

Daily Digest

HIGHLIGHTS

House Committee ordered reported the following appropriations for fiscal year 2004: Labor, HHS, Education and Related Agencies; Interior and Related Agencies; and Agriculture, Rural Development, FDA and Related Agencies.

House Committee ordered reported eight sundry measures.

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S8479–S8604

Measures Introduced: Twelve bills and four resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 1326–1337, and S. Res. 183–186. **Page S8559**

Measures Reported:

S. 1334, to facilitate check truncation by authorizing substitute checks, to foster innovation in the check collection system without mandating receipt of checks in electronic form, and to improve the overall efficiency of the Nation's payments system. (S. Rept. No. 108–79)

S. 498, to authorize the President to posthumously award a gold medal on behalf of Congress to Joseph A. De Laine in recognition of his contributions to the Nation, with an amendment. **Pages S8558–59**

Measures Passed:

Michael J. Healy Post Office: Senate passed H.R. 825, to redesignate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 7401 West 100th Place in Bridgeview, Illinois, as the "Michael J. Healy Post Office Building", clearing the measure for the President. **Page S8598**

Floyd Spence Post Office: Senate passed H.R. 917, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 1830 South Lake Drive in Lexington, South Carolina, as the "Floyd Spence Post Office Building", clearing the measure for the President. **Page S8598**

Cesar Chavez Post Office: Senate passed H.R. 925, to redesignate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 1859 South Ashland Ave-

nue in Chicago, Illinois, as the "Cesar Chavez Post Office", clearing the measure for the President. **Page S8598**

James R. Merry Post Office: Senate passed H.R. 981, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 141 Erie Street in Linesville, Pennsylvania, as the "James R. Merry Post Office", clearing the measure for the President. **Page S8598**

Delbert L. Latta Post Office: Senate passed H.R. 985, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 111 West Washington Street in Bowling Green, Ohio, as the "Delbert L. Latta Post Office Building", clearing the measure for the President. **Page S8598**

Dr. Roswell N. Beck Post Office: Senate passed H.R. 1055, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 1901 West Evans Street in Florence, South Carolina, as the "Dr. Roswell N. Beck Post Office Building", clearing the measure for the President. **Page S8598**

Norman D. Shumway Post Office: Senate passed H.R. 1368, To designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 7554 Pacific Avenue in Stockton, California, as the "Norman D. Shumway Post Office Building", clearing the measure for the President. **Page S8598**

General Charles Gabriel Post Office: Senate passed H.R. 1465, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 4832 East Highway 27 in Iron Station, North Carolina, as the "General Charles Gabriel Post Office", clearing the measure for the President. **Pages S8598–99**

Timothy Michael Gaffney Post Office: Senate passed H.R. 1596, to designate the facility of the

United States Postal Service located at 2318 Woodson Road in St. Louis, Missouri, as the “Timothy Michael Gaffney Post Office Building”, clearing the measure for the President. **Page S8599**

Admiral Donald Davis Post Office: Senate passed H.R. 1609, to redesignate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 201 West Boston Street in Brookfield, Missouri, as the “Admiral Donald Davis Post Office Building”, clearing the measure for the President. **Page S8599**

Dr. Caesar A.W. Clark, Sr. Post Office: Senate passed H.R. 1740, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 1502 East Kiest Boulevard in Dallas, Texas, as the “Dr. Caesar A.W. Clark, Sr. Post Office Building”, clearing the measure for the President. **Page S8599**

Patsy Takemoto Mink Post Office: Senate passed H.R. 2030, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 120 Baldwin Avenue in Paia, Maui, Hawaii, as the “Patsy Takemoto Mink Post Office Building”, clearing the measure for the President. **Page S8599**

Ronald Reagan Post Office: Senate passed S. 867, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 710 Wick Lane in Billings, Montana, as the “Ronald Reagan Post Office Building”. **Page S8598**

Walt Disney Post Office: Senate passed S. 1207, to redesignate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 120 East Ritchie Avenue in Marceline, Missouri, as the “Walt Disney Post Office Building”. **Page S8598**

National Internet Safety Month: Senate agreed to S. Res. 185, expressing the sense of the Senate with respect to raising awareness and encouraging education about safety on the Internet and supporting the goals and ideals of National Internet Safety Month. **Pages S8599–S8600**

Environmental Policy and Conflict Resolution Advancement Act: Senate passed S. 163, to reauthorize the United States Institute for Environmental Conflict Resolution. **Page S8600**

Joseph A. De Laine Posthumous Gold Medal Award Act: Senate passed S. 498, to authorize the President to posthumously award a gold medal on behalf of Congress to Joseph A. De Laine in recognition of his contributions to the Nation, after agreeing to the committee amendment. **Page S8600**

Prescription Drug and Medicare Improvement Act: Senate continued consideration of S. 1, to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to make improvements in the Medicare program, to provide prescription drug coverage under the Medi-

care program, taking action on the following amendments proposed thereto: **Pages S8479–S8546**

Adopted:

By 94 yeas to 1 nay (Vote No. 242), Snowe/Bingaman Amendment No. 972, to provide reimbursement for Federally qualified health centers participating in Medicare managed care. **Pages S8481–83, S8485**

Grassley (for Wyden) Amendment No. 941, to provide for a study by MedPAC on Medicare payments and efficiencies in the health care system. **Page S8538**

Baucus (for Harkin) Modified Amendment No. 967, to provide improved payment for certain mammography services. **Page S8538**

Grassley (for Murray) Amendment No. 961, to fund the blended capitation rate for purposes of determining benchmarks under the Medicare Advantage program. **Page S8538**

Grassley Amendment No. 974, to enhance competition for prescription drugs by increasing the ability of the Department of Justice and Federal Trade Commission to enforce existing antitrust laws regarding brand name drugs and generic drugs. **Page S8538**

Grassley (for Specter) Amendment No. 983, to provide Medicare beneficiaries with information on advance directives. **Page S8538**

Sununu Amendment No. 1010, to improve outpatient vision services under part B of the Medicare program. **Page S8538**

Rejected:

By 26 yeas to 69 nays (Vote No. 243), Baucus (for Edwards) Further Modified Amendment No. 985, to strengthen protections for consumers against misleading direct-to-consumer drug advertising. **Pages S8483–86**

