

**SUBSIDY RATE CALCULATION**

*Committee on Small Business:* Held a hearing on “Subsidy Rate Calculation: Unfair Tax on Small Business.” Testimony was heard from Nancy Dorn, Deputy Director, OMB; Hector V. Barreto, Jr., Administrator, SBA; and public witnesses.

**OVERSIGHT—PORT SECURITY**

*Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure:* Subcommittee on Coast Guard and Maritime Transportation held an oversight hearing on Port Security: Shipping Containers. Testimony was heard from Capt. Anthony Regalbuto, USCG, Chief, Port Security, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Transportation; Richard Larrabee, Director, Port Commerce, Port Authority of New York and New Jersey; and public witnesses.

**WATER QUALITY FINANCING ACT**

*Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure:* Subcommittee on Water Resources and Environment held a hearing on the Water Quality Financing Act of 2002. Testimony was heard from Benjamin H. Grumbles, Deputy Assistant Administrator, Water, EPA; and public witnesses.

**DVA INFORMATION PROGRAM**

*Committee on Veterans' Affairs:* Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations held a hearing on the Department of Veterans Affairs Information program, with a review of VA's integrated systems architecture plan, Veterans Benefits Administration's VETSNET program, information security, Veterans Health Administration's Decision Support Systems, and the Government Computer-Based Patient Record Program. Testimony was heard from David L. McClure, Director, Accounting and Information Management Issues, GAO; from the following officials of the Department of Veterans Affairs: Richard Griffin, Inspector General; and John A. Gauss, Assistant Secretary, Information Technology; and a public witness.

**BUDGET VIEWS AND ESTIMATES**

*Committee on Ways and Means:* Approved Committee Budget Views and Estimates for Fiscal Year 2003 for submission to the Committee on the Budget.

**UNMANNED VEHICLE PROGRAMS**

*Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence:* Subcommittee on Technical and Tactical Intelligence met in executive session to hold a hearing on Unmanned Vehicle Programs. Testimony was heard from departmental witnesses.

**NEW PUBLIC LAWS**

(For last listing of Public Laws, see DAILY DIGEST of March 12, 2002, p. D215)

S. 1206, to reauthorize the Appalachian Regional Development Act of 1965. Signed on March 12, 2002. (Public Law 107-149)

H.R. 1892, to amend the Immigration and Nationality Act to provide for the acceptance of an affidavit of support from another eligible sponsor if the original sponsor has died and the Attorney General has determined for humanitarian reasons that the original sponsor's classification petition should not be revoked. Signed on March 13, 2002. (Public Law 107-150)

H.R. 3699, to revise certain grants for continuum of care assistance for homeless individual and families. Signed on March 13, 2002. (Public Law 107-151)

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**COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR THURSDAY,  
MARCH 14, 2002**

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

**Senate**

*Special Committee on Aging:* to hold hearings to examine the current economy and its impact on seniors, focusing on funds for Medicaid, health, and senior services, 9:30 a.m., SD-628.

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Agriculture, Rural Development, and Related Agencies, to hold hearings to examine farm economy and rural sector issues, 10 a.m., SD-138.

Subcommittee on Treasury and General Government, to hold hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2003 for the Department of the Treasury, 2 p.m., SD-138.

Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, to hold hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2003 for the Department of Education, 2:30 p.m., SD-124.

Subcommittee on District of Columbia, to hold hearings to examine regional emergency planning for the Nation's Capital, 2:30 p.m., SD-192.

*Committee on Armed Services:* to hold hearings on proposed legislation authorizing funds for fiscal year 2003 for the Department of Defense, focusing on the atomic energy defense activities of the Department of Energy, 9:30 a.m., SH-216.

Subcommittee on Airland, to hold hearings to examine proposed legislation authorizing funds for fiscal year 2003 for the Department of Defense, focusing on Army modernization and transformation, 2:30 p.m., SR-222.

*Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs:* to resume oversight hearings to examine accounting and investor protection issues raised by the Enron situation, and other public companies, focusing on the accounting profession, audit quality and independence, and formulation of accounting principles, 10 a.m., SD-538.