HIV/AIDS, Tuberculosis, and Malaria Act of 2003.

PROTECTION OF LAWFUL COMMERCE IN ARMS ACT

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Commercial and Administrative Law held a hearing on H.R. 1036, Protection of Lawful Commerce in Arms Act. Testimony was heard from public witnesses

OVERSIGHT—NONIMMIGRANT STUDENT TRACKING: IMPLEMENTATION AND PROPOSED MODIFICATIONS

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Immigration, Border Security, and Claims held an oversight hearing on Nonimmigrant Student Tracking: Implementation and Proposed Modifications. Testimony was heard from Johnny N. Williams, Interim Director, Immigration Interior Enforcement, ICE, Department of Homeland Security; Glenn A. Fine, Inspector General, Department of Justice; and public witnesses.

ENERGY SECURITY ACT

Committee on Resources: Approved the Energy Security Act of 2003.

EMERGENCY WARTIME SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Rules: Granted, by voice vote, an open rule on H.R. 1559, making emergency wartime supplemental appropriations for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2003, providing one hour of general debate equally divided and controlled by the chairman and ranking minority member of the Committee on Appropriations. The rule waives all points of order against consideration of the bill. The rule waives all points of order against provisions in the bill for failure to comply with clause 2 of rule XXI (prohibiting unauthorized appropriations or legislative provisions in a general appropriations bill). The rule provides that the bill shall be considered for amendment under the five-minute rule. The rule authorizes the Chair to accord priority in recognition to Members who have pre-printed their amendments in the Congressional Record. Finally, the rule provides one motion to recommit with or without instructions. Testimony was heard from Chairman Young of Florida, Northup, Obey, DeFazio, Waters, Scott, Jackson-Lee of Texas, Delahunt, and Emanuel.

ENERGY RESEARCH, DEVELOPMENT, DEMONSTRATION, AND COMMERCIAL APPLICATION ACT

Committee on Science: Ordered reported, as amended, H.R. 238, Energy Research, Development, and Commercial Application Act of 2003.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ADMINISTRATION REAUTHORIZATION

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure: Subcommittee on Economic Development, Public Buildings and Emergency Management held a hearing on local economic development association issues relating to reauthorization of the Economic Development Administration. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

FEDERAL HIGHWAY AND TRANSIT PROGRAMS REAUTHORIZATION

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure: Subcommittee on Highways, Transit, and Pipelines continued hearings on Member Policy Initiatives and Project Requests for Reauthorization of Federal Highway and Transit Programs. Testimony was heard from Representatives Sanders, Frank of Massachusetts, Manzuolo, Farr, McKeon, Spratt, Kucinich, Millender-McDonald, Davis of Alabama, Pearce, McGovern, Chocola, Hostettler, Tierney, Brown of South Carolina, DeMint, Terry, Acevedo-Vila, Ryan of Ohio, Eshoo, Grijalva, Edwards, Christensen, Maloney, Musgrave, Coble, and Davis of California.

Hearings continue tomorrow.

MEDICAL REGULATORY AND CONTRACTING REFORM ACT

Committee on Ways and Means: Ordered reported, as amended, H.R. 810, Medical Regulatory and Contracting Reform Act of 2003.

NATIONAL RECONNAISSANCE PROGRAM

Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence: Met in executive session to hold a hearing on National Reconnaissance Program. Testimony was heard from departmental witnesses.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR THURSDAY, APRIL 3, 2003

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry: to hold hearings to examine proposed legislation authorizing funds for child nutrition programs, 10 a.m., SR-328A.

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on VA, HUD, and Independent Agencies, to hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2004 for the National Science Foundation and the Office of Science Technology Policy, 10 a.m., SD-138.

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Airland, to hold hearings to examine Navy, Marine Corps, and Air Force aviation and air-launched weapons programs in review of the Defense Authorization request for fiscal year 2004 and the Future Years Defense Program, 2:30 p.m., SR-232A.

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: to hold oversight hearings to examine the Federal Reserve Board proposal on check truncation; to be followed by a business meeting to consider the nominations of Thomas Waters Grant, of New York, Noe Hinojosa, Jr., of Texas, Thomas Waters Grant, of New York, and William Robert Timken, Jr., of Ohio, each to be a Director of the Securities Investor Protection Corporation, and Alfred Plamann, of California, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the National Consumer Cooperative Bank, 10 a.m., SD-538.

Committee on Finance: to hold hearings to examine health care services, 9:15 a.m., SD-215.

Committee on Foreign Relations: to hold hearings to examine the nominations of Lino Gutierrez, of Florida, to be Ambassador to Argentina, James B. Foley, of New York, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Haiti, and Roland W. Bullen, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to the Co-operative Republic of Guyana, 10 a.m., SD-419.

Full Committee, to resume hearings to examine NATO enlargement, focusing on qualifications and contributions, 2:30 p.m., SD-419.