By 39 yeas to 56 nays (Vote No. 244), Graham (FL) Amendment No. 956, to provide that an eligible beneficiary is not responsible for paying the applicable percent of the monthly national average premium while the beneficiary is in the coverage gap and to sunset the bill. **Page S8486**

By 39 yeas to 56 nays (Vote No. 245), Durbin Amendment No. 994, to deliver a meaningful benefit and lower prescription drug prices. **Pages S8516–21, S8523–29**

By 43 yeas to 52 nays (Vote No. 246), Clinton Amendment No. 1000, to study the comparative effectiveness and safety of important Medicare covered drugs to ensure that consumers can make meaningful comparisons about the quality and efficacy. **Pages S8529–30**

Withdrawn:

Reid (for Boxer) Amendment No. 1062 (to Amendment No. 974) to eliminate the coverage gap for individuals with cancer. **Pages S8496–98**

Schumer Amendment No. 1040, to provide for equitable reimbursement rates in 2004 and 2005 for Medicare+Choice organizations making the transition to MedicareAdvantage organizations. **Pages S8500–02, S8506–12**

Baucus (for Stabenow) Amendment No. 992, to clarify that the Medicaid statute does not prohibit a State from entering into drug rebate agreements in order to make outpatient prescription drugs accessible and affordable for residents of the State who are not otherwise eligible for medical assistance under the Medicaid program. **Page S8538**

Pending:

Kerry Amendment No. 958, to increase the availability of discounted prescription drugs. **Page S8479**

Lincoln Modified Amendment No. 934, to ensure coverage for syringes for the administration of insulin, and necessary medical supplies associated with the administration of insulin. **Page S8479**

Lincoln Amendment No. 935, to clarify the intent of Congress regarding an exception to the initial residency period for geriatric residency or fellowship programs. **Page S8479**

Lincoln Amendment No. 959, to establish a demonstration project for direct access to physical therapy services under the Medicare program. **Page S8479**

Baucus (for Jeffords) Amendment No. 964, to include coverage for tobacco cessation products. **Page S8479**

Baucus (for Jeffords) Amendment No. 965, to establish a Council for Technology and Innovation. **Page S8479**

Nelson (FL) Amendment No. 938, to provide for a study and report on the propagation of concierge care. **Page S8479**

Nelson (FL) Amendment No. 936, to provide for an extension of the demonstration for ESRD managed care. **Page S8479**

Baucus (for Harkin) Amendment No. 968, to restore reimbursement for total body orthotic management for nonambulatory, severely disabled nursing home residents. **Page S8479**

Baucus (for Cantwell) Amendment No. 942, to prohibit an eligible entity offering a Medicare Prescription Drug plan, a MedicareAdvantage Organization offering a MedicareAdvantage plan, and other health plans from contracting with a pharmacy benefit manager (PBM) unless the PBM satisfies certain requirements. **Page S8479**

Rockefeller Amendment No. 975, to make all Medicare beneficiaries eligible for Medicare prescription drug coverage. **Page S8480**

Akaka Amendment No. 980, to expand assistance with coverage for legal immigrants under the Medicaid program and SCHIP to include citizens of the Freely Associated States. **Page S8480**

Akaka Amendment No. 979, to ensure that current prescription drug benefits to Medicare-eligible enrollees in the Federal Employees Health Benefits Program will not be diminished. **Page S8480**

Bingaman Amendment No. 973, to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide for the authorization of reimbursement for all Medicare part B services furnished by certain Indian hospitals and clinics. **Page S8480**

Baucus (for Lautenberg) Amendment No. 986, to make prescription drug coverage available beginning on July 1, 2004. **Page S8480**

Murray Amendment No. 990, to make improvements in the MedicareAdvantage benchmark determinations. **Page S8480**

Harkin Modified Amendment No. 991, to establish a demonstration project under the Medicaid program to encourage the provision of community-based services to individuals with disabilities. **Pages S8480, S8534–37**

Dayton Amendment No. 960, to require a streamlining of the Medicare regulations. **Page S8480**

Dayton Amendment No. 977, to require that benefits be made available under part D on January 1, 2004. **Page S8480**

Baucus (for Dorgan) Amendment No. 993, to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide for coverage of cardiovascular screening tests under the Medicare program. **Page S8480**

Smith/Bingaman Amendment No. 962, to provide reimbursement for Federally qualified health centers participating in Medicare managed care. **Page S8480**

Hutchison Amendment No. 1004, to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to freeze the indirect medical education adjustment percentage under the Medicare program at 6.5 percent. **Page S8480**

Sessions Amendment No. 1011, to express the sense of the Senate that the Committee on Finance should hold hearings regarding permitting States to provide health benefits to legal immigrants under Medicaid and SCHIP as part of the reauthorization of the temporary assistance for needy families program. **Page S8480**

Conrad Amendment No. 1019, to provide for coverage of self-injected biologicals under part B of the Medicare program until Medicare Prescription Drug plans are available. **Page S8480**

Conrad Amendment No. 1020, to permanently and fully equalize the standardized payment rate beginning in fiscal year 2004. **Page S8480**

Conrad Amendment No. 1021, to address Medicare payment inequities. **Page S8480**

Clinton Amendment No. 999, to provide for the development of quality indicators for the priority areas of the Institute of Medicine, for the standardization of quality indicators for Federal agencies, and for the establishment of a demonstration program for the reporting of health care quality data at the community level. **Page S8480**

Clinton Amendment No. 953, to provide training to long-term care ombudsman. **Page S8480**

Clinton Amendment No. 954, to require the Secretary of Health and Human Services to develop literacy standards for informational materials, particularly drug information. **Page S8480**

Reid (for Boxer) Amendment No. 1036, to eliminate the coverage gap for individuals with cancer. **Page S8480**

Reid (for Corzine) Amendment No. 1037, to permit Medicare beneficiaries to use Federally qualified health centers to fill their prescriptions. **Page S8480**

Reid (for Jeffords) Amendment No. 1038, to improve the critical access hospital program. **Page S8480**

Reid (for Inouye) Amendment No. 1039, to amend title XIX of the Social Security Act to provide 100 percent reimbursement for medical assistance provided to a Native Hawaiian through a Federally-qualified health center or a Native Hawaiian health care system. **Page S8480**

Thomas/Lincoln Amendment No. 988, to provide for the coverage of marriage and family therapist services and mental health counselor services under part B of the Medicare program. **Pages S8480–81**

