

Daily Digest

HIGHLIGHTS

Senate passed S. 2329, Crime Victims' Rights Act.

The House passed H.R. 2844, Continuity in Representation Act of 2003.

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S4237–S4335

Measures Introduced: Twelve bills were introduced, as follows: S. 2334–2345. **Pages S4300–01**

Measures Reported:

H. Con. Res. 328, Recognizing and honoring the United States Armed Forces and supporting the goals and objectives of a National Military Appreciation Month.

S. Res. 310, commemorating and acknowledging the dedication and sacrifice made by the men and women who have lost their lives while serving as law enforcement officers.

S. 2270, to amend the Sherman Act to make oil-producing and exporting cartels illegal. **Page S4300**

Measures Passed:

Crime Victims' Rights: By 96 yeas to 1 nay (Vote No. 70), Senate passed S. 2329, to protect crime victims' rights, after agreeing to the following amendment proposed thereto: **Pages S4260–80**

Kyl/Feinstein Amendment No. 3047, of a technical nature. **Pages S4278–80**

Asbestos Litigation: Senate continued consideration of the motion to proceed to the consideration of S. 2290, to create a fair and efficient system to resolve claims of victims for bodily injury caused by asbestos exposure. **Pages S4247–60**

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

By 50 yeas to 47 nays (Vote No. 69), three-fifths of those Senators duly chosen and sworn, not having voted in the affirmative, Senate rejected the motion to close further debate on the motion to proceed to the consideration of the bill. **Page S4257**

Internet Tax Non-Discrimination Act: Senate began consideration of the motion to proceed to consideration of S. 150, to make permanent the morato-

rium on taxes on Internet access and multiple and discriminatory taxes on electronic commerce imposed by the Internet Tax Freedom Act. **Page S4333**

A motion was entered to close further debate on the motion to proceed to consideration of the bill and, pursuant to the order of today, a vote on cloture will occur at 5:30 p.m., on Monday, April 26, 2004. **Page S4333**

Message From the President: Senate received the following message from the President of the United States:

Transmitting, pursuant to law, a report prepared by the National Science Board entitled "Science and Engineering Indicators—2004"; which was referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation. (PM–75) **Page S4299**

Messages From the House: **Page S4299**

Measures Referred: **Page S4299**

Measures Placed on Calendar: **Page S4333**

Measures Read First Time: **Page S4299**

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Additional Statements: **Pages S4294–99**

Amendments Submitted: **Page S4332**

Authority for Committees to Meet: **Pages S4332–33**

Privilege of the Floor: **Page S4333**

Record Votes: Two record votes were taken today. (Total—70)

Adjournment: Senate convened at 9:30 a.m., and adjourned at 7:04 p.m., until 1 p.m., on Monday, April 26, 2004. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today's Record on page S4333.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

APPROPRIATIONS: FAA

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Transportation, Treasury and General Government concluded a hearing to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2005 for the Federal Aviation Administration, after receiving testimony from Marion C. Blakey, Administrator, Federal Aviation Administration, and Kenneth M. Mead, Inspector General, both of the Department of Transportation.

OCEAN POLICY REPORT

Committee on Appropriations: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the U.S. Commission on Ocean Policy Report, which provides a blueprint for a coordinated, comprehensive national ocean policy for the 21st century, including 200 action-oriented recommendations concerning ocean and coastal-related issues, after receiving testimony from Admiral James D. Watkins, USN (Ret.), Chairman, U.S. Commission on Ocean Policy, who was accompanied by several of his associates.

OCEAN POLICY

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Committee concluded a hearing to examine U.S. Commission on Ocean Policy Report, focusing on broad range ocean and coastal-related issues for the 21st Century, after receiving testimony from Representatives Farr and Ehlers; and Admiral James D. Watkins, USN (Ret.), Chairman, and Robert Ballard, Marc J. Hershman, Christopher Koch, Edward B. Rasmuson, Andrew A. Rosenberg, and Paul A. Sandifer, each a Commissioner, all of the U.S. Commission on Ocean Policy.

IRAQ TRANSITION

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee concluded hearings to examine obstacles and opportunities regarding the Iraq transition, focusing on the Administration's plans for the transition to Iraqi sovereignty, after receiving testimony from Marc Grossman, Under Secretary of State for Political Affairs, and Francis J. Ricciardone, Jr., Coordinator, Iraq Transition Team, both of the Department of State; Peter W. Rodman, Assistant Secretary for International Security Affairs, and Lieutenant General Claude Kicklighter (Ret.), Transition Chief, Coalition Provisional Authority, both of the Department of Defense; and Andrew S. Natsios, Administrator, United States Agency for International Development.

