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NEW PUBLIC LAWS

(For last listing of Public Laws, see DAILY DIGEST, p. D341)

H.R. 1593, to reauthorize the grant program for reentry of offenders into the community in the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968, to improve reentry planning and implementation. Signed on April 9, 2008. (Public Law 110-199)

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR FRIDAY, APRIL 11, 2008

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

No meetings/hearings scheduled.

House

No committee meetings are scheduled.

CONGRESSIONAL PROGRAM AHEAD Week of April 14 through April 19, 2008

Senate Chamber

On *Monday*, at 3 p.m. Senate will resume consideration of the motion to proceed to consideration of H.R. 1195, Highway Technical Corrections, and at approximately 5:30 p.m., vote on the motion to invoke cloture thereon.

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

Senate Committees

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Committee on Appropriations: April 15, Subcommittee on Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies, to hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2009 for the Department of the Interior, 10 a.m., SD-124.

April 16, Subcommittee on Defense, to hold hearings to examine the Department of Defense medical programs, 9:30 a.m., SD-192.

April 16, Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, Education, and Related Agencies, to hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2009 for the Department of Education, focusing on teacher quality, 9:45 a.m., SD-138.

April 16, Subcommittee on Energy and Water Development, to hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2009 for the Department of Energy, 2 p.m., SD-138.

April 16, Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies, to hold hearings to examine proposed budget request for fiscal year 2009 for the Federal Bureau of Investigation, 2 p.m., SD-124.

April 16, Subcommittee on Financial Services and General Government, to hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2009 for the Internal Revenue Service, 3 p.m., SD-192.

April 17, Subcommittee on Transportation, Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies, to hold hearings to examine the Federal Aviation Administration's (FAA) safety and modernization performance, 10 a.m., SD-138.

April 17, Subcommittee on Military Construction and Veterans' Affairs, and Related Agencies, to hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2009 for Military Construction, 10 a.m., SD-124.

Committee on Armed Services: April 16, Subcommittee on Personnel, to hold hearings to examine the defense authorization request for fiscal year 2009 on military beneficiary organizations regarding the quality of life of Active, Reserve, and retired military personnel and their members, and the future years defense program, 2:30 p.m., SR-232A.

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: April 15, to hold hearings to examine U.S. credit markets, focusing on the impact on the cost and availability of student loans, 10 a.m., SD-538.

April 16, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine U.S. credit markets, focusing on proposals to mitigate foreclosures and restore liquidity to the mortgage markets, 10 a.m., SD-538.

April 16, Subcommittee on Housing, Transportation and Community Development, to hold hearings to examine affordable housing opportunities, focusing on reforming the housing voucher program, 2 p.m., SD-538.

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: April 15, Subcommittee on Public Lands and Forests, to hold hearings to examine S. 570 and H.R. 1011, bills to designate additional National Forest System lands in the State of Virginia as wilderness or a wilderness study area, to designate the Kimberling Creek Potential Wilderness Area for eventual incorporation in the Kimberling Creek Wilderness, to establish the Seng Mountain and Bear Creek Scenic Areas, to provide for the development of trail plans for the wilderness areas and scenic areas, S. 758 and H.R. 1311, bills to direct the Secretary of the Interior to convey the Alta-Hualapai Site to the city of Las Vegas, Nevada, for the development of a cancer treatment facility, S. 1680, to provide for the inclusion of certain non-Federal land in the Izembek National Wildlife Refuge and the Alaska Peninsula National Wildlife Refuge in the State of Alaska, S. 2109, to designate certain Federal lands in Riverside County, California, as wilderness, to designate certain river segments in Riverside County as a wild, scenic, or recreational river, to adjust the boundary of the Santa Rosa and San Jacinto Mountains National

Monument, S. 2124, to direct the Secretary of Agriculture to convey certain land in the Beaverhead-Deerlodge National Forest, Montana, to Jefferson County, Montana, for use as a cemetery, and S. 2581, to designate as wilderness additional National Forest System lands in the Monongahela National Forest in the State of West Virginia, 2:30 p.m., SD-366.