Edwards/Harkin Amendment No. 1052, to strengthen protections for consumers against misleading direct-to-consumer drug advertising. **Page S8487**

Enzi/Lincoln Amendment No. 1051, to ensure convenient access to pharmacies and prohibit the tying of contracts. **Pages S8487–89**

Enzi Amendment No. 1030, to encourage the availability of Medicare Advantage benefits in medically underserved areas. **Pages S8489–93**

Hagel/Ensign Amendment No. 1012, to provide Medicare beneficiaries with an additional choice of Medicare Prescription Drug plans under part D that consists of a drug discount card and protection against high out-of-pocket drug costs. **Pages S8493–95**

Hagel Amendment No. 1026, to provide Medicare beneficiaries with a discount card that ensures access to privately-negotiated discounts on drugs and protection against high out-of-pocket drug costs. **Page S8493**

Baucus (for Feinstein) Amendment No. 1060, to provide for an income-related increase in the part B premium for individuals with income in excess of \$75,000 and married couples with income in excess of \$150,000. **Page S8495**

Baucus (for Akaka) Amendment No. 1061, to provide for treatment of Hawaii as a low-DSH State for purposes of determining a Medicaid DSH allotment for the State for fiscal years 2004 and 2005. **Pages S8495–96**

Bingaman/Domenici Amendment No. 1065, to update, beginning in 2009, the asset or resource test used for purposes of determining the eligibility of low-income beneficiaries for premium and cost-sharing subsidies. **Page S8502**

Bingaman Amendment No. 1066, to permit the establishment of 2 new Medigap plans for Medicare beneficiaries enrolled for prescription drug coverage under part D. **Pages S8502–06**

Graham (SC) Modified Amendment No. 948, to provide for the establishment of a National Bipartisan Commission on Medicare Reform. **Pages S8512–15**

Stabenow/Levin Amendment No. 1075, to permanently extend a moratorium on the treatment of a certain facility as an institution for mental diseases. **Pages S8515–16**

Stabenow/Levin Amendment No. 1076, to provide for the treatment of payments to certain comprehensive cancer centers. **Page S8516**

Stabenow/Levin Amendment No. 1077, to provide for the redistribution of unused resident positions. **Page S8516**

Ensign/Lincoln Amendment No. 1024, to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to repeal the Medicare outpatient rehabilitation therapy caps. **Pages S8521–22**

Smith/Feingold Amendment No. 1073, to allow the Secretary to include in the definition of 'specialized Medicare+Choice plans for special needs beneficiaries' plans that disproportionately serve such special needs beneficiaries or frail, elderly Medicare beneficiaries. **Pages S8522–23**

Grassley (for Craig) Amendment No. 1087, to permit the offering of consumer-driven health plans under Medicare Advantage. **Pages S8537–38**

Baucus (for Mikulski) Amendment No. 1088, to provide equitable treatment for children's hospitals. **Page S8539**

Baucus (for Milulski) Amendment No. 1089, to provide equitable treatment for certain children's hospitals. **Page S8539**

Baucus (for Mikulski) Amendment No. 1090, to permit direct payment under the Medicare program for clinical social worker services provided to residents of skilled nursing facilities. **Page S8539**

Baucus (for Mikulski) Amendment No. 1091, to extend certain municipal health service demonstration projects. **Page S8539**

Grassley/Baucus Amendment No. 1092, to evaluate alternative payment and delivery systems.

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Kyl Amendment No. 1093 (to Amendment No. 1092), in the nature of a substitute. Pages S8542–46

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that at 9:15 a.m., on Thursday, June 26, 2003, Senate proceed to vote on or in relation to Harkin Amendment No. 991 (listed above), to be followed by a vote on or in relation to Edwards Amendment No. 1052 (listed above); and that no second degree amendments be in order to the amendments prior to the votes. Page S8601

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the bill at 9:15 a.m., on Thursday, June 26, 2003. Page S8601

Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

Rixio Enrique Medina, of Oklahoma, to be a Member of the Chemical Safety and Hazard Investigation Board for a term of five years.

Julie L. Myers, of Kansas, to be an Assistant Secretary of Commerce.

Jeffrey A. Marcus, of Texas, to be Ambassador to Belgium.

Deborah Ann Spagnoli, of California, to be a Commissioner of the United States Parole Commission for a term of six years.

1 Air Force nomination in the rank of general.

1 Navy nomination in the rank of admiral.

Routine lists in the Foreign Service, Navy.

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Record Votes: Five record votes were taken today. (Total—246) Page S8485, S8486, S8529, S8530

Adjournment: Senate met at 9:30 a.m., and adjourned at 10:50 p.m., until 9:15 a.m., on Thursday, June 26, 2003. (For Senate's program, see the re-

marks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S8601.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

APPROPRIATIONS LABOR—HHS/ EDUCATION

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education approved for full Committee consideration an original bill making appropriations for the Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2004.

NOMINATION

Committee on Armed Services: Committee concluded hearings to examine the nomination of Lieutenant General John P. Abizaid, USA, for appointment to the grade of general and to be Commander, United States Central Command, after the nominee testified and answered questions in his own behalf.

RURAL ECONOMY

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: Subcommittee on Economic Policy concluded oversight hearings to examine the problems and challenges facing rural America, focusing on certain job and economic development measures, including the Land Grant mission, after receiving testimony from Hilda Gay Legg, Administrator, Rural Utilities Service, Rural Development Mission Area, Department of Agriculture; M. Scott Smith, University of Kentucky College of Agriculture, Lexington; and Mark Haney, Kentucky Farm Bureau Federation, Nancy.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Committee ordered favorably reported the following bills:

S. 470, to extend the authority for the construction of a memorial to Martin Luther King, Jr., with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 490, to direct the Secretary of Agriculture to convey certain land in the Lake Tahoe Basin Management Unit, Nevada, to the Secretary of the Interior, in trust for the Washoe Indian Tribe of Nevada and California, with an amendment;

S. 499, to authorize the American Battle Monuments Commission to establish in the State of Louisiana a memorial to honor the Buffalo Soldiers, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 546, to provide for the protection of paleontological resources on Federal lands, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 643, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior, in cooperation with the University of New Mexico, to construct and occupy a portion of the Hibben Center for Archaeological Research at the University of New Mexico, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 651, to amend the National Trails System Act to clarify Federal authority relating to land acquisition from willing sellers for the majority of the trails in the System, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 677, to revise the boundary of the Black Canyon of the Gunnison National Park and Gunnison Gorge National Conservation Area in the State of Colorado, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 924, to authorize the exchange of lands between an Alaska Native Village Corporation and the Department of the Interior, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 1076, to authorize construction of an education center at or near the Vietnam Veterans Memorial, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

H.R. 255, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to grant an easement to facilitate access to the Lewis and Clark Interpretative Center in Nebraska City, Nebraska; and

H.R. 1577, to designate the visitor center in Organ Pipe National Monument in Arizona as the "Kris Eggle Visitor Center".