Committee on the Judiciary: business meeting to consider S. 731, to prohibit fraud and related activity in connection with authentication features, S. 274, to amend the procedures that apply to consideration of interstate class actions to assure fairer outcomes for class members and defendants, the nominations of Edward C. Prado, of

Texas, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Fifth Circuit, Richard D. Bennett, to be United States District Judge for the District of Maryland, Dee D. Drell, to be United States District Judge for the Western District of Louisiana, J. Leon Holmes, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Arkansas, Charles F. Lettow, of Virginia, and Susan G. Braden, of the District of Columbia, each to be a Judge of the United States Court of Federal Claims, Allen Garber, to be United States Marshal for the District of Minnesota, and Raul David Bejarano, to be United States Marshal for the Southern District of California, 9:30 a.m., SD-226.

House

Committee on Appropriations, Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, and State, the Judiciary and Related Agencies, on State Department Management, 10 a.m., H-309 Capitol.

Subcommittee on Homeland Security, on Border Protection and Customs and Immigration Enforcement, 10 a.m., H-140 Capitol.

Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, Education and Related Agencies, on Center for Medicare and Medicaid Services, 10:15 a.m., and on Agency for Healthcare Research Quality, 11:15 a.m., 2358 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Transportation and Treasury, and Independent Agencies, on Transportation Safety, 10 a.m., 2358 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on VA, HUD, and Independent Agencies, on Congressional Witnesses, 9:30 a.m., H-143 Capitol.

Committee on Armed Services, Subcommittee on Projection Forces, hearing on the Department of the Navy fiscal year 2004 research and development program in support of naval transformation and future naval capabilities, 12 p.m., 2212 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Terrorism, Unconventional Threats and Capabilities, hearing on the fiscal year 2004 national defense authorization budget request for Department of Defense Information Technology Programs, 3 p.m., 2212 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Total Force, hearing on Views from the Field—Perspectives of Mobilized Reservists, 2 p.m., 2118 Rayburn.

Committee on Education and the Workforce, Subcommittee on Workforce Protections, to mark up H.R. 1119, Family Time Flexibility Act, 10:30 a.m., 2175 Rayburn.

Committee on Financial Services, Subcommittee on Financial Institutions and Consumer Credit and the Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations, joint hearing entitled "Fighting Fraud: Improving Information Security," 10 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.

Committee on Government Reform, hearing entitled "Toward a Logical Governing Structure: Restoring Executive Reorganization Authority," 10 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Human Rights and Wellness, hearing entitled "International Prescription Drug Parity: Are

Americans Being Protected or Gouged?" 2 p.m., 2247 Rayburn.

Committee on International Relations, Subcommittee on Africa, hearing on Democratic Republic of Congo: Key to the Crisis in the Great Lakes Region, 2 p.m., 2172 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Europe, to mark up the following: H. Res. 165, expressing support for a renewed effort to find a peaceful, just, and lasting settlement to the Cyprus problem; H.R. 854, Belarus Democracy Act of 2003; H. Res. 154, commending the Prime Minister of Great Britain for his stalwart leadership and unwavering support of the United States in the effort to disarm Saddam Hussein of weapons of mass destruction and free the Iraqi people of the scourge of brutal dictatorship; and H. Con. Res. 129, expressing appreciation for the longstanding support and friendship of the people and Government of the United Kingdom, 11 a.m., 2172 Rayburn.

Committee on the Judiciary, to mark up H.R. 1036, Protection of Lawful Commerce in Arms Act, 10 a.m., 2141 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Courts, the Internet, and Intellectual Property, hearing on H.R. 1561, United States Patent and Trademark Fee Modernization Act of 2003, 3 p.m., 2141 Rayburn.

Committee on Resources, Subcommittee on Water and Power, to mark up the following bills: H.R. 901, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to construct a bridge on Federal land west of an adjacent to Folsom Dam in California; and H.R. 1284, to amend the Reclamation Projects Authorization and Adjustment Act of 1992 to increase the Federal share of the costs of the San Gabriel Basin Demonstration project; H.R. 135, Twenty-First Century Water Commission Act of 2003; and H.R. 495, Zuni Indian Tribe Water Rights Settlement Act of 2003, 10 a.m., 1324 Longworth.

Committee on Small Business, Subcommittee on Tax, Finance, and Exports, hearing on Small Business Expensing, Section 179 of the IRS Code, 10 a.m., 2360 Rayburn.

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, Subcommittee on Highways, Transit, and Pipelines, to continue hearings on Member Policy Initiatives and Project Requests for Reauthorization of Federal Highway and Transit Programs, 10 a.m., 2167 Rayburn.

Committee on Veterans' Affairs, to mark up the following bills: H.R. 100, Servicemembers Civil Relief Act; and H.R. 1297, Columbia Orbiter Memorial Act, 9:30 a.m., 334 Cannon.

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Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence, executive, hearing on Joint Military Intelligence Program/Tactical Intelligence and Related Programs, 1 p.m., H-405 Capitol.

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Program for Thursday: After the transaction of any morning business (not to extend beyond 10 a.m.), Senate will continue consideration of S. 762, Wartime Supplemental Appropriations.

House Chamber

Program for Thursday: Consideration of H.R. 1559, Emergency Wartime Supplemental Appropriations (open rule, one hour of debate); and
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