

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.