

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S4919–S4995

Measures Introduced: Eighteen bills and five resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 808–825, S. Res. 107–110, and S. Con. Res. 34. **Pages S4957–58**

Measures Reported:

Report to accompany S. 380, to amend chapter 83 of title 5, United States Code, to reform the funding of benefits under the Civil Service Retirement System for employees of the United States Postal Service. (S. Rept. No. 108–35) **Page S4957**

Measures Passed:

Honoring Mary Jane Jenkins Ogilvie: Senate agreed to S. Res. 110, honoring Mary Jane Jenkins Ogilvie, wife of former Senate Chaplain, Reverend Dr. Lloyd John Ogilvie. **Pages S4975, S4994–95**

CARE Act: Senate began consideration of S. 476, to provide incentives for charitable contributions by individuals and businesses, to improve the public disclosure of activities of exempt organizations, and to enhance the ability of low-income Americans to gain financial security by building assets, agreeing to the following amendment proposed thereto:

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Grassley/Baucus Amendment No. 526, to provide a manager's amendment. **Pages S4939–49**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the bill at 11:30 a.m., on Wednesday, April 9, 2003. **Page S4995**

Nomination Considered: Senate continued consideration of the nomination of Priscilla Richman Owen, of Texas, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Fifth Circuit. **Pages S4922–30, S4949**

Nominations Confirmed: Senate confirmed the following nominations:

Noe Hinojosa, Jr., of Texas, to be a Director of the Securities Investor Protection Corporation for a term expiring December 31, 2003.

Thomas Waters Grant, of New York, to be a Director of the Securities Investor Protection Corporation for a term expiring December 31, 2005.

Noe Hinojosa, Jr., of Texas, to be a Director of the Securities Investor Protection Corporation for a term expiring December 31, 2006. (Reappointment)

William Robert Timken, Jr., of Ohio, to be a Director of the Securities Investor Protection Corporation for a term expiring December 31, 2003.

William Robert Timken, Jr., of Ohio, to be a Director of the Securities Investor Protection Corporation for a term expiring December 31, 2006. (Reappointment)

Alfred Plamann, of California, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the National Consumer Cooperative Bank for a term of three years.

Allen Garber, of Minnesota, to be United States Marshal for the District of Minnesota for the term of four years.

Raul David Bejarano, of California, to be United States Marshal for the Southern District of California for the term of four years. **Pages S4994, S4995**

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Text of S./H.R. 1559 (text of S. 762), as Previously Passed: **Pages S4982–94**

Adjournment: Senate met at 10 a.m., and adjourned at 6:44 p.m., until 10 a.m., on Wednesday,

April 9, 2003. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S4995.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

HIV/AIDS/SARS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, and Related Agencies concluded hearings to examine the global AIDS crisis and the recent emergence of Severe Acute Respiratory Syndrome, after receiving testimony from Julie Gerberding, Director, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, Elias Zerhouni, Director, National Institutes of Health, and Anthony S. Fauci, Director, National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases, all of the Department of Health and Human Services.

APPROPRIATIONS: NIH

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, and Related Agencies concluded hearings to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2004 for the National Institutes of Health, after receiving testimony from Elias Zerhouni, Director, National Institutes of Health, Department of Health and Human Services.

APPROPRIATIONS: SEC

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, State, and the Judiciary, and Related Agencies concluded hearings to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2004 for the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission, after receiving testimony from William H. Donaldson, Chairman, U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission.

BUDGET: EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS AND RESPONSE

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Homeland Security concluded hearings to examine the proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2004 for Emergency Preparedness and Response, focusing on America's disaster response capabilities, pharmaceutical and vaccine stockpiles, assisting all levels of government, first responses, volunteer groups, and the public in meeting emergency challenges, and maintaining public information programs, after receiving testimony from Michael Brown, Under Secretary of Homeland Security for the Emergency Preparedness and Response Directorate.

DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION: HOMELAND DEFENSE

Committee on Armed Services: Committee concluded hearings to examine proposed legislation authorizing funds for fiscal year 2004 for the Department of Defense and the Future Years Defense Program, focusing on homeland defense, after receiving testimony from Paul McHale, Assistant Secretary of Defense for Homeland Defense; General Ralph E. Eberhart, USAF, Commander, North American Aerospace Defense Command, and United States Northern Command; and Admiral James O. Ellis, USN, Commander, United States Strategic Command.

DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION: STRATEGIC FORCES

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Strategic Forces concluded open and closed hearings to examine proposed legislation authorizing funds for fiscal year 2004 for the Department of Defense, focusing on strategic forces and policy, after receiving testimony from Linton F. Brooks, Acting Administrator, and Everet H. Beckner, Deputy Administrator, Defense Programs, both of the National Nuclear Security Administration, Department of Energy; Admiral James O. Ellis, Jr., USN, Commander, United States Strategic Command; Rear Admiral Charles B. Young, USN, Director, Strategic Systems Programs, Department of the Navy; and Brigadier General Robert L. Smolen, USAF, Director, Nuclear and Counterproliferation, Office of the Deputy Chief of Staff for Air and Space Operations.

REAL ESTATE SETTLEMENT PROCEDURES ACT

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: Committee concluded hearings to examine the impact of the proposed Real Estate Settlement Procedures Act Rule on small business and consumers to simplify and improve the process of obtaining home mortgages, and to reduce settlement costs for consumers, focusing on clarifying difficult rules and regulations that pose unnecessary legal risks and serve to trump operational efficiencies that could streamline the mortgage process, after receiving testimony from Representative Manzullo; Charles J. Kovaleski, American Land Title Association, Margot Saunders, National Consumer Law Center, on behalf of the Consumer Federation of America, Consumers Union, and U.S. Public Interest Research Group, and Ira Rheingold, National Association of Consumer Advocates, all of Washington, D.C.; Gary E. Acosta, SDF Realty, San Diego, California, on behalf of the National Association of Hispanic Real Estate Professionals; Catherine Whatley, National Association of Realtors, Chicago, Illinois; John Courson, Central

Pacific Mortgage Company, Folsom, California, on behalf of the Mortgage Bankers Association of America; Neill Fendly, National Association of Mortgage Brokers, McLean, Virginia.

TAXATION OF DIVIDENDS

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Subcommittee on Consumer Affairs and Product Safety concluded hearings to examine the President's proposal to eliminate the double taxation of dividends, focusing on its impact on corporate governance, investment efficiency, productivity, job creation, and economic growth, after receiving testimony from Peter R. Fisher, Under Secretary of the Treasury for Domestic Finance; Charles Elson, University of Delaware, Newark; Elizabeth W. Bull, Texas Instruments Inc., Dallas; John W. Rowe, Exelon Corporation, Chicago, Illinois; and Jeremy Siegel, University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia.

BUSINESS MEETING: COMPREHENSIVE ENERGY LEGISLATION

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Committee met to consider comprehensive energy legislation, focusing on provisions relating to hydrogen, personnel and training, State energy programs, energy efficiency, and renewable energy, but did not complete action thereon, and will meet again on Wednesday, April 9.

CLEAR SKIES ACT

Committee on Environment and Public Works: Subcommittee on Clean Air, Climate Change, and Nuclear Safety concluded hearings to examine S. 485, to amend the Clean Air Act to reduce air pollution through expansion of cap and trade programs, to provide an alternative regulatory classification for units subject to the cap and trade program, after receiving testimony from Christine Todd Whitman, Administrator, and Jeffrey Holmstead, Assistant Administrator, Office of Air and Radiation, both of the Environmental Protection Agency; Glenn L. McCullough, Jr., Tennessee Valley Authority; James E. Rogers, Cinergy Corp, Cincinnati, Ohio, on behalf of the Edison Electric Institute; David G. Hawkins, Natural Resources Defense Council, Washington, D.C.; Eugene Trisko, United Mine Workers of America, Fairfax, Virginia; Bernard Melewski, The Adirondack Council, Elizabethtown, New York; and Bob Colburn, Northeast States for Coordinated Air Use Management, Boston, Massachusetts.

ENRON

Committee on Finance: Committee concluded hearings to examine the Joint Committee on Taxation Investigative Report on executive compensation and company-owned life insurance arrangements of Enron

Corporation and related entities, after receiving testimony from Mary M. Schmitt, Acting Chief of Staff, Joint Committee on Taxation; Pamela F. Olson, Assistant Secretary of the Treasury for Tax Policy; Charles E. Essick, Towers Perrin, Houston, Texas; Kathryn J. Kennedy, John Marshall Law School, Chicago, Illinois; and Bruce J. McNeil, Dorsey and Whitney LLP, Minneapolis, Minnesota.

