

States Code, to increase the maximum amount of home loan guaranty available under the home loan guaranty program of the Department of Veterans Affairs.

#### VETERANS LEGISLATION

*Committee on Veterans' Affairs:* Subcommittee on Health approved for full Committee action, as amended, the following bills: H.R. 4231, Department of Veterans Affairs Nurse Recruitment and Retention Act of 2004; and H.R. 4248, Homeless Veterans Assistance Reauthorization Act of 2004.

#### FEDERAL CHILD WELFARE REVIEWS— STATE EFFORTS TO COMPLY

*Committee on Ways and Means:* Subcommittee on Human Resources held a hearing on State Efforts to Comply with Federal Child Welfare Reviews. Testimony was heard from Wade F. Horn, Assistant Secretary, Children and Families, Department of Health and Human Services; Cornelia M. Ashby, Director, Education, Workforce, and Income Security Issues, GAO; Edward Cotton, Director, Division of Youth and Family Services, Department of Human Services, State of New Jersey; and Christopher J. McCabe, Secretary, Department of Human Resources, State of Maryland.

#### HOMELAND SECURITY DEPARTMENT INTELLIGENCE BUDGET

*Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence:* Met in executive session to hold a hearing on Department of Homeland Security Intelligence Budget. Testimony was heard from departmental witnesses.

#### INTELLIGENCE COMMUNITY LANGUAGE CAPABILITIES

*Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence:* Subcommittee on Intelligence Policy and National Security held a hearing on Intelligence Community Language Capabilities. Testimony was heard from COL Michael R. Simone, USA, Commandant, Defense Language Institute Foreign Language Center, Department of Defense; Richard Brecht, Executive Director, Center for Advanced Study of Language; and

Ellen Laipson, President and CEO, Henry L. Stimson Center.

#### INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY POLICY SHARING

*Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence:* Subcommittee on Terrorism and Homeland Security met in executive session to hold a hearing on Information Technology Policy Sharing. Testimony was heard from departmental witnesses.

### *Joint Meetings*

#### HEALTH SERVICES REGULATION

*Joint Economic Committee:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine the costs of health services regulations, focusing on quality and accessibility to health care insurance, the uninsured, and ways that health care coverage can be made more affordable, after receiving testimony from David A. Hyman, University of Maryland School of Law, Baltimore; Daniel Mulholland, Horty, Springer, and Mattern, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania; Vicki Gottlich, Center for Medicare Advocacy, Inc., Washington, D.C.; and Christopher J. Conover, Durham, North Carolina.

#### COAST GUARD AND MARITIME TRANSPORTATION ACT

*Conferees* met to resolve the differences between the Senate and House passed versions of H.R. 2443, to authorize appropriations for the Coast Guard for fiscal year 2004, to amend various laws administered by the Coast Guard, but did not complete action thereon, and will meet again.

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#### COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR FRIDAY, MAY 14, 2004

*(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)*

##### Senate

No meetings/hearings scheduled.

##### House

No committee meetings are scheduled.