NOMINATIONS

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of Lauren Moriarty, of Hawaii, to be Ambassador during her tenure of service as United States Senior Official to the Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation Forum, Christopher R. Hill, of Rhode Island, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Korea, Michael W. Marine, of Vermont, to be Ambassador to Vietnam, and Patricia M. Haslach, of Oregon, to be Ambassador to Laos, after each nominee testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

U.S.-CHINA RELATIONS

Committee on Foreign Relations: Subcommittee on East Asian and Pacific Affairs concluded a hearing to examine U.S.-China relations and the status of reforms in China, focusing on human rights conditions and the prospects for democracy in China, after receiving testimony from Lorne W. Craner, Assistant Secretary of State for Democracy, Human Rights and Labor; Richard Lawless, Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense; Arthur Waldron, University of Pennsylvania Department of History, Philadelphia; and Thea Lee, AFL-CIO, Pieter Bottelier, Johns Hopkins University School of Advanced International Studies, and Roger W. Robinson, Jr., U.S.-China Economic and Security Review Commission, all of Washington, D.C.

NOMINATIONS

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of Jendayi Elizabeth Frazer, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to South Africa, who was introduced by Senator Warner; Jack Dyer Crouch II, of Missouri, to be Ambassador to Romania, who was introduced by Senator Bond; and Victor Henderson Ashe, of Tennessee, to be Ambassador to Poland, who was introduced by Senator Alexander, after each nominee testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

BUSINESS MEETING (REVISION)

Committee on Indian Affairs: On Wednesday, April 21, Committee approved a revised amendment in the nature of a substitute, which will be offered as a Floor amendment to S. 344, expressing the policy of the United States regarding the United States relationship with Native Hawaiians and to provide a process for the recognition by the United States of the Native Hawaiian governing entity (pending on Senate calendar).

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on the Judiciary: Committee ordered favorably reported the following bills:

S. Res. 310, commemorating and acknowledging the dedication and sacrifice made by the men and women who have lost their lives while serving as law enforcement officers;

H. Con. Res. 328, recognizing and honoring the United States Armed Forces and supporting the goals and objectives of a National Military Appreciation Month; and

S. 2270, to amend the Sherman Act to make oil-producing and exporting cartels illegal.

IMMIGRATION LAW ENFORCEMENT

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Immigration, Border Security, and Citizenship concluded a hearing to examine the assistance of state and local authority to enforce immigration laws, focusing on

an approach for stopping terrorists, the inherent arrest authority possessed by States, and the absence of Congressional preemption, after receiving testimony from Kris W. Kobach, University of Missouri-Kansas City School of Law, Kansas City; E.J. Picolo, Florida Department of Law Enforcement, Fort Myers; David A. Harris, University of Toledo College of Law, Toledo, Ohio; and Michelle Malkin, Bethesda, Maryland.

BUSINESS MEETING

Select Committee on Intelligence: Committee met in closed session to consider pending intelligence matters.

Committee recessed subject to the call.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Measures Introduced: 25 public bills, H.R. 4193–4217; and 4 resolutions, H. Res. 603–606 were introduced. **Pages H2371–72**

Additional Cosponsors: **Pages H2373–74**

Reports Filed: Reports were filed today as follows:

H. Con. Res. 388, authorizing the use of the Capitol Grounds for the National Peace Officers' Memorial Service (H. Rept. 108–467);

H. Con. Res. 389, authorizing the use of the Capitol Grounds for the D.C. Special Olympics Law Enforcement Torch Run (H. Rept. 108–468); and

H. Con. Res. 376, authorizing the use of the Capitol Grounds for the Greater Washington Soap Box Derby (H. Rept. 108–469). **Page H2371**

Chaplain: The prayer was offered today by Rev. Ronald J. Nuzzi, Director, ACE Leadership Program at the University of Notre Dame. **Page H2269**

Reception to Receive Former Members of Congress in the House Chamber: The House recessed to receive the United States Association of Former Members of Congress in the House Chamber. Later, agreed to the Kline motion that the proceedings had during the recess be printed in the Record. **Pages H2269–97**

