

VA MEDICAL FACILITIES—SUSPENSION OF MEDICAL RESEARCH

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations and the Subcommittee on Health held a joint hearing on the suspension of medical research at Department of Veterans Affairs medical facilities in West Los Angeles and Sepulveda, California. Testimony was heard from J. Thomas Puglisi, Director, Division of Human Subject Protections, Office for Protection from Research Risks, NIH, Department of Health and Human Services; from the following officials of the Department of Veterans Affairs: Dean C. Norman, M.D., Acting Chief of Staff, West Los Angeles Medical Center; Kenneth Clark, Chief, Network Officer; Ronald Norby, Clinical Manager and Deputy Network Director, Veterans Integrated Service Network 22; and Kenneth W. Kizer, M.D., Under Secretary, Health; and public witnesses.

BRIEFING—CHINA DAMAGE ASSESSMENT

Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence: Met in executive session to receive a briefing on China Damage Assessment. The Committee was briefed by departmental officials.

NEW PUBLIC LAWS

(For last listing of Public Laws, see DAILY DIGEST, p. D386.)

H.R.1376, to extend the tax benefits available with respect to services performed in a combat zone to services performed in the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia (Serbia/Montenegro) and certain other areas. Signed April 19, 1999. (P.L. 106-21)

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR THURSDAY, APRIL 22, 1999

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Interior, to hold hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2000 for the Department of the Interior, 9:30 a.m., SD-124.

Subcommittee on VA, HUD, and Independent Agencies, to hold hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2000 for the Department of Housing and Urban Development, 9:30 a.m., SD-138.

Committee on Armed Services: to hold hearings on worldwide threats to United States national security interests, 10 a.m., SD-106.

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: Subcommittee on International Trade and Finance, with the Subcommittee on Economic Policy, to hold joint hearings on issues relating to the official dollarization in emerging-market countries, 10 a.m., SH-216.

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Committee on the Budget: to hold hearings to examine the status of the Medicare trust fund, 10 a.m., SD-608.

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: to hold hearings to examine boxing industry regulations, 9:30 a.m., SR-253.

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: to hold a closed briefing on the damage to the national security from Chinese espionage at the Department of Energy nuclear weapons laboratories, 9:30 a.m., SH-219.

Subcommittee on National Parks, Historic Preservation, and Recreation, to hold hearings on S. 441, to amend the National Trails System Act to designate the route of the War of 1812 British invasion of Maryland and Washington, District of Columbia, and the route of the American defense, for study for potential addition to the national trails system; S. 548, to establish the Fallen Timbers Battlefield and Fort Miamis National Historical Site in the State of Ohio; S. 581, to protect the Paoli and Brandywine Battlefields in Pennsylvania, to authorize a Valley Forge Museum of the American Revolution at Valley Forge National Historical Park; and S. 700, to amend the National Trails System Act to designate the Ala Kahakai Trail as a National Historic Trail, 2 p.m., SD-366.

Committee on Foreign Relations: Subcommittee on East Asian and Pacific Affairs, to hold hearings to examine North Korea's prison camps, 10 a.m., SD-562.

Committee on Governmental Affairs: to hold hearings on S. 59, to provide Government-wide accounting of regulatory costs and benefits, and other regulatory reform legislation, 10 a.m., SD-342.

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: to hold hearings on issues relating to the Elementary Secondary Education Act, 10 a.m., SD-628.

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

Committee on the Judiciary: business meeting to resume consideration of S. 625, to amend title 11, United States Code, and other pending calendar business, 10 a.m., SD-226.

Special Committee on the Year 2000 Technology Problem: to hold hearings on issues relating to the oil industry and Y2K, 9:30 a.m., SD-538.

House

Committee on Agriculture, Subcommittee on Department Operations, Oversight, Nutrition, and Forestry, hearing to review the implementation of the Food Quality Protection Act, 10:30 a.m., 1300 Longworth.

Committee on Appropriations, Subcommittee on Interior, on Florida Initiative, 10 a.m., B-308 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, on Members of Congress, 10 a.m., and 2 p.m., 2358 Rayburn.