NATO ENLARGEMENT

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee concluded hearings to examine North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO) enlargement, after receiving testimony from Marc I. Grossman, Under Secretary of State for Political Affairs; General Wesley K. Clark, USA (Ret.), Wesley Clark and Associates, Little Rock, Arkansas; and William Kristol, The Weekly Standard, Washington, D.C.

GLOBAL ENERGY SECURITY

Committee on Foreign Relations: Subcommittee on International Economic Policy, Export and Trade Promotion concluded hearings to examine global energy security issues, focusing on petroleum trends, the Western Hemisphere, Russia, the Caspian region, Africa, domestic energy supplies, and oil market dynamics, after receiving testimony from Kyle E. McSlarrow, Deputy Secretary of Energy; Alan P. Larson, Under Secretary of State for Economic, Business, and Agricultural Affairs; Daniel Yergin, Cambridge Energy Research Associates, Cambridge, Massachusetts; and Vahan Zanoian, PFC Energy, and Martha Brill Olcott, Carnegie Endowment for International Peace, both of Washington, D.C.

HUMAN CAPITAL MANAGEMENT

Committee on Governmental Affairs: Subcommittee on Oversight of Government Management, the Federal Workforce, and the District of Columbia concluded joint hearings with the House Committee on Government Reform's Subcommittee on Civil Service and Agency Organization to examine the federal government's strategic human capital management and related proposals to facilitate the General Accounting Office's efforts to recruit and retain top talent, develop a more performance-based compensation system, help realign the federal workforce, and facilitate succession planning and knowledge transfer efforts, after receiving testimony from David M. Walker, Comptroller General of the United States, General Accounting Office; Dan G. Blair, Deputy Director, Office of Personnel Management; Bobby L. Harnage, Sr., American Federation of Government Employees, AFL-CIO, Colleen M. Kelley, National Treasury Employees Union, Carol A. Bonosaro, Senior Executives Association, Hannah S. Sistare, National Commission on the Public Service, Max Stier,

Partnership for Public Service, and Major General Robert A. McIntosh, USAF (Ret.), Reserve Officers Association of the United States, all of Washington, D.C.; Karen Heiser, Federal Managers Association, Alexandria, Virginia; Steven J. Kelman, Harvard University John F. Kennedy School of Government, Cambridge, Massachusetts; and Jeff Taylor, Monster, Maynard, Massachusetts.

MAMMOGRAPHY QUALITY STANDARDS ACT AUTHORIZATION

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: Committee concluded hearings to examine the Mammography Standards Act of 1992, to amend the Public Health Service Act to establish the authority for the regulation of mammography services and radiological equipment, after receiving testimony from D. David Dershaw, Cornell University Medical College, Ithaca, New York, on behalf of the Society for Breast Imaging; Diana Rowden, Dallas, Texas, on behalf of the Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation; and Leonard Berlin, Rush Medical College, Chicago, Illinois.

CRIME VICTIMS' RIGHTS CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT

Committee on the Judiciary: Committee concluded hearings to examine S.J. Res. 1, proposing an

amendment to the Constitution of the United States to protect the rights of crime victims, after receiving testimony from Representative Royce; Viet D. Dinh, Assistant Attorney General, Office of Legal Policy, Department of Justice; Collene Thompson Campbell, California Commission on Peace Officer Standards and Training, San Juan Capistrano; Steven J. Twist, National Victims Constitutional Amendment Project, Phoenix, Arizona; James Orenstein, Fordham University and New York University, New York; Earlene Eason, Gary, Indiana; Duane Lynn, Peoria, Arizona; and Patricia Perry, Seaford, New York.

SERGEANT AT ARMS/LOC/CRS

Committee on Rules and Administration: Committee concluded oversight hearings to examine the operations of the offices of the Sergeant at Arms, Library of Congress, and Congressional Research Service, after receiving testimony from William Pickle, Sergeant at Arms of the Senate, and Alfonso E. Lenhardt, former Sergeant at Arms of the Senate; James H. Billington, Librarian of Congress; and Daniel P. Mulholland, Director, Congressional Research Service, Library of Congress, each were accompanied by several of their associates.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Measures Introduced: 22 public bills, H.R. 1659–1680; and 5 resolutions, H. Con. Res. 141–142, and H. Res. 182–184, were introduced.