Recess: The House recessed at 9:08 a.m. and reconvened at 10:45 a.m. **Page H2297**

Continuity in Representation Act of 2003: The House passed H.R. 2844, to require States to hold special elections to fill vacancies in the House of Representatives not later than 21 days after the va-

cancy is announced by the Speaker of the House of Representatives in extraordinary circumstances, by a yea-and-nay vote of 306 yeas to 97 nays, Roll No. 130. **Pages H2301–35**

The amendment in the nature of a substitute recommended by the Committee on the Judiciary now printed in the bill, modified by the amendment printed in part A of the report of the Committee on Rules was considered as an original bill for the purpose of amendment. **Pages H2323–24**

Agreed to the Watt motion to recommit the bill to the Committee on House Administration with instructions by a voice vote. Then agreed to the amendment reported by the Committee on House Administration by a voice vote. **Pages H2333–35**

Agreed to:

Maloney amendment (made in order by a unanimous consent agreement that replaces the amendment no. 3 printed in part B of H. Rept. 108–466) that requires that states ensure to the greatest extent practicable that ballots are transmitted to uniformed services voters or overseas voters not later than 15 days after the Speaker's announcement of a vacancy and that the state shall accept and process the ballot so long as it is received by the appropriate state election official not later than 45 days after the State transmits the ballot or other election material to the voter. **Pages H2328–30**

Rejected:

Schiff amendment, no. 4 printed in part B of H. Rept. 108–466, that provides that any lawsuit challenging the Speaker's announcement that more than 100 vacancies exist must be filed within seven days of the announcement; **Pages H2330–31**

Larson amendment, no. 1 printed in part B of H. Rept. 108–466, that strikes the bill's overall 45-day time frame to conduct special elections and substitutes 75 days (rejected by a recorded vote of 179 ayes to 229 noes, Roll No. 128); and

Pages H2324–26, H2331–32

Larson amendment, no. 2 printed in part B of H. Rept. 108–466, that strikes the provision establishing a 10-day deadline for parties to nominate candidates in a special election and substitutes language that provides that candidates would be eligible to run in a special election under this bill if that candidate meets the requirements to get on the ballot as set by state law and that states could extend the overall time deadline in the bill to accomplish the result (rejected by a recorded vote of 188 ayes to 217 noes, Roll No. 129). **Pages H2326–28, H2332**

Withdrawn:

Baird motion to strike the enacting clause.

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Agreed to amend the title so as to read: to require States to hold special elections to fill vacancies in the House of Representatives not later than 45 days after the vacancy is announced by the Speaker of the House of Representatives in extraordinary circumstances.

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H. Res. 602, the rule providing for consideration of the bill was agreed to by a recorded vote of 212 ayes to 197 noes, Roll No. 127, after agreeing to order the previous question by a yea-and-nay vote of 210 yeas to 198 nays, Roll No. 126.

Pages H2310, H2311

Helping to Enhance the Livelihood of People (HELP) Around the Globe Commission: The Chair announced the Minority Leader's appointment of Mr. Lynn C. Fritz of California, Mr. C. Payne Lucas of Washington, D.C., and Mr. Jeffery D. Sachs of New York, to the Helping to Enhance the Livelihood of People (HELP) Around the Globe Commission.

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Meeting Hour: Agreed that when the House adjourn today, it adjourn to meet at noon on Monday, April 26; and further that when it adjourn on that day, it adjourn to meet at 12:30 p.m. on Tuesday, April 27 for Morning Hour debate.

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Calendar Wednesday: Agreed to dispense with the Calendar Wednesday business of Wednesday, April 28.

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Presidential Message: Read a letter from the President wherein he transmitted a report by the National Science Board entitled, "Science and Engineering Indicators—2004."—referred to the Committee on Science.

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Quorum Calls—Votes: Two yea-and-nay votes and three recorded votes developed during the proceedings today and appear on pages H2310, H2311, H2331–32, H2332, and H2335. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 9 a.m. and adjourned at 8:34 p.m.

Committee Meetings

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on District of Columbia held a hearing on District of Columbia Courts. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the District of Columbia: Rufus G. King III, Chief Judge, Superior Court; and Annice Wagner, Chairperson, Joint Committee on Judicial Administration and Chief Judge, Court of Appeals.