GRAZING MANAGEMENT

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Subcommittee on Public Lands and Forests concluded oversight hearings to examine grazing programs of the Bureau of Land Management and the Forest Service, focusing on grazing permit renewal, BLM's potential changes to grazing regulations, range monitoring, drought, and other grazing issues, after receiving testimony from Mark Rey, Under Secretary of Agriculture for Natural Resources and Environment; and Rebecca Watson, Assistant Secretary of the Interior for Land and Minerals Management.

ENDANGERED SPECIES

Committee on Environment and Public Works: Subcommittee on Fisheries, Wildlife, and Water concluded hearings to examine the consulting process required by section 7 of the Endangered Species Act, including improvement efforts in the Pacific Northwest, after receiving testimony from Senator Domenici; Barry T. Hill, Director, Natural Resources and Environment, General Accounting Office; Alan Glen, Smith, Robertson, Elliott, and Glen, Austin, Texas; John F. Kostyack, National Wildlife Federation, Reston, Virginia; Patricia D. Horn, Enogex Inc., Oklahoma City, Oklahoma; Jim Chilton,

Arivaca, Arizona, on behalf of the National Cattlemen's Beef Association and the Public Lands Council; and William J. Snape III, Defenders of Wildlife, Washington, D.C.

AFRICA

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee concluded hearings to examine the implementation of the African Growth and Opportunity Act (P.L. 106-200), focusing on short-term and long-term measures to integrate Africa into the global community, and issues relative to the free market and fair trade, African civil society, and debt relief, after receiving testimony from Florizelle B. Liser, Assistant United States Trade Representative for Africa; Walter H. Kansteiner III, Assistant Secretary of State for African Affairs; Stephen Hayes, Corporate Council on Africa, and Leon P. Spencer, Washington Office on Africa, both of Washington, D.C.; and James A. Harmon, Commission on Capital Flows to Africa, New York, New York.

YUGOSLAVIA SUCCESSOR STATES

Committee on Foreign Relations: Subcommittee on European Affairs concluded hearings to examine the progress and challenges relative to the transformations taking place in the successor states to the former Yugoslavia, including Serbia and Montenegro, Kosovo, Croatia, Macedonia, Bosnia and Herzegovina, after receiving testimony from Paul W. Jones, Acting Deputy Assistant Secretary of State for Europe and Eurasia; Mira Ricardel, Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense; Daniel Serwer, Director, U.S. Institute of Peace; and James O'Brien, Albright Group, and Major General William L. Nash USA, (Ret.), Council on Foreign Relations, both of Washington, D.C.

NOMINATION

Committee on Governmental Affairs: Committee concluded hearings to examine the nomination of Joshua B. Bolten, of the District of Columbia, to be Director of the Office of Management and Budget, after the nominee, who was introduced by Senator Corzine, testified and answered questions in his own behalf.

BUSINESS MEETING

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

S. 1248, to reauthorize the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute; and

The nominations of David Hall, of Massachusetts, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the

Legal Services Corporation, Lillian R. BeVier, of Virginia, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Legal Services Corporation, and certain nominations in the Public Health Service Corps.

9/11 DETAINEES REPORT

Committee on the Judiciary: Committee concluded hearings to examine the treatment of aliens held on immigration charges in connection with the investigation of the September 11, 2001, terrorist attacks, as outlined in the Department of Justice Office of Inspector General's report, after receiving testimony from Glenn A. Fine, Inspector General, Harley G. Lappin, Director, Federal Bureau of Prisons, Michael E. Rolince, Acting Assistant Director in Charge, Federal Bureau of Investigation, Washington Field Office, and David Nahmias, Counsel to the Assistant Attorney General, Criminal Division, all of the Department of Justice.

NOMINATIONS

Committee on the Judiciary: Committee concluded hearings on the nominations of Louise W. Flanagan, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of North Carolina, and Allyson K. Duncan, of North Carolina, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Fourth Circuit, who were both introduced by Senators Dole and Edwards; Samuel Der-Yeghiayan, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of Illinois, who was introduced by Senators Fitzgerald and Durbin; Lonny R. Suko, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Washington, who was introduced by Senator Murray, and Representatives Hastings and Nethercutt; Earl Leroy Yeakel III, to be United States District Judge for the Western District of Texas, who was

introduced by Senators Hutchison and Cornyn; Karen P. Tandy, of Virginia, to be Administrator of Drug Enforcement, who was introduced by Senator Hutchison, and Christopher A. Wray, of Georgia, to be an Assistant Attorney General, who was introduced by Senators Chambliss and Miller, both of the Department of Justice; and Robert C. Brack, to be United States District Judge for the District of New Mexico, who was introduced by Senators Domenici and Bingaman.