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Additional Cosponsors:

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Reports Filed: Reports were filed today as follows:

H.R. 1528, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to protect taxpayers and ensure accountability of the Internal Revenue Service, amended (H. Rept. 108–61);

H.R. 1297, to require the construction at Arlington National Cemetery of a memorial to the crew of the Columbia Orbiter (H. Rept. 108–62 Part 1);

H.R. 658, to provide for the protection of investors, increase confidence in the capital markets system, and fully implement the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002 by streamlining the hiring process for certain employment positions in the Securities and Exchange Commission, amended (H. Rept. 108–63 Part 1);

H. Res. 181, providing for consideration of H.R. 1036, to prohibit civil liability actions from being brought or continued against manufacturers, distributors, dealers, or importers of firearms or ammunition for damages resulting from the misuse of their products by others (H. Rept. 108–64); and

H.R. 1644, to enhance energy conservation and research and development, to provide for security and diversity in the energy supply for the American people, amended (H. Rept. 108–65 Part 1).

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Speaker Pro Tempore: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he appointed Representative Simmons to act as Speaker Pro Tempore for today.

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Recess: The House recessed at 11 a.m. and reconvened at 12 noon.

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United States Capitol Preservation Commission: The Chair announced the Speaker's appointment of Representatives Young of Florida and LaTourette to the United States Capitol Preservation Commission.

Later, read a letter from the Minority Leader wherein she announced her appointment of Representative Fattah to the commission. **Pages H2869**

Emergency Wartime Supplemental Appropriations—Go to Conference: The House disagreed with the Senate amendment to H.R. 1559, making emergency wartime supplemental appropriations for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2003, and agreed to a conference. **Pages H2870–72**

Appointed as conferees: Chairman Young of Florida and Representatives Regula, Lewis of California, Rogers of Kentucky, Wolf, Kolbe, Walsh, Taylor of North Carolina, Hobson, Istook, Bonilla, Knollenberg, Kingston, Frelinghuysen, Obey, Murtha, Dicks, Sabo, Mollohan, Kaptur, Visclosky, Lowey, Serrano, Moran of Virginia, and Edwards. **Page H2877**

Agreed to Obey motion to instruct conferees to recede to the Senate on section 409 of the Senate amendment providing 26 weeks of additional temporary extended unemployment compensation for displaced airline related workers by yea-and-nay vote of 265 yeas to 150 nays, Roll No. 112. **Pages H2871–72, H2877**

Suspensions: The House agreed to suspend the rules and pass the following measures:

Nutria Eradication and Control: H.R. 273, to provide for the eradication and control of nutria in Maryland and Louisiana (agreed to by $\frac{2}{3}$ yea-and-nay vote of 385 yeas to 30 nays, Roll No. 113); **Pages H2872–74, H2878**

Payment of Environmental Reviews by the Department of Agriculture: H.R. 108, to amend the Education Land Grant Act to require the Secretary of Agriculture to pay the costs of environmental reviews with respect to conveyances under that Act (agreed to by $\frac{2}{3}$ yea-and-nay vote of 406 yeas to 8 nays, Roll No. 114); **Pages H2874–75, H2878–79**

McLoughlin House National Historic Site: H.R. 733, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to acquire the McLoughlin House National Historic Site in Oregon City, Oregon, and to administer the site as a unit of the National Park System; **Pages H2875–77**

National Small Business Regulatory Assistance: H.R. 205, to amend the Small Business Act to direct the Administrator of the Small Business Administration to establish a program to provide regulatory compliance assistance to small business concerns ($\frac{2}{3}$ yea-and-nay vote of 417 yeas to 4 nays, Roll No. 116); **Pages H2879–83, H2909–10**

Systematic Human Rights Violations in Cuba: H. Res. 179, expressing the sense of the House of Representatives regarding the systematic human rights violations in Cuba committed by the Castro

regime, calling for the immediate release of all political prisoners, and supporting respect for basic human rights and free elections in Cuba (agreed to by $\frac{2}{3}$ yea-and-nay vote of 414 yeas with none voting “nay” with 11 voting “present”, Roll No. 117); and **Pages H2887–95, H2910–11**

Clean Diamond Trade Act: H.R. 1584, amended, to implement effective measures to stop trade in conflict diamonds (agreed to by $\frac{2}{3}$ yea-and-nay vote of 419 yeas to 2 nays with 1 voting “present”, Roll No. 118). **Pages H2895–H2901, H2911**