LABOR, HHS, EDUCATION, AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, Education, and Related Agencies continued hearings on NIH, with emphasis on Management Issues. Testimony was heard from Elias A. Zerhouni, MD, Director, NIH, Department of Health and Human Services.

LEGISLATIVE APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Legislative held a hearing on the House of Representatives. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the House of Representatives: Jeff Trandahl, Clerk of the House; James M. Eagen III, Chief Administrative Officer; Wilson S. Livingood, Sergeant at Arms; Steven McNamara, Inspector General; Geraldine Gennet, Office of the General Counsel; John R. Miller, Office of the Law Revision Counsel; M. Pope Barrow, Office of the Legislative Counsel; and John Eisold, M.D., Office of the Attending Physician.

The Subcommittee also held a hearing on the GAO. Testimony was heard from David M. Walker, Comptroller General of the United States, GAO.

DEVELOPMENTS IN LABOR LAW

Committee on Education and the Workforce: Subcommittee on Employer-Employee Relations held a hearing entitled "Developments in Labor Law: Examining Trends and Tactics in Labor Organization Campaigns." Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Ordered reported the following measures: H.R. 3866, as amended, Anabolic Steroid Control Act of 2004; H.R. 2771,

To amend the Safe Drinking Water Act to reauthorize the New York City Watershed Protection Act; and H. Res. 516, as amended, Supporting the goals of National Manufacturing Week, congratulating manufacturers and their employees for their contributions to growth and innovation, and recognizing the challenges facing the manufacturing sector.

STATUS REPORT—FEDERAL AGENCIES' CONTINUITY OF OPERATIONS PLANS

Committee on Government Reform: Held a hearing on Can Federal Agencies Function in the Wake of a Disaster? A Status Report on Federal Agencies' Continuity of Operations Plans. Testimony was heard from Linda D. Koontz, Director, Information Management Issues, GAO; Michael Brown, Under Secretary, Emergency Preparedness and Response Directorate, Department of Homeland Security; and a public witness.

RESOLUTION—CONDEMNING SUDAN FOR ATTACKS AGAINST INNOCENT PEOPLE; RWANDA'S GENOCIDE: LOOKING BACK

Committee on International Relations: Subcommittee on Africa approved for full Committee action, as amended, H. Con. Res. 403, Condemning the Government of the Republic of the Sudan for its attacks against innocent civilians in the impoverished Darfur region of western Sudan.

The Subcommittee also held a hearing on Rwanda's Genocide: Looking Back. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

LEGAL THREATS TO TRADITIONAL MARRIAGE

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on the Constitution held an oversight hearing entitled "Legal Threats to Traditional Marriage: Implications for Public Policy." Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

OVERSIGHT—FEDERAL TRADEMARK DILUTION ACT AMENDMENTS

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Courts, The Internet, and Intellectual Property held an oversight hearing on a proposal to amend the Federal Trademark Dilution Act. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Resources: Subcommittee on Fisheries Conservation, Wildlife and Oceans approved for full Committee the following measures: H.R. 2619, as amended, Kilauea Point National Wildlife Refuge Expansion Act of 2003; H.R. 3378, Marine Turtle Conservation Act of 2003; H.R. 4114, Migratory

Bird Treaty Act of 2004; and H. Res. 431, Honoring the achievements of Siegfried and Roy, recognizing the impact of their efforts on the conservation of endangered species both domestically and worldwide, and wishing Roy Horn a full and speedy recovery.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Resources: Subcommittee on National Parks, Recreation and Public Lands approved for full Committee action the following bills: H.R. 646, as amended, To expand the boundaries of the Fort Donelson National Battlefield to authorize the acquisition and interpretation of lands associated with the campaign that resulted in the capture of the fort in 1862; H.R. 2201, National War Permanent Tribute Historical Database Act; H.R. 2663, To authorize the Secretary of the Interior to study the suitability and feasibility of designating Castle Nugent Farms located on St. Croix, Virgin Islands, as a unit of the National Park System; H.R. 2966, as amended, Right-to-Ride Livestock on Federal Lands Act of 2003; H.R. 3768, Timucuan Ecological and Historic Preserve Boundary Revision Act of 2004; H.R. 3819, Lewis and Clark National Historical Park Designation Act of 2004; and H.R. 3874, To convey for public purposes certain Federal lands in Riverside County, California, that have been identified for disposal.