April 17, Subcommittee on Water and Power, to hold hearings to examine the United States Bureau of Reclamation, focusing on issues associated with aging water resource infrastructure, 2 p.m., SD-366.

Committee on Environment and Public Works: April 15, to hold hearings to examine pharmaceuticals in the nation's water, focusing on assessing potential risks and actions to address this issue, 3 p.m., SD-406.

April 16, Subcommittee on Transportation and Infrastructure, to hold hearings to examine surface transportation and the global economy, 10 a.m., SD-406.

Committee on Finance: April 15, to hold hearings to examine tax reform, focusing on fundamentals for advancement, 10 a.m., SD-215.

April 17, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine the nominations of David Gustafson, of Virginia, Richard T. Morrison, of Virginia, to be a Judge of the United States Tax Court, and Elizabeth Crewson Paris, of the District of Columbia, all to be a Judge of the United States Tax Court, and Eric M. Thorson, of Virginia, to be Inspector General, and Edwin Eck, of Montana, to be a Member of the Internal Revenue Service Oversight Board, both of the Department of the Treasury, 10 a.m., SD-215.

Committee on Foreign Relations: April 15, to hold hearings to examine protocol Additional to the Geneva Conventions of 12 August 1949, and relating to the Adoption of an Additional Distinctive Emblem (the "Geneva Protocol III"), adopted at Geneva on December 8, 2005, and signed by the United States on that date; the Amendment to Article 1 of the Convention on Prohibitions or Restrictions on the Use of Certain Conventional Weapons Which May be Deemed to be Excessively Injurious or to Have Indiscriminate Effects (the "CCW Amendment"); and the CCW Protocol on Explosive Remnants of War (the "CCW Protocol V") (Treaty Doc. 109-10), the Hague Convention for the Protection of Cultural Property in the Event of Armed Conflict (the Convention) and, for accession, The Hague Protocol, concluded on May 14, 1954, and entered into force on August 7, 1956 with accompanying report from the Department of State (Treaty Doc. 106-01), and protocols to the 1980 Convention on Prohibitions or Restrictions on the Use of Certain Conventional Weapons Which May Be Deemed to Be Excessively Injurious or to Have Indiscriminate Effects: the amended Protocol on Prohibitions or Restrictions on the Use of Mines, Booby-Traps and Other Devices (Protocol II or the Amended Mines Protocol); the Protocol on Prohibitions or Restrictions on the Use of Incendiary Weapons (Protocol III or the Incendiary Weapons Protocol); and the Protocol on Blinding Laser Weapons (Protocol IV) (Treaty Doc. 105-01), 2:30 p.m., SD-419.

April 16, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine the nominations of Robert J. Callahan, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Nicaragua, Heather M. Hodges, of Ohio, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Costa Rica, Barbara J. Stephenson, of Florida, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Panama, Peter E. Cianchette, of Maine, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Costa Rica, Hugo Llorens, of Florida, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Honduras, Stephen George McFarland, of Texas, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Guatemala, all of the Department of State; and Samuel W. Speck, of Ohio, to be a Commissioner on the part of the United States on the International Joint Commission, United States and Canada, 2:30 p.m., SD-419.

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: April 15, to hold hearings to examine ending abuses and improving working conditions for tomato workers, 10 a.m., SD-430.

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: April 15, to hold hearings to examine nuclear terrorism, focusing on confronting the challenges of the day after, 10 a.m., SD-342.

April 15, Full Committee, to continue hearings to examine the 2010 Decennial Census, focusing on automation and information technology in order to improve census coverage, accuracy, and efficiency, 3:15 p.m., SD-342.

April 17, Ad Hoc Subcommittee on State, Local, and Private Sector Preparedness and Integration, to hold hearings to examine fusion centers, focusing on a recent progress report, 2 p.m., SD-342.

