

Co-Chairman, Overseas Security Advisory Council; and public witnesses.

### MANAGING INFORMATION RESOURCES AND TECHNOLOGY

*Committee on Government Reform:* Subcommittee on Technology and Procurement held a hearing on "Enterprise-Wide Strategies for Managing Information Resources and Technology: Learning From State and Local Governments." Testimony was heard from Dave McClure, Director, Information Technology Management Issues, GAO; the following officials of the State of Virginia: Donald W. Upson, Secretary of Technology; and David J. Molchany, Chief Information Officer, County of Fairfax; Charles F. Gerhards, Deputy Secretary, Information Technology, Office of Information Technology, State of Pennsylvania; and public witnesses.

### OVERSIGHT—FOREST FUELS

*Committee on Resources:* Subcommittee on Forests and Forest Health held an oversight hearing on Developing Economic Uses for Forest Fuels. Testimony was heard from Thomas Hamilton, Director, Forest Products Laboratory, Forest Service, USDA; and public witnesses.

### OVERSIGHT—CALIFORNIA WATER

*Committee on Resources:* Subcommittee on Water and Power held an oversight hearing on California Water-A Regional Perspective. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

### DEATH TAX ELIMINATION ACT

*Committee on Rules:* Granted, by voice vote, a modified closed rule on H.R. 8, Death Tax Elimination Act of 2001, providing one hour of debate in the House equally divided and controlled by the chairman and ranking minority member of the Committee on Ways and Means. The rule waives all points of order against consideration of the bill. The rule provides that the amendment recommended by the Committee on Ways and Means now printed in the bill shall be considered as adopted. The rule provides for consideration of the amendment in the nature of a substitute printed in the Rules Committee report accompanying the resolution, if offered by Representative Rangel or his designee, which shall be considered as read and shall be separately debatable for one hour equally divided and controlled by the proponent and an opponent. The rule waives all points of order against the amendment in the nature of a substitute. Finally, the rule provides one motion to recommit with or without instructions. Testimony was heard from Chairman Thomas and Representative Rangel.

### VISION 2001: FUTURE SPACE

*Committee on Science:* Subcommittee on Space and Aeronautics held a hearing on Vision 2001: Future Space. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

### INTERNET ENTREPRENEURSHIP

*Committee on Small Business:* Subcommittee on Regulatory Reform and Oversight held a hearing on Internet Entrepreneurship. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

### VA HEALTH CARE SYSTEM

*Committee on Veterans' Affairs:* Subcommittee on Health held a hearing on the state of the VA Health Care System. Testimony was heard from Thomas L. Garthwaite, M.D., Under Secretary, Department of Veterans Affairs; representatives of veterans organizations; and public witnesses.

### WELFARE REFORM

*Committee on Ways and Means:* Subcommittee on Human Resources continued hearings on welfare reform issues. Testimony was heard from Vee Burke, Specialist, Income Maintenance, Congressional Research Service, Library of Congress; Jason A. Turner, Commissioner, Human Resources Administration, New York City; Douglas E. Howard, Director, Family Independence Agency, State of Michigan; and public witnesses.

### 2001 TAX RETURN FILING SEASON

*Committee on Ways and Means:* Subcommittee on Oversight held a hearing on the 2001 tax return filing season. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of the Treasury: Charles O. Rossotti, Commissioner, and Nina Olson, National Taxpayer Advocate, Taxpayer Advocate Service, both with the IRS; and David C. Williams, Inspector General, Tax Administration; James R. White, Director, Tax Policy and Administration Issues, General Government Division, GAO; and public witnesses.

### BRIEFING—PLAN COLOMBIA

*Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence:* Met in executive session to receive a briefing on Plan Colombia. The Committee was briefed by departmental witnesses.

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## COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR WEDNESDAY, APRIL 4, 2001

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

### Senate

*Committee on Armed Services:* Subcommittee on SeaPower, to hold hearings on proposed legislation authorizing

funds for fiscal year 2002 for the Department of Defense and the Future Years Defense Program, focusing on ship-building industrial base issues and initiatives, 9:30 a.m., SR-222.

*Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation:* Subcommittee on Consumer Affairs, Foreign Commerce, and Tourism, to hold hearings to examine specific measures that have been taken in the United States to prevent bovine spongiform encephalopathy (BSE) "Mad Cow Disease" and assess their adequacy, 9:30 a.m., SR-253.