IRAQ

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on the Constitution concluded joint hearings with the Committee on Foreign Relations' Subcommittee on Near Eastern and South Asian Affairs to examine constitutionalism, human rights, and the Rule of Law in Iraq, focusing on the monopoly of power and influence, public participation and ownership, democratic representation, ratification, and the role of the international community, after receiving testimony from Neil J. Kritz, Director, Rule of Law Program, U.S. Institute of Peace; Sermid Al-Sarraf, Iraqi Jurists Association, and Khaled Abou El Fadl, University of California at Los Angeles School of Law, both of Los Angeles, California; Bernard Haykel, New York University, New York, New York; Donald P. Kommers, University of Notre Dame Law School, Notre Dame, Indiana; Kenneth M. Pollack, Brookings Institution, Zainab Salbi, Women for Women International, and Naoyuki Agawa, Embassy of Japan, all of Washington, D.C. and John Yoo, University of California Boalt School of Law, Berkeley; and A.E. Dick Howard, University of Virginia School of Law, Charlottesville.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Measures Introduced: 13 public bills, H.R. 1, 2595–2606; and 1 resolution, H. Con. Res., 230, were introduced. **Page H5928**

Additional Cosponsors: **Page H5929**

Reports Filed: Reports were filed today as follows: H.R. 2351, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to allow a deduction to individuals for amounts contributed to health savings accounts and to provide for the disposition of unused health benefits in cafeteria plans and flexible spending arrangements, amended (H. Rept. 108–177); and

H.R. 2473, to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide for a voluntary program for prescription drug coverage under the Medicare Program, to modernize the Medicare Program, amended (H. Rept. 108–178, Pt. 1)

H. Res. 297, providing for motions to suspend the rules (H. Rept. 108–179);

H. Res. 298, providing for consideration of H.R. 2559, making appropriations for military construction, family housing, and base realignment and closure for the Department of Defense for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2004 (H. Rept. 108–180); and

H. Res. 299, providing for consideration of H.R. 1, to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide for a voluntary program for prescription drug coverage under the Medicare Program and to modernize the Medicare Program and providing for consideration of H.R. 2596, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to allow a deduction to individuals for amounts contributed to health savings security accounts and health savings accounts, to provide for the disposition of unused health benefits in cafeteria plans and flexible spending arrangements (H. Rept. 108–181). **Pages H5927–28**

Speaker Pro Tempore: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he appointed Representative Terry to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. **Page H5819**

Guest Chaplain: Rev. Michael J. Greer, Pastor, Good Shepherd Catholic Church of Miami, Florida. **Page H5819**

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

Abraham Lincoln Bicentennial Commission Extension: S. 858, to extend the Abraham Lincoln Bicentennial Commission (agreed to by $\frac{2}{3}$ yeas and nay vote of 409 yeas to 2 nays, Roll No. 312)—clearing the measure for the President; **Pages H5822–25, H5847–48**

Administration of the Bill Emerson and Mickey Leland Hunger Fellowships by the Congressional Hunger Center: H.R. 2474 amended, to require that funds made available for fiscal years 2003 and 2004 for the Bill Emerson and Mickey Leland Hunger Fellowships be administered through the Congressional Hunger Center (agreed to by $\frac{2}{3}$ yeas and nay vote of 411 yeas with none voting “nay,” Roll No. 313). Agreed to amend the title so as to read: “A bill to authorize the Congressional Hunger Center to award Bill Emerson and Mickey Leland Hunger Fellowships for fiscal years 2003 and 2004.”; **Pages H5825–28, H5848–49**

Recognizing the 50th anniversary of the Foreign Agricultural Service: H.J. Res. 49, recognizing the important service to the Nation provided by the Foreign Agricultural Service of the Department of Agriculture on the occasion of its 50th anniversary (agreed to by $\frac{2}{3}$ yeas and nay vote of 409 yeas with none voting “nay,” Roll No. 314); **Pages H5828–29, H5849**

Awarding the Congressional Gold Medal to Prime Minister Tony Blair: H.R. 1511, To award a congressional gold medal to Prime Minister Tony Blair; **Pages H5830–37**

Profound Concern Regarding Anti-Semitic Violence within States of the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe: H. Con. Res. 49, expressing the sense of the Congress that the sharp escalation of anti-Semitic violence within many participating States of the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe (OSCE) is of profound concern and efforts should be undertaken to prevent future occurrences (agree by yeas and nay vote of 412 yeas with none voting “nay,” Roll No. 315); **Pages H5841–47, H5881**

Calling on the Government of the People's Republic of China to Release Dr. Yang Jianli: H. Res. 199, amended, calling on the Government of the People's Republic of China immediately and unconditionally to release Dr. Yang Jianli, calling on the President of the United States to continue working on behalf of Dr. Yang Jianli for his release (agreed to by $\frac{2}{3}$ yeas and nay vote of 412 yeas with none voting “nay,” Roll No. 316); and **Pages H5850–53, H5881–82**

Condemning the Terrorism Inflicted on Israel: H. Res. 294, condemning the terrorism inflicted on Israel since the Aqaba Summit and expressing solidarity with the Israeli people in their fight against terrorism (agreed to by $\frac{2}{3}$ yeas and nay vote of 399 yeas to 5 nays with 7 voting “present,” Roll No. 317). **Pages H5853–66, H5882–83**

Suspension—Proceedings Postponed: The House completed debate on the motion to suspend the rules and agree to H. Res. 277, expressing support for freedom in Hong Kong. Further proceedings were postponed until Thursday, June 26. **Pages H5837–41**

Intelligence Authorization Act for FY 2004: The House completed general debate and began considering amendments to H.R. 2417, to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2004 for intelligence and intelligence-related activities of the United States Government, the Community Management Account, and the Central Intelligence Agency Retirement and Disability System. Further proceedings will resume on Thursday. **Pages H5866–81, H5883–H5903**

Pursuant to the rule the amendment in the nature of a substitute recommended by the Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence now printed in the bill (H. Rept. 108–163) was considered as an original bill for the purpose of amendment. **Page H5883**

Agree To:
Harman amendment No. 3 printed in H. Rept. 108–176 that requires the Director of Central Intelligence to report on watch list databases in Federal departments and agencies to determine if the further consolidation will contribute to the effectiveness of the Terrorist Identification Classification System in identifying known or suspected terrorists. **Pages H5890–91**

Proceedings Postponed:

Hastings of Florida amendment No. 4 printed in H. Rept. 108–176 was offered that seeks to direct the Director of Central Intelligence to establish a pilot project to improve recruitment of ethnic and cultural minorities and women with diverse skills and language abilities. **Page H5891–94**

Kucinich amendment No. 5 printed in H. Rept. 108–176 was offered that seeks to direct the Inspector General of the Central Intelligence Agency to conduct an audit of all communications between the CIA and the Office of the Vice President that relate to weapons of mass destruction obtained or developed by Iraq; and **Pages H5894–H5900**

Lee amendment No. 6 printed H. Rept. 108–176 was offered that seeks to require a GAO study on the extent of intelligence sharing by the Department of Defense and intelligence community with United Nations inspectors searching for weapons of mass destruction. **Pages H5900–03**

Withdrawn:

Cox amendment No. 1 printed in H. Rept. 108–176 was offered but subsequently withdrawn that sought to strike Sec. 336, Improvement of Information Sharing Among Federal, State, and local Government Officials. **Pages H5888–90**

H. Res. 295, the rule that is providing for consideration of the bill was agreed to by voice vote. **Page H5903**

Discharge Petition: Representative Taylor of Mississippi moved to discharge the Committee on Rules from the consideration of H. Res. 275, providing for consideration of H.J. Res. 22, proposing a balanced budget amendment to the Constitution of the United States.