Committee on Indian Affairs: April 17, to hold hearings to examine the National Indian Gaming Commission, 10:30 a.m., SD-562.

Committee on the Judiciary: April 16, to hold hearings to examine National Security Letters, focusing on the need for greater accountability and oversight, 10 a.m., SD-226.

April 16, Subcommittee on Crime and Drugs, to hold hearings to examine violence and exploitation in the 21st century, focusing on solutions for protecting our children, 2 p.m., SD-226.

April 17, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine S. 2533, to enact a safe, fair, and responsible state secrets privilege Act, S. 702, to authorize the Attorney General to award grants to State courts to develop and implement State courts interpreter programs, and the nominations of Michael G. McGinn, to be United States Marshal for the District of Minnesota, and Ralph E. Martinez, of Florida, to be a Member of the Foreign Claims Settlement Commission of the United States, both of the Department of Justice, 10 a.m., SD-226.

Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship: April 16, to hold hearings to examine the impact of the credit market on small businesses, 2:30 p.m., SR-428A.

Select Committee on Intelligence: April 15, to hold closed hearings to examine certain intelligence matters, 2:30 p.m., SH-219.

April 17, Full Committee, to hold closed hearings to examine certain intelligence matters, 2:30 p.m., SH-219.

Special Committee on Aging: April 16, to hold hearings to examine caring for the elderly, focusing on how to support those on the frontline, 3 p.m., SD-562.

House Chamber

To be announced.

House Committees

Committee on Appropriations, April 14, Subcommittee on Defense/Select Intelligence Oversight Panel, executive, on National Reconnaissance Office and National Geospatial Intelligence Agency, 5 p.m., H-140 Capitol.

April 15, Subcommittee on Defense/Select Intelligence Oversight Panel, executive, on CIA, 10 a.m., H-140 Capitol.

April 15, Subcommittee on Financial Services and General Government, on IRS, 10 a.m., 2220 Rayburn.

April 15, Subcommittee on Legislative Branch, on Capitol Visitor Center, 1:30 p.m., 2359 Rayburn.

April 15, Subcommittee on Military Construction, Veterans Affairs, and Related Agencies, on SOUTHCOM, 1:30 p.m., H-143 Capitol.

April 16, Subcommittee on Financial Services and General Government, on SEC, 10 a.m., 2220 Rayburn.

April 16, Subcommittee on Military Construction, Veterans Affairs, and Related Agency Agencies, on Special Operations Command, 10 a.m., H-143 Capitol.

Committee on Armed Services, April 15, on Building Partnership Capacity and Development of the Interagency, 9:30 a.m., 2118 Rayburn

April 15, Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations, hearing on oversight of the Defense Travel System, 3 p.m., 2212 Rayburn.

April 16, full Committee, on National Industrial Security Program: Addressing the Implications of Globalization and Foreign Ownership for the Defense Industrial Base, 10 a.m., 2118 Rayburn.

April 16, Subcommittee on Land Forces and the Subcommittee on Readiness, joint hearing on H. Res. 834, Regarding the readiness decline of the Army, Marine Corps, National Guard, and Reserves, and the implications for national security, 2 p.m., 2118 Rayburn

April 17, Subcommittee on Military Personnel, hearing on Military Resale and Morale, Welfare, and Recreation (MWR) overview, 10 a.m., 2118 Rayburn.

April 17, Subcommittee on Strategic Forces, hearing on the Fiscal Year 2009 National Defense Authorization Budget Request for Missile Defense Program, 2 p.m., 2212 Rayburn.

Committee on Education and Labor, April 16, to mark up H.R. 3185, 401(k) Fair Disclosure for Retirement Security Act of 2007, 10:30 a.m., 2175 Rayburn.

Committee on Energy and Commerce, April 15, Subcommittee on Telecommunications and the Internet, hearing entitled "Oversight of the Federal Communications Commission—the 7-MHz Auction, 9:30 a.m., 2322 Rayburn.