Committee on Commerce, Subcommittee on Energy and Power, hearing on Electricity Competition: Reliability

and Transmission in Competitive Electricity Markets, 10 a.m., 2322 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Telecommunications, Trade, and Consumer Protection and the Subcommittee on Finance and Hazardous Materials, joint hearing on Identity Theft: Is There Another You? 10 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

Committee on Education and the Workforce, Subcommittee on Early Childhood, Youth, and Families, to mark up the following bills: H.R. 905, Missing, Exploited, and Run-away Children Protection Act; and H.R. 1150, Juvenile Crime Control and Delinquency Prevention Act of 1999, 10 a.m., 2175 Rayburn.

Committee on Government Reform, hearing on Welfare Reform is Working: A Report on State and Local Initiatives, 10 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on National Security, Veterans' Affairs and International Relations, oversight hearing to examine the Department of Veterans Affairs implementation of the Persian Gulf War Veterans Act of 1998, 2 p.m., 2247 Rayburn.

Committee on International Relations, to continue markup of H. Con. Res. 82, directing the President, pursuant to section 5(c) of the War Powers Resolution, to remove United States Armed Forces from their positions in connection with the present operations against the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia, 8:30 a.m., and to hold a hearing on the Need for New and Effective Policing in Northern Ireland, 10 a.m., 2172 Rayburn.

Committee on the Judiciary, to continue markup of H.R. 833, Bankruptcy Reform Act of 1999; and to mark up H.R. 771, to amend rule 30 of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure to restore the stenographic preference for recording depositions, 10 a.m., 2141 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Crime, to mark up H.R. 1501, Consequences of Juvenile Offenders Act of 1999, 9:15 a.m., 2237 Rayburn.

Committee on Resources, Subcommittee on Fisheries Conservation, Wildlife and Oceans, to mark up H.R. 1110, Coastal Enhancement Act of 1999; and to hold a hearing on the following bills: H.R. 34, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to make technical corrections to a map relating to the Coastal Barrier Resources System; H.R. 535, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to make corrections to a map relating to the Coastal Barrier Resources System; H.R. 1431, Coastal Barrier Resources Reauthorization Act of 1999; and a measure to direct the Secretary

of the Interior to make corrections to a map relating to the Coastal Barrier Resources System, 10 a.m., 1334 Longworth.

Subcommittee on Forests and Forest Health, hearing on H.R. 898, Spanish Peaks Wilderness Act of 1999; and an oversight hearing on a proposed measure on Forest Roads, Community Right to Know, 10 a.m., 1324 Longworth.

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, to mark up the following bills: H.R. 1480, Water Resources Development Act of 1999; Corps of Engineers Survey Resolutions; H.R. 118, to designate the Federal building at 300 East 8th Street in Austin, Texas, as the "J.J. 'Jake' Pickle Federal Building"; H.R. 560, amended, to designate the Federal building located at 300 Recinto Sur Street in Old San Juan, Puerto Rico, as the "Jose V. Toledo United States Post Office and Courthouse"; H.R. 686, to designate a United States courthouse in Brownsville, Texas, as the "Garza-Vela United States Courthouse"; H.R. 1121, to designate the Federal building and United States courthouse located at 18 Greenville Street in Newnan, Georgia, as the "Lewis R. Morgan Federal Building and United States Courthouse"; S. 453, to designate the Federal building located at 709 West 9th Street in Juneau, Alaska, as the "Hurff A. Saunders Federal Building"; S. 460, to designate the United States courthouse located at 401 South Michigan Street in South Bend, Indiana, as the "Robert K. Rodibaugh United States Bankruptcy Courthouse"; H.R. 1034, to declare a portion of the James River and Kanawha Canal in Richmond, Virginia, to be nonnavigable waters of the United States for purposes of title 46, United States Code, and other maritime laws of the United States; and H.R. 1162, to designate the bridge on United States Route 231 that crosses the Ohio River between Maceo, Kentucky, and Rockport, Indiana, as the "William H. Natcher Bridge"; 10 a.m., 2167 Rayburn.

Committee on Veterans' Affairs, Subcommittee on Health, hearing on the issue of long-term care for veterans, 9:30 a.m., 334 Cannon.

Committee on Ways and Means, Subcommittee on Health, hearing on Medicare Coverage Decisions and Beneficiary Appeals, 1 p.m., 1100 Longworth.

Subcommittee on Human Resources, oversight hearing on Child Protection, 10 a.m., B-318 Rayburn.