Recess: The House recessed at 11:15 p.m. and reconvened at 6:23 a.m. on Thursday, June 26.

Amendment: Amendments ordered pursuant to the rule appear on pages H5929–40.

Quorum Calls—Votes: Six yea-and-nay votes developed during the proceedings of the House today and appear on pages H5847–48, H5848–49, H5849, H5881, H5881–82, and H5882–83. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 6:25 a.m. on Thursday, June 26.

Committee Meetings**USDA DISTANCE LEARNING AND
TELEMEDICINE PROGRAM**

Committee on Agriculture: Held a hearing to review the USDA Distance Learning and Telemedicine Program. Testimony was heard from Thomas C. Dorr,

Under Secretary, Rural Development, USDA; and public witnesses.

**LABOR, HHS, EDUCATION AND RELATED
AGENCIES; INTERIOR AND RELATED
AGENCIES; AND AGRICULTURE, RURAL
DEVELOPMENT, FDA AND RELATED
AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS**

Committee on Appropriations: Ordered reported the following appropriations for fiscal year 2004: Labor, Health and Human Services, Education and Related Agencies; Interior and Related Agencies; and Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration and Related Agencies.

GSE OVERSIGHT

Committee on Financial Services: Subcommittee on Capital Markets, Insurance, and Government Sponsored Enterprises held a hearing entitled “GSE Oversight: The Need for Reform and Modernization.” Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

**SAVING TAXPAYER MONEY THROUGH
SOUND FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT**

Committee on Financial Services: Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations held a hearing entitled “Saving Taxpayer Money Through Sound Financial Management.” Testimony was heard from Angela M. Antonelli, Chief Financial Officer, Department of Housing and Urban Development; and Thomas C. Dorr, Under Secretary, Rural Development, USDA.

**OVERSIGHT—WINNING THE WAR ON
FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT—STATUS OF
DOD REFORM**

Committee on Government Reform: Subcommittee on Government Efficiency and Financial Management held an oversight hearing on “Winning the War on Financial Management—Status of the Department of Defense Reform.” Testimony was heard from Gregory D. Kutz, Director, Financial Management Assurance, GAO; and the following officials of the Department of Defense: Lawrence J. Lanzillotta, Principle Deputy and the Deputy Under Secretary, Management Reform, Office of the Under Secretary (Comptroller); and Paul Granetto, Director, Defense Financial Auditing Service, Office of the Inspector General.

CANADIAN DRUG IMPORTATION

Committee on Government Reform: Subcommittee on Human Rights and Wellness held a hearing on “The Practical and Economical Aspects of Canadian Drug Importation.” Testimony was heard from Representative Gutknecht; and public witnesses.

**U.S. TRADE POLICY AND COMMERCIAL
POLICY IN SOUTHEAST ASIA AND
OCEANIA**

Committee on International Relations: Subcommittee on Asia and the Pacific held a hearing on U.S. Trade Policy and Commercial Policy in Southeast Asia and

Oceania. Testimony was heard from James A. Kelly, Assistant Secretary, Bureau of East Asian and Pacific Affairs, Department of State; and Ralph F. Ives, Assistant U.S. Trade Representative for Asia-Pacific and APEC Affairs.

TRAFFICKING—GLOBAL TRENDS AND TRAFFICKING IN PERSONS REPORT

Committee on International Relations: Subcommittee on International Terrorism Nonproliferation and Human Rights held a hearing on "Global Trends in Trafficking and the Trafficking in Persons Report." Testimony was heard from John Miller, Senior Advisor to the Secretary, Director, Office of Monitor and Combat Trafficking in Persons, Department of State; and public witnesses.

IRAN-LIBYA SANCTIONS ACT—INCREASING THREATS FROM IRAN

Committee on International Relations: Subcommittee on Middle East and Central Asia held a hearing on Enforcement of the Iran-Libya Sanctions Act and Increasing Security Threats from Iran (Part 1). Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of State: Charles English, Acting Deputy Assistant Secretary, Bureau of European and Eurasian Affairs; Anna Borg, Deputy Assistant Secretary, Bureau of Economic and Business Affairs; and Philo Dibble, Deputy Assistant Secretary, Bureau of Near Eastern Affairs; and public witnesses.

MEDICARE PRESCRIPTION DRUG AND MODERNIZATION ACT OF 2003 HEALTH SAVINGS AND AFFORDABILITY ACT OF 2003

Committee on Rules: Granted, by a vote of 7 to 3, a rule providing for the consideration of H.R. 1, Medicare Prescription Drug and Modernization Act of 2003, under a modified closed rule. The rule provides three hours of debate in the House on H.R. 1 equally divided among and controlled by the chairmen and ranking minority members of the Committee on Energy and Commerce and the Committee on Ways and Means. The rule waives all points of order against consideration of H.R. 1. The rule provides for consideration of the amendment to H.R. 1 printed in the Rules Committee report accompanying the resolution, if offered by Representative Rangel of New York or his designee, which shall be considered as read and shall be separately debatable for one hour equally divided and controlled by the proponent and an opponent. The rule waives all points of order against the amendment printed in the report. The rule provides one motion to recommit H.R. 1 with or without instructions.