SMALL BUSINESSES CREATING JOBS AND PROTECTING THE ENVIRONMENT

Committee on Small Business: Subcommittee on Regulatory Reform and Oversight held a hearing on Small Businesses Creating Jobs and Protecting the Environment. Testimony was heard from William Farland, Deputy Assistant Administrator for Science, Office of Research and Development, EPA; and public witnesses.

OVERSIGHT—REVIEW AIRPORT SCREENER PRIVATIZATION PILOT PROGRAM

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure: Subcommittee on Aviation held an oversight hearing to Review the Airport Screener Privatization Pilot Program. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Homeland Security: David M. Stone, Acting Administrator, Transportation Security Administration; and Clark Kent Ervin, Inspector General; Norman J. Rabkin, Managing Director, Homeland Security and Justice Division, GAO; and public witnesses.

GLOBAL UPDATES

Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence: Subcommittee on Intelligence Policy and National Security met in executive session to hold a hearing on

Global Updates. Testimony was heard from departmental witnesses.

NEW PUBLIC LAWS

(For last listing of Public Laws, see DAILY DIGEST, p. D373)

S. 2057, to require the Secretary of Defense to reimburse members of the United States Armed Forces for certain transportation expenses incurred by the members in connection with leave under the Central Command Rest and Recuperation Leave Program before the program was expanded to include domestic travel. Signed on April 22, 2004. (Public Law 108-220)

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR FRIDAY, APRIL 23, 2004

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

No meetings/hearings scheduled.

House

Committee on Government Reform, hearing on Justice for All: A Review of the Operations of the District of Columbia Superior Court, 10 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

CONGRESSIONAL PROGRAM AHEAD

Week of April 26 through May 1, 2004

Senate Chamber

On *Monday*, at 2 p.m., Senate will resume consideration of the motion to proceed to consideration of S. 150, Internet Tax Non-Discrimination Act, with a vote on the motion to invoke cloture to occur at approximately 5:30 p.m.

During the balance of the week, Senate may consider any other cleared legislative and executive business.

Senate Committees

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Committee on Appropriations: April 28, Subcommittee on Defense, to hold hearings to examine medical programs in the armed services, 10 a.m., SD-192.

April 29, Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, State, and the Judiciary, to hold hearings to examine intellectual property issues, 10 a.m., SD-192.

Committee on Armed Services: April 27, business meeting to consider the nominations of Tina Westby Jonas, of Virginia, to be Under Secretary of Defense (Comptroller), Dionel M. Aviles, of Maryland, to be Under Secretary of the Navy, and Jerald S. Paul, of Florida, to be Principal Deputy Administrator, National Nuclear Security Administration, 9:30 a.m., SR-222.

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: April 29, to hold hearings to examine counterterrorism initiatives and concerns in the terror finance program, 10 a.m., SD-538.

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: April 27, to hold hearings to examine telecommunications policy, focusing on lessons learned from the Telecommunications Act of 1996, 9:30 a.m., SR-253.

April 27, Subcommittee on Science, Technology, and Space, to hold hearings to examine International Space Exploration Program, 3:30 p.m., SR-253.

April 28, Full Committee, to continue hearings to examine telecommunications policy, 9:30 a.m., SR-253.

April 29, Subcommittee on Oceans, Fisheries and Coast Guard, to hold an oversight hearing to examine National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, Department of Commerce, 10 a.m., SR-253.

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: April 27, to hold an oversight hearing to examine sustainable, low emission, electricity generation, 10 a.m., SD-366.

April 27, Subcommittee on National Parks, to hold hearings to examine S. 1064, to establish a commission to commemorate the sesquicentennial of the American Civil War, S. 1092, to authorize the establishment of a national database for purposes of identifying, locating, and cataloging the many memorials and permanent tributes to America's veterans, S. 1748, to establish a program to award grants to improve and maintain sites honoring Presidents of the United States, S. 2046, to authorize the exchange of certain land in Everglades National Park, S. 2052, to amend the National Trails System Act to designate El Camino Real de los Tejas as a National Historic Trail, and S. 2319, to authorize and facilitate hydroelectric power licensing of the Tapoco Project, 2:30 p.m., SD-366.

April 28, Full Committee, business meeting to consider pending calendar business, 11:30 a.m., SD-366.

Committee on Environment and Public Works: April 28, to hold hearings to examine the reauthorization of the Economic Development Administration, 9:30 a.m., SD-406.