*Committee on Finance:* to hold hearings to examine certain issues with respect to international trade and the American economy, 10 a.m., SD-215.

*Committee on Foreign Relations:* to hold hearings on the nomination of Argeo Paul Cellucci, of Massachusetts, to be Ambassador to Canada, 9:30 a.m., SD-419.

*Committee on Governmental Affairs:* to hold hearings on the state of the Presidential appointments process, 2 p.m., SD-342.

*Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions:* to hold hearings to examine the constitutionality of employment laws, focusing on states rights and federal remedies, 9:30 a.m., SD-430.

*Committee on Indian Affairs:* business meeting to mark-up S.211, to amend the Education Amendments of 1978 and the Tribally Controlled Schools Act of 1988 to improve education for Indians, Native Hawaiians, and Alaskan Natives, 2:30 p.m., SR-485.

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

*Committee on the Judiciary:* Subcommittee on Antitrust, Business Rights, and Competition, to hold hearings to examine competitive choices concerning cable and video, 10 a.m., SD-226.

Subcommittee on Immigration, to hold hearings to review certain issues with respect to immigration policy, 2 p.m., SD-226.

*Committee on Veterans' Affairs:* to hold hearings on the nomination of Tim S. McClain, of California, to be General Counsel, Department of Veterans Affairs, 9:30 a.m., SR-418.

### House

*Committee on Agriculture,* to continue hearings on Federal Farm Commodity Programs, 10 a.m., 1300 Longworth.

*Committee on Appropriations,* Subcommittee on the District of Columbia, on D.C. Courts; Police and Fire, 1:30 p.m., 2362 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Interior, on National Endowment for the Humanities and National Endowment for the Arts, 10:30 a.m., B-308 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, to continue on NIH Theme hearings, 10 a.m., 2358 Rayburn.

*Committee on Armed Services,* to continue hearings on posture of U.S. military forces, 10 a.m., 2118 Rayburn.

Special Oversight Panel on Department of Energy, hearing on the reorganization plan of the National Nuclear Security Administration, 2 p.m., 2216 Rayburn.

Special Oversight Panel on Morale, Welfare and Recreation, hearing on morale, welfare and recreation programs of the Department of Defense, 2 p.m., 2212 Rayburn.

*Committee on Energy and Commerce,* Subcommittee on Health and Environment and the Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations, joint hearing on Patients First: A 21st Century Promise to Ensure Quality and Affordable Health Coverage, 10 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Telecommunications and Internet, hearing on E-Rate and Filtering: A Review of the Children's Internet Protection Act, 10 a.m., 2322 Rayburn.

*Committee on Financial Services,* Subcommittee on Capitol Markets, Insurance and Government Sponsored Enterprises and the Subcommittee on Financial Institutions and Consumer Credit, joint hearing on promotion of capital availability to American businesses, 10 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.

*Committee on Government Reform,* hearing on the "The U.S. Postal Service's Uncertain Financial Outlook," 10 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

*Committee on the Judiciary,* to mark up the following measures: H.J. Res. 41, proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States with respect to tax limitations; and H.R. 1209, Child Status Protection Act of 2001, 10 a.m., 2141 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Courts, the Internet, and Intellectual Property, oversight hearing on "Business Method Patents," 2 p.m., 2141 Rayburn.

*Committee on Resources,* Subcommittee on Energy and Mineral Resources, and the Subcommittee on Forests and Forest Health, joint oversight hearing on Energy Impacts of the Roadless Rule, 1:30 p.m., 1324 Longworth.

Subcommittee on Fisheries, Conservation, Wildlife and Oceans, oversight hearing on the implementation of the Sustainable Fisheries Act and the reauthorization of the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act, 2 p.m., 1334 Longworth.

*Committee on Science,* hearing on Space Station Cost Overrun, 10 a.m., 2318 Rayburn.

*Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure,* hearing on Congestion in the U.S. Transportation System, 11 a.m., 2167 Rayburn.

*Committee on Veterans' Affairs,* Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations, hearing on Department of Veterans Affairs Information Technology Program, 10 a.m., 334 Cannon.

*Committee on Ways and Means,* Subcommittee on Health, hearing on the Nation's Uninsured, 10 a.m., 1100 Longworth.

*Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence,* executive, briefing on Collection Issues, 2 p.m., H-405 Capitol.

Subcommittee on Technical and Tactical Intelligence, executive, briefing on ELINT Issues, 10 a.m., H-405 Capitol.