Section 2 of the resolution provides for consideration of H.R. 2596, H.R. 2596, Health Savings and Affordability Act of 2003, on the legislative day of June 26 or June 27, 2003, under a closed rule. The rule provides one hour of debate in the House on H.R. 2596 equally divided and controlled by the

chairman and ranking minority member of the Committee on Ways and Means. The rule waives all points of order against consideration of H.R. 2596. The rule provides one motion to recommit H.R. 2596 with or without instructions. Section 3 of the resolution provides that in the engrossment of H.R. 1, the clerk shall add the text of H.R. 2596, as passed by the House as a new matter at the end of H.R. 1, and then lay H.R. 2596 on the table. Section 4 of the resolution provides that during consideration of H.R. 1 and H.R. 2596, notwithstanding the operation of the previous question, the Chair may postpone further consideration of either bill to a time designated by the Speaker. Section 5 of the resolution provides that it shall be in order, any rule of the House to the contrary notwithstanding, to consider concurrent resolutions providing for adjournment of the House and Senate during the month of July. Section 6 of the resolution provides that the Committee on Appropriations may have until midnight on Thursday, July 3, 2003, to file a report to accompany a bill making appropriations for the Department of Defense for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2004, and for other purposes. Testimony was heard from Representative Johnson of Connecticut, Walden of Oregon, Buyer, Gutknecht, Burgess, Gingrey, Sandlin, Pallone, Brown of Ohio, Strickland, Capps, Kaptur, Cooper, Dooley, Sanders, Hastings of Florida, McGovern, Larson of Connecticut, and Emanuel.

MILITARY CONSTRUCTION APPROPRIATIONS, FY 2004

Committee on Rules: Granted, by voice vote, an open rule on H.R. 2559, making appropriations for military construction, family housing, and base realignment and closure for the Department of Defense for FY 2004 providing one hour of general debate equally divided and controlled by the chairman and ranking minority member of the Committee on Appropriations. Under the rules of the House the bill shall be read for amendment by paragraph. The rule waives 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 an appropriations bill). 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.

CONSIDERATION OF MOTIONS TO SUSPEND THE RULES

Committee on Rules: Granted, by voice vote, a resolution providing that during the remainder of the One Hundred Eighth Congress, the Speaker may entertain motions that the House suspend the rules on Wednesdays as though under clause 1 of rule XV.

FOREIGN CURRENCY MANIPULATION EFFECT ON SMALL MANUFACTURERS AND EXPORTERS

Committee on Small Business: Held a hearing on the Effect of Foreign Currency Manipulation on Small Manufacturers and Exporters. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure: Ordered reported the following bills: H.R. 1572, to designate the historic Federal District Court Building located at 100 North Palafox Street in Pensacola, Florida, as the “Winston E. Arnow Federal Building”; H.R. 1668, to designate the United States courthouse located at 101 North Fifth Street in Muskogee, Oklahoma, as the “Ed Edmondson United States Courthouse,” H.R. 2144, amended, Aviation Security Technical Corrections and Improvements Act of 2003; H.R. 2443, amended, Coast Guard and Maritime Transportation Act of 2003; H.R. 2535, amended, Economic Development Administration Reauthorization Act of 2003; H.R. 2572, Amtrak Reauthorization Act of 2003; H.R. 2571, Rail Infrastructure Development and Expansion Act for the 21st Century; and H.R. 2573, Public Private Partnership Act.

VETERAN'S LEGISLATION

Committee on Veterans' Affairs, Subcommittee on Benefits approved for full Committee action, as amended, the following bills: H.R. 1516, to direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to establish a national cemetery for veterans in southeastern Pennsylvania; and H.R. 2297, to amend title 38, United States Code, to modify and improve certain benefits for veterans.

SECURE AMERICA'S BORDERS—ASSESS DHS INITIATIVES

Select Committee on Homeland Security: Held a hearing entitled “Assessment of DHS Initiatives to Secure America's Borders.” Testimony was heard from Asa Hutchinson, Under Secretary, Border and Transportation Security, Department of Homeland Security.

CYBER PROBLEM OVERVIEW

Select Committee on Homeland Security, Subcommittee on Cybersecurity, Science, and Research and Development held a hearing entitled “Overview of the Cyber Problem: A Nation Dependent and Dealing with Risk.” Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR THURSDAY, JUNE 26, 2003

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry: to hold hearings to examine H.R. 1904, to improve the capacity of the Secretary of Agriculture and the Secretary of the

Interior to plan and conduct hazardous fuels reduction projects on National Forest System lands and Bureau of Land Management lands aimed at protecting communities, watersheds, and certain other at-risk lands from catastrophic wildfire, to enhance efforts to protect watersheds and address threats to forest and rangeland health, including catastrophic wildfire, across the landscape, 9 a.m., SR-328A.

Committee on Appropriations: business meeting to consider proposed legislation making appropriations for the Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2004, and proposed legislation making appropriations for military construction, family housing, and base realignment and closure for the Department of Defense for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2004, 2 p.m., SD-192.

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: to hold hearings to examine affiliate sharing practices in relation to the Fair Credit Reporting Act, 10 a.m., SD-538.

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: business meeting to consider S. 1264, to reauthorize the Federal Communications Commission, S. 1218, to provide for Presidential support and coordination of interagency ocean science programs and development and coordination of a comprehensive and integrated United States research and monitoring program, H.R. 1320, to amend the National Telecommunications and Information Administration Organization Act to facilitate the reallocation of spectrum from governmental to commercial users, S. 1262, to authorize appropriations for fiscal years 2004, 2005, and 2006 for certain maritime programs of the Department of Transportation, and S. 1106, to establish National Standards for Fishing Quota Systems, an original bill authorizing funds for TEA-21 programs, and pending nominations, 9:30 a.m., SR-253.

Committee on Finance: to hold hearings to examine the nominations of Josette Sheeran Shiner, of Virginia, to be a Deputy United States Trade Representative, with the rank of Ambassador, and James J. Jochum, of Virginia, to be an Assistant Secretary of Commerce, 10 a.m., SD-215.

Committee on Foreign Relations: business meeting to consider S. Res. 90, expressing the sense of the Senate that the Senate strongly supports the nonproliferation programs of the United States, S. Res. 62, calling upon the Organization of American States (OAS) Inter-American Commission on Human Rights, the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights, the European Union, and human rights activists throughout the world to take certain actions in regard to the human rights situation in Cuba, S. Res. 149, expressing the sense of the Senate that the international response to the current need for food in the Horn of Africa remains inadequate, and the nominations of Robert W. Fitts, of New Hampshire, to be Ambassador to Papua New Guinea, and to serve concurrently and without additional compensation as Ambassador to the Solomon Islands and Ambassador to the Republic of Vanuatu, Marsha E. Barnes, of Maryland, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Suriname, John E. Herbst, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to Ukraine, Tracey Ann Jacobson, of the District of Columbia, to be Ambassador to Turkmenistan, George A. Krol, of New Jersey, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Belarus, 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, Greta N. Morris, of California, to be Ambassador to the Republic of the Marshall Islands, Roger Francisco Noriega, of Kansas, to be an Assistant Secretary of State (Western Hemisphere Affairs), William B. Wood, of New York, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Colombia, and certain Foreign Service Officer promotion lists, 9:15 a.m., SD-419.

Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine the Department of State's Office of Children's Issues, focusing on responding to international parental abduction, 2 p.m., SD-106.

Committee on Governmental Affairs: business meeting to consider the nominations of Judith Nan Macaluso, to be an Associate Judge of the Superior Court of the District of Columbia, Fern Flanagan Saddler, to be an Associate Judge of the Superior Court of the District of Columbia, and Joshua B. Bolten, of the District of Columbia, to be Director of the Office of Management and Budget, Time to be announced, S-211, Capitol.

Committee on Indian Affairs: business meeting to consider pending calendar business, 11 a.m., SR-485.

Committee on the Judiciary: business meeting to resume consideration of S. 1125, to create a fair and efficient system to resolve claims of victims for bodily injury caused by asbestos exposure, and begin consideration of S.J. Res. 1, proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States to protect the rights of crime victims, S. 1280, to amend the Protect Act to clarify certain volunteer liability, S. Res. 174, designating Thursday, November 20, 2003, as "Feed America Thursday", S. Res. 175, designating the month of October 2003, as "Family History Month", and the nominations of William H. Pryor, Jr., of Alabama, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Eleventh Circuit, Diane M. Stuart, of Utah, to be Director of the Violence Against Women Office, Department of Justice, and Thomas M. Hardiman, to be United States District Judge for the Western District of Pennsylvania, 9:30 a.m., SR-325.

Subcommittee on Terrorism, Technology and Homeland Security, to hold hearings to examine the ideological structure of Wahhabism, an extreme and violent form of Islam, and its potential for political and social influence in the United States, 2 p.m., SD-226.

Select Committee on Intelligence: to hold closed hearings to examine certain intelligence matters, 2:30 p.m., SH-219.

House

Committee on Agriculture, hearing to review the mandatory country-of-origin labeling law, 9:30 a.m., 1300 Longworth.

Committee on Appropriations, to consider the following appropriations for fiscal year 2004; Defense and Legislative, 10 a.m., 2539 Rayburn.

Committee on Financial Services, Subcommittee on Financial Institutions and Consumer Credit, hearing entitled "Serving the Underserved: Initiatives to Broaden Access to the Financial Mainstream," 10 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.

Committee on Governmental Reform, hearing titled "New Century, New Process: A Preview of Competitive Sourcing for the 21st Century," 9:30 a.m., and to mark up H.R. 2556, DC Parental Choice Incentive Act of 2003, 1 p.m., 2154 Rayburn.

Committee on International Relations, Subcommittee on East Asia and the Pacific, hearing on U.S. Security Policy in Asia and the Pacific; Restructuring America's Forward Deployment, 12 p.m., 2172 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Europe, to mark up H.R. 2550, to amend the American Servicemembers' Protection Act of 2002 to provide clarification with respect to the eligibility of certain countries for United States military assistance, 11:30 a.m., 2200 Rayburn.

Committee on the Judiciary, Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism, and Homeland Security, hearing on H.R. 919, Hometown Heroes Survivors Benefits, 9 a.m., 2141 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Immigration, Border Security, and Claims, to mark up private relief measures; and to hold an oversight hearing on "The Federal Government's Response to the Issuance and Acceptance in the U.S. of Consular Identification Cards," 11 a.m., 2237 Rayburn.

Committee on Resources, Subcommittee on Fisheries Conservation, Wildlife and Oceans, hearing on the following bills: H.R. 1204, to amend the National Wildlife Refuge System Administration Act of 1966 to establish requirements for the award of concessions in the National Wildlife Refuge System, to provide for maintenance and repair of properties located in the System by concessionaires authorized to use such properties; and H.R. 2408, National Wildlife Refuge Volunteer Act of 2003, 10 a.m., 1334 Longworth.

Committee on Science, Subcommittee on Space and Aeronautics, to mark up H.R. 1085, NASA Flexibility Act of 2003, 10 a.m., 2318 Rayburn.

Committee on Small Business, Subcommittee on Regulatory Reform and Oversight, hearing entitled: "CRS Regulations and Small Business in the Travel Industry," 10 a.m., 2360 Rayburn.

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, Subcommittee on Railroads, oversight hearing on National Rail Infrastructure Financing Proposals, 10 a.m., 2167 Rayburn.

Committee on Veterans' Affairs, to mark up the following bills: H.R. 1516, as amended, National Cemetery Expansion Act of 2003; H.R. 2297, as amended, Veterans Benefits Act of 2003; H.R. 116, as amended, Veterans' New Fitzsimons Health Care Facilities Act of 2003; H.R. 1720, as amended, Veterans Health Care Facilities Capital Improvement Act; H.R. 2357, as amended, to amend title 38, United States Code, to establish standards of access to care for veterans seeking health care from the Department of Veterans Affairs; and H.R. 2433, as amended, Health Care for Veterans of Project 112/Project SHAD Act of 2003, 10 a.m., 334 Cannon.

Select Committee on Homeland Security, to mark up H.R. 2122, Project BioShield Act of 2003, 10 a.m., 210 Cannon.

Next Meeting of the SENATE

9:15 a.m., Thursday, June 26

Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

10 a.m., Thursday, June 26

Senate Chamber

Program for Thursday: Senate will continue consideration of S. 1, to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to make improvements in the Medicare program, to provide prescription drug coverage under the Medicare program, and proceed to vote on or in relation to Harkin Amendment No. 991, to be followed by a vote on or in relation to Edwards Amendment No. 1052.

House Chamber

Program for Thursday: Consideration of H.R. 1, Medicare Prescription Drug and Modernization Act (modified closed rule, three hours of general debate);

Consideration of H.R. 2596, Health Savings and Affordability Act (closed rule, one hour of general debate); and

Complete consideration of H.R. 2417, Intelligence Authorization Act (modified open rule, one hour of general debate); and

Consideration of H.R. 2559, Military Construction Appropriations Act for Fiscal Year 2004 (open rule, one hour of general debate).



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