Committee on Financial Services, April 15, hearing entitled "Financial Literacy and Education: The Effectiveness of Governmental and Private Sector Initiatives," 10 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.

April 15, Subcommittee on Capital Markets, Insurance, and Government Sponsored Enterprises, hearing on H.R. 5579, Emergency Mortgage Loan Modification Act of 2008, 2 p.m., 2128 Rayburn.

April 16, Subcommittee on Capital Markets, Insurance, and Government Sponsored Enterprises, hearing entitled "Examining Proposals to Reform Insurance Regulation," 2 p.m., 2128 Rayburn.

April 16, Subcommittee on Housing and Community Opportunity, hearing on H.R. 5679, Foreclosure Prevention and Sound Mortgage Servicing Act of 2008, 10 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.

April 17, Subcommittee on Financial Institutions and Consumer Credit, hearing on H.R. 5244, Credit Cardholders' Bill of Rights, 10 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.

Committee on Foreign Affairs, April 17, Subcommittee on the Middle East and South Asia and the Subcommittee on Terrorism, Nonproliferation, and Trade, joint hearing on Between Feckless and Reckless: U.S. Policy Options to Prevent a Nuclear Iran, 1 p.m., 2172 Rayburn.

Committee on Homeland Security, April 15, Subcommittee on Transportation Security and Infrastructure Protection, hearing entitled "Moving Beyond the First Five Years: How the Transportation Security Administration (TSA) will Continue to Enhance Security for all Modes of Transportation," 2 p.m., 311 Cannon.

April 16, Subcommittee on Border, Maritime, and Global Counterterrorism, hearing entitled "Moving Beyond the First Five Years: Ensuring Successful Implementation of the Western Hemisphere Travel Initiative, 2 p.m., 311 Cannon.

Committee on House Administration, April 15, hearing on Military and Overseas Voting: Problems and Progress in Ensuring the Vote, 11 a.m., 1310 Longworth.

Committee on the Judiciary, April 15, Subcommittee on Constitution, Civil Rights and Civil Liberties, hearing on H.R. 3189, National Security Letters Reform Act of 2007, 1 p.m., 2141 Rayburn.

April 16, Subcommittee on Immigration, Citizenship, Refugees, Border Security and International Law, oversight hearing on the H-2b Program, 2 p.m., 2141 Rayburn.

April 17, Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism and Homeland Security, hearing on the following bills: H.R. 5464, A Child is Missing Alert and Recovery Center Act; H.R. 2352, School Safety Enhancements Act of 2007; and H.R. 1783, Elder Justice Act, 10 a.m., 2141 Rayburn.

Committee on Natural Resources, April 15, Subcommittee on National Parks, Forests and Public Lands, oversight hearing on the West-wide Energy Corridor Process: State and Community Impacts, 10 a.m., 1334 Longworth.

April 16, Subcommittee on Fisheries, Wildlife and Oceans, oversight hearing on the implementation of the Illegal, Unregulated and Unreported fishing provisions of the High Seas Driftnet Fishing Moratorium Protection Act and a hearing on H.R. 5741, Shark Conservation Act of 2008, 10 a.m., 1324 Longworth.

April 16, Subcommittee on Water and Power, oversight hearing on Indian Water Rights Settlements, 2 p.m., 1324 Longworth.

Committee on Oversight and Government Reform, April 15, Subcommittee on Federal Workforce, Postal Service and the District of Columbia, to consider pending business, followed by an oversight hearing on D.C. Water and Sewer Authority (DCWASA), 2 p.m., 2154 Rayburn.

April 15, Subcommittee on Government Management, Organization and Procurement, hearing on New Contracting and Property Bills, 2 p.m., 2247 Rayburn.

April 16, full Committee, hearing on Healthcare Associated Infections: A Preventable Epidemic, 10 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

April 16, Subcommittee on Information Policy, Census and National Archives, hearing on Electronic Communications Preservation Act, 2 p.m., 2247 Rayburn.

