

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

APPROPRIATIONS: NAVY

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Defense concluded hearings to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2004 for the Navy, after receiving testimony from Hansford T. Johnson, Acting Secretary of the Navy; Admiral Vernon E. Clark, U.S. Navy, Chief of Naval Operations; and General Michael W. Hagee, Commandant of the Marine Corps.

D.C. FOSTER CARE

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on District of Columbia concluded hearings to examine the status of foster care in the District of Columbia, focusing on child welfare reform, and issues associated with the Child and Family Services Agency's performance and policies, after receiving testimony from Representative Tom Davis; Cornelia M. Ashby, Director, Education, Workforce, and Income Security Issues, General Accounting Office; Olivia A. Golden, Director, District of Columbia Child and Family Services Agency; Judith W. Meltzer, Center for the Study of Social Policy, Washington, D.C.; and Ann E. Schneiders, National Association of Counsel for Children, Denver, Colorado.

APPROPRIATIONS: FAA

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Transportation, Treasury, and General Government to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2004 for the Federal Aviation Administration, focusing on aviation safety and security issues, and financial challenges facing the aviation industry, after receiving testimony from Kenneth M. Mead, Inspector General, Marion C. Blakey, Administrator, Federal Aviation Administration, Jeffrey N. Shane, Under Secretary for Policy, all of the Department of Transportation.

DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION: DOE

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Strategic Forces concluded hearings to examine proposed legislation authorizing funds for fiscal year 2004 for the Department of Defense, focusing on the Department of Energy Office of Environmental Management and Office of Legacy Management, after receiving testimony from Jessie Hill Roberson, Assistant Secretary of Environmental Management, and Michael W. Owen, Director, Office of Worker and Community Transition, both of the Department of Energy.

UNIVERSAL TELECOMMUNICATIONS SERVICE

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Subcommittee on Communications concluded hearings on the future of Universal Service, focusing on preserving and advancing high quality, reliable and affordable telecommunications services to the greatest extent throughout America, after receiving testimony from Kathleen Q. Abernathy, Commissioner, Federal Communications Commission; Carson Hughes, Telepax, Inc./Cellular South Licenses, Inc., Jackson, Mississippi, on behalf of the Wireless Independent Group; Joel E. Lubin, AT&T Corporation, Washington, D.C.; Matthew Dosch, Comporium Group, Rock Hill, South Carolina, on behalf of the United States Telecom Association; Robert W. Orent, Hiawatha Communications, Inc., Munising, Michigan, on behalf of the Independent Telephone and Telecommunications Alliance; William R. Gillis, Washington State University, Pullman; and Thomas R. Meade, Alaska Communications Systems, Jack H. Rhyner, TelAlaska, Inc., and Dana L. Tindall, General Communication, Inc., all of Anchorage, Alaska.

NASA

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Subcommittee on Science, Technology, and Space concluded hearings to examine certain issues with respect to the NASA human space flight program, and the Space Shuttle Columbia accident, after receiving testimony from Marcia S. Smith, Specialist in Aerospace and Telecommunication Policy, Resources, Science and Industry Division, Congressional Research Service, Library of Congress; Brian E. Chase, National Space Society, Washington, D.C.; and Alex Roland, Duke University Department of History, Durham, North Carolina.

MILITARY ENCROACHMENT

Committee on Environment and Public Works: Committee concluded oversight hearings to examine certain provisions of the President's proposed budget request for the National Defense Authorization Act for fiscal year 2004 relating to encroachment of environmental laws on military bases and training operations, after receiving testimony from Benedict S. Cohen, Deputy General Counsel for Environment and Installations, Department of Defense; John Peter Suarez, Assistant Administrator for Enforcement, and Compliance Assurance, Environmental Protection Agency; H. Craig Manson, Assistant Secretary of the Interior for Fish and Wildlife and Parks; Barry W. Holman, Director of Defense Infrastructure Issues, General Accounting Office; Frank J. Gaffney, Jr., Center for Security Policy, and Jamie Rappaport

Clark, National Wildlife Federation, both of Washington, D.C.; Daniel S. Miller, Colorado Department of Law, and Douglas Benevento, Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment, both of Denver; Ingrid Lindemann, Aurora Colorado, on behalf of the National League of Cities; Bonner Cohen, Lexington Institute, Arlington, Virginia.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Finance: Committee ordered favorably reported the following business items:

An original bill, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide energy tax incentives;

S. 760, to implement effective measures to stop trade in conflict diamonds, with an amendment;

S. 753, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide for the modernization of the United States Tax Court; and

The nominations of Mark W. Everson, of Texas, to be Commissioner of Internal Revenue, and Raymond T. Wagner, Jr., of Missouri, to be a Member of the Internal Revenue Service Oversight Board, both of the Department of Treasury, and Diane L. Kroupa, of Minnesota, Mark Van Dyke Holmes, of New York, Harry A. Haines, of Montana, Robert Allen Wherry, Jr., of Colorado, and Joseph Robert Goeke, of Illinois, each to be a Judge of the United States Tax Court.

FOREIGN ASSISTANCE

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee held hearings to examine the President's proposed budget request for fiscal year 2004 for United States foreign assistance, focusing on security and economic assistance programs, Sub-Saharan Africa, Europe and Eurasia, and the Western Hemisphere, and development and expanding economies, after receiving testimony from William M. Bellamy, Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary, Bureau of African Affairs, Charles P. Ries, Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary, Bureau of European and Eurasian Affairs, and J. Curtis Struble, Acting Assistant Secretary, Bureau of the Western Hemisphere Affairs, all of the Department of State; and Constance Berry Newman, Assistant Administrator, Bureau for Africa, Kent R. Hill, Assistant Administrator, Bureau for Europe and Eurasia,

Adolfo A. Franco, Assistant Administrator, Bureau for Latin America and the Caribbean, and E. Anne Peterson, Assistant Administrator, Bureau for Global Health, all of the United States Agency for International Development.

NOMINATIONS

Committee on Governmental Affairs: Committee concluded hearings on the nominations of Clay Johnson III, of Texas, to be Deputy Director for Management, Office of Management and Budget, who was introduced by Senators Hutchison and Cornyn, Albert Casey, of Texas, and James C. Miller III, of Virginia, each to be a Governor of the United States Postal Service, who were both introduced by Senator Hutchison, after each nominee testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: Committee ordered favorably reported the following business items:

S. 719, to amend the Public Health Service Act to provide for the payment of compensation for certain individuals with injuries resulting from the administration of smallpox countermeasures, with an amendment;

S. 389, to increase the supply of quality child care, with amendments;

S. 231, to authorize the use of certain grant funds to establish an information clearinghouse that provides information to increase public access to defibrillation in schools.

INDIAN HEALTH CARE

Committee on Indian Affairs: Committee concluded hearing to examine S. 556, to amend the Indian Health Care Improvement Act to revise and extend that Act, after receiving testimony from Charles W. Grim, Interim Director, Indian Health Service, Department of Health and Human Services; Julia Davis-Wheeler, Denver, Colorado, on behalf of the National Indian Health Board; and Don Kashevaroff, Alaska Native Tribal Health Consortium, Anchorage, Alaska.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Measures Introduced: 26 public bills, H.R. 1553–1578; 1 private bill, H.R. 1579; and 4 resolu-

tions, H.J. Res. 45; H. Con. Res. 135, and H. Res. 170–171, were introduced.

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Additional Cosponsors:

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