

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