April 16, Subcommittee on National Security and Foreign Affairs, to continue hearings on What are the Prospects, What are the Costs?: Oversight Missile Defense, 2 p.m., 2154 Rayburn.

April 17, full Committee, hearing on U.S. Contract with AEY, Inc., 10 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

April 17, Subcommittee on Domestic Policy, hearing on After the Beef Recall: Exploring Greater Transparency in the Meat Industry, 1 p.m., 2154 Rayburn.

Committee on Rules, April 14, to consider H.R. 2634, Jubilee Act for Responsible Lending and Expanded Debt Cancellation of 2007, 5 p.m., H-313 Capitol.

Committee on Science and Technology, April 15, Subcommittee on Energy and Environment, hearing on the Department of Energy's FutureGen Program, 10 a.m., 2318 Rayburn.

April 16, full Committee, hearing on the National Nanotechnology Initiative Amendments Act of 2008, 10 a.m., 2318 Rayburn.

Committee on Small Business, April 16, Subcommittee on Contracting and Technology, hearing on the obstacles that small businesses currently face in securing federal contracts, 2 p.m., 1539 Rayburn.

April 17, full Committee, hearing on Maintaining Public Lands for Hunting, Fishing, Ranching and small Businesses, 10 a.m., 1539 Longworth.

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, April 15, Subcommittee on Coast Guard and Maritime Transportation, hearing on Fiscal Year Budget: Federal Maritime Commission, 10 a.m., 2167 Rayburn.

April 16, full Committee, hearing on the Clean Water Restoration Act of 2007, 11 a.m., 2167 Rayburn.

Committee on Veterans' Affairs, April 15, hearing on the following bills: H.R. 2818, to amend title 38, United States Code, to provide for the establishment of Epilepsy Centers of Excellence in the Veterans Health Administration of the Department of Veterans' Affairs; H.R. 5554, Veterans' Substance Use Disorders Prevention and Treatment Act of 2008; H.R. 5595, Make Our Veterans Smile Act of 2008; expanding Spina Bifida program; and a discussing authorizing VA to provide mental health treatment to families, 10 a.m., 334 Cannon.

April 16 Subcommittee on Economic Opportunity, hearing on the following bills: H.R. 4883, To amend the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act to provide for a limitation on the sale, foreclosure, or seizure of property owned by a service member during the one-year period following the servicemember's period of military service; H.R. 4884, Helping Our Veterans to Keep Their Homes Act of 2008; H.R. 4889, Guard and Reserves Are Fighting Too Act of 2008; H.R. 4539, Department of Veterans Affairs Loan Guaranty Cost Reduction Act of 2007; H.R. 3646, To direct the Secretary of Veterans' Affairs and the Secretary of Labor to conduct a joint study on the fields of employment for which the greatest need for employees exists in various geographic areas; H.R. 5664, to amend title 38, United States Code, to direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to update at least once every six years the plans and specifications for specially adapted housing furnished to veterans by the Secretary; H.R. 3798, National Guard Employment Protection Act of 2007; H.R. 3681, Veterans Benefits Awareness Act of 2007; H.R. 3393, Reservist Access to Justice Act of 2007; H.R. 3889, To amend title 38, United States Code, to require the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to conduct a longitudinal study of the vocational rehabilitation programs administered by the Secretary; and H.R. 5684, Veterans Education Improvement Act of 2008, 1 p.m., 334 Cannon.

Committee on Ways and Means, April 15, Subcommittee on Health, hearing on Health Coverage in America, 10 a.m., 1100 Longworth.

Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence, April 15, executive, hearing on Fiscal Year 2009 Budget—MIP, 1 p.m., H-140 Capitol.

April 16, full Committee, executive, briefing on Fiscal Year 2009 Budget—HUMINT, 1 p.m., H-140 Capitol.

April 16, Subcommittee on Terrorism, Human Intelligence, Analysis, and Counter-Intelligence, executive, briefing on Hot Spots, 8:45 a.m., H-405 Capitol.