Committee on Finance: April 27, Subcommittee on International Trade, with the Subcommittee on Health Care, to hold joint hearings to examine international trade and pharmaceuticals, 10 a.m., SD-215.

April 28, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine fraud and abuse in Medicare's power wheelchair program, 10 a.m., SD-215.

Committee on Foreign Relations: April 28, to hold hearings to examine the nominations of James Francis Moriarty, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to Nepal, Michele J. Sison, of Maryland, to be Ambassador to the United Arab Emirates, and Thomas Charles Krajieski, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to Yemen, 10 a.m., SD-419.

April 28, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine the nominations of Constance Berry Newman, to be an Assistant Secretary of State for African Affairs, Aubrey Hooks, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Cote d'Ivoire, Thomas Neil Hull III, of New Hampshire, to be Ambassador to Sierra Leone, and Roger A. Meece, of Washington, to be Ambassador to the Congo, 3 p.m., SD-419.

April 29, Full Committee, business meeting to consider pending nominations, 9:30 a.m., SD-419.

Committee on Governmental Affairs: April 28, to hold hearings to examine the use and prevention of abuse of government purchase cards, 10 a.m., SD-342.

April 29, Full Committee, to hold a hearing to examine the nomination of Dawn A. Tisdale, of Texas, to be a Commissioner of the Postal Rate Commission; to be immediately followed by a hearing to examine the nomination of David Safavian, of Michigan, to be Administrator for Federal Procurement Policy, Office of Management and Budget, 10 a.m., SD-342.

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: April 28, Subcommittee on Children and Families, to hold hearings to examine how to promote a healthy marriage, 2 p.m., SD-430.

Committee on Indian Affairs: April 28, to hold hearings to examine S. 2172, to make technical amendments to the provisions of the Indian Self Determination and Education Assistance Act relating to contract support costs, 10 a.m., SR-485.

April 29, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine S. 2301, to improve the management of Indian fish and wildlife and gathering resources, 10 a.m., SR-485.

Committee on the Judiciary: April 27, to hold hearings to examine the nomination of Brett M. Kavanaugh, of Maryland, to be United States Circuit Judge for the District of Columbia Circuit, 10 a.m., SD-226.

April 28, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine safeguarding the future of American live theater relating to the Playwrights Licensing Antitrust Initiative Act, 2 p.m., SD-226.

Select Committee on Intelligence: April 27, closed business meeting to consider certain intelligence matters, 2:30 p.m., SH-219.

April 28, Full Committee, to hold closed hearings to examine certain intelligence matters, 2:30 p.m., SH-219.

April 29, Full Committee, closed business meeting to markup proposed legislation authorizing funds for fiscal year 2005 for the intelligence community, 2:30 p.m., SH-219.

Special Committee on Aging: April 27, to hold hearings to examine opportunities and challenges relating to assistive technologies for independent aging, 10 a.m., SD-628.

House Committees

Committee on Agriculture, April 28, hearing to review Agricultural Trade Negotiations, 10 a.m., 1300 Longworth.

Committee on Appropriations, April 27, Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, Education and Related Agencies, to continue appropriation hearings, 10 a.m., 2358 Rayburn.

April 28, Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, Education, and Related Agencies, on Global Disease, 10:15 a.m., 2358 Rayburn.

April 28, Subcommittee on Legislative, on GOP, and Capitol Police, 1 p.m., H-140 Capitol.

April 28, Subcommittee on Transportation, Treasury and Independent Agencies, on Federal Transit Administration, 10 a.m., 2358 Rayburn.

April 29, Subcommittee on Foreign Operations, Export Financing and Related Programs, on Security Assistance Budget Request, 10 a.m., 2359 Rayburn.

April 29, Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, Education and Related Agencies, on Substance Abuse and Mental Health Research and Services, 10 a.m., 2358 Rayburn.

April 29, Subcommittee on Legislative, on Architect of the Capitol, 1 p.m., and on Library of Congress, 2 p.m., H-140 Capitol.

April 29, Subcommittee on Transportation, Treasury, and Independent Agencies, on Federal Highway Administration (Environmental Streamlining), 10 a.m., 2358 Rayburn.

Committee on Education and the Workforce, April 27, Subcommittee on Education Reform, hearing entitled "Examining Success in Vocational Education," 1 p.m., 2175 Rayburn.

April 28, full Committee, hearing entitled "Assessing the Impact of the Labor Department's Final Overtime Regulations on Workers and Employers Overtime Regulations," 10:30 a.m., 2175 Rayburn.

April 29, Subcommittee on Employer-Employee Relations, hearing entitled "Examining Long-Term Solutions to Reform and Strengthen the Defined Benefit Pension System," 10:30 a.m., 2175 Rayburn.

Committee on Energy and Commerce, April 29, Subcommittee on Commerce, Trade and Consumer Protection, hearing entitled "Spyware: What You Don't Know Can Hurt You," 10 a.m., 2322 Rayburn.

Committee on Financial Services, April 28, Subcommittee on Capital Markets, Insurance, and Government Sponsored Enterprise and the Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations, joint hearing entitled: "A Review of TRIA and Its Effect on the Economy: Helping America Move Forward", 10 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.

April 28, Subcommittee on Domestic and International Monetary Policy, Trade and Technology, hearing entitled "Money Matters: Coin and Currency Design and Counterfeiting Issues," 2 p.m., 2128 Rayburn.

Committee on Government Reform, April 29, hearing entitled "Transforming the National Guard: Resourcing for Readiness," 10 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

Committee on International Relations, April 28, hearing on the United Nations Oil-for-Food Program: Issues of Accountability and Transparency, 10:30 a.m., 2172 Rayburn.

April 28, Subcommittee on Asia and the Pacific, hearing on North Korea: Human Rights, Refugees and Humanitarian Challenges, 1:30 p.m., 2172 Rayburn.

Committee on the Judiciary, April 29, Subcommittee on Immigration, Border Security and Claims, oversight hearing entitled "The Diversity Visa Program, and Its Susceptibility to Fraud and Abuse," 10 a.m., 2141 Rayburn.

Committee on Resources, April 28, hearing on H.R. 2933, Critical Habitat Reform Act of 2003, 10 a.m., 1324 Longworth.

April 28, Subcommittee on Forests and Forest Health, hearing on the following bills: H.R. 3744, To authorize the Secretary of Agriculture to sell or exchange all or part of certain administrative sites and other land in the

Ozark-St. Francis and Ouachita National Forests and to use funds derived from the sale or exchange to acquire, construct, or improve administrative sites; S. 33, To authorize the Secretary of Agriculture to sell or exchange all or part of certain administrative sites and other land in the Ozark-St. Francis and Ouachita National Forests and to use funds derived from the sale or exchange to acquire, construct, or improve administrative sites; S. 434, Idaho Panhandle National Forest Improvement Act of 2003; S. 435, Sandpoint Land and Facilities Conveyance Act of 2003; and S. 1537, To direct the Secretary of Agriculture to convey to the New Hope Cemetery Association certain land in the State of Arkansas for use as a cemetery, 2 p.m., 1334 Longworth.

April 29, Subcommittee on Fisheries Conservation, Wildlife and Oceans, an oversight hearing on the International Aspects of Fish and Wildlife Conservation and Management, 10 a.m., 1324 Longworth.

April 29, Subcommittee on National Parks, Recreation and Public Lands, hearing on the following bills: H.R. 3638, Redwood National Park Boundary Adjustment Act of 2003; H.R. 3932, To amend Public Law 99-338 to authorize the continued use of certain lands within the Sequoia National Park by portions of an existing hydroelectric project; and S. 144, Noxious Weed Control Act of 2003, 10 a.m., 1334 Longworth.

Committee on Rules, April 29, hearing to address mass incapacitation of Members and the quorum requirement in the context of the Continuity of Congress, 10 a.m., H-313 Capitol.

Committee on Science, April 28, Subcommittee on Environment, Technology, and Standards, hearing entitled "Fiscal Year 2005 National Institute of Standards and Technology Budget: Views from Industry," 10 a.m., 2318 Rayburn.

April 29, full Committee, hearing on the High Performance Computing Revitalization Act of 2004, 10 a.m., 2318 Rayburn.

Committee on Small Business, April 29, Subcommittee on Workforce, Empowerment and Government Programs, hearing on Would an Increase in the Federal Minimum Wage Help or Hinder Small Business? 10:30 a.m., 311 Cannon.

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, April 28, Subcommittee on Coast Guard and Maritime Transportation, hearing on Integrated Deepwater System, 10 a.m., 2167 Rayburn.

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