Suspension Proceedings Postponed: Further proceedings on the following motions to suspend the rules debated today were postponed until Wednesday, April 9. **Page H2937**

40th Anniversary of the Sinking of the USS Thresher: H. Res. 170, Recognizing the 40th anniversary of the sinking of the USS *Thresher*; and **Pages H2883–85**

Condolences on the Assassination of Prime Minister Zoran Djindjic of Serbia: H. Res. 149, expressing the condolences of the House of Representatives in response to the assassination of Prime Minister Zoran Djindjic of Serbia. **Pages H2885–87**

Postal Civil Service Retirement System Funding Reform Act: The House passed S. 380, to amend chapter 83 of title 5, United States Code, to reform the funding of benefits under the Civil Service Retirement System for employees of the United States Postal Service by yea-and-nay vote of 424 yeas with none voting “nay,” Roll No. 115—clearing the measure for the President. H.R. 735, a similar House passed bill, was laid upon the table. **Pages H2901–09**

Waxman amendment No. 1 (to H.R. 735, to amend chapter 83 of title 5, United States Code, to reform the funding of benefits under the Civil Service Retirement System for employees of the United States Postal Service) printed in the Congressional Record of April 1 was offered but subsequently withdrawn that sought to strike provisions requiring the Postal Service to pay retirement benefits attributable to prior military service. **Pages H2908–09**

The bill was considered pursuant to the unanimous consent order of the House of April 7. **Page H2909**

Coordinating Council on Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention: The Chair announced the Speaker's reappointment of Mr. Michael J. Mahoney of Chicago, Illinois to the Coordinating Council on Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention for a three-year term. **Pages H2911–12**

Senate Messages: Messages received from the Senate today appears on page H2865.

Referrals: S. 164, S. 212, S. 278, S. 328, and S. 347 were referred to the Committee on Resources. S. 220 was held at the desk.

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Quorum Calls—Votes: Seven yea-and-nay votes developed during the proceedings of the House today and appear on pages H2877, H2878, H2878–79, H2909, H2909–10, H2910–11, and H2911. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 10:30 a.m. and adjourned at 9:44 p.m.

Committee Meetings

HOMELAND SECURITY APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Homeland Security held a hearing on Special Security Events. Testimony was heard from Ralph Basham, Director, U.S. Secret Service, Department of Homeland Security.

LABOR, HHS, EDUCATION AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, Education and Related Agencies continued hearings on NIH. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Health and Human Services, NIH: Elias Zerhouni, M.D., Director; Raynard Kington, M.D., Deputy Director; James Battey, M.D., Director, National Institute on Deafness and Other Communication Disorders; and Francis Collins, M.D., Director, National Human Genome Research Institute; and Thomas Insel, M.D., Director, National Institute on Mental Health.

VA, HUD AND INDEPENDENT AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on VA, HUD and Independent Agencies held a hearing on NASA. Testimony was heard from Sean O'Keefe, Administrator, NASA.

SMALL BUSINESS HEALTH FAIRNESS ACT

Committee on Education and the Workforce: Subcommittee on Employer-Employee Relations approved for full Committee action, as amended, H.R. 660, Small Business Health Fairness Act of 2003.

DESIGNING 21ST CENTURY MEDICARE PRESCRIPTION DRUG BENEFIT

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Health held a hearing entitled "Designing a Twenty-First Century Medicare Prescription Drug Benefit." Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

CHECK CLEARING FOR THE 21ST CENTURY ACT

Committee on Financial Services: Subcommittee on Financial Institutions and Consumer Credit held a hearing on H.R. 1474, Check Clearing for the 21st

Century Act. Testimony was heard from Roger W. Ferguson, Vice-Chairman, Board of Governors, Federal Reserve System; and public witnesses.

HOMEOWNERSHIP THROUGH DOWN PAYMENT ASSISTANCE

Committee on Financial Services: Subcommittee on Housing and Community Opportunity held a hearing entitled "Promoting the American Dream of Homeownership through Down Payment Assistance." Testimony was heard from Mel Martinez, Secretary of Housing and Urban Development; and public witnesses.

ONDCP REAUTHORIZATION

Committee on Government Reform: Subcommittee on Criminal Justice, Drug Policy, and Human Resources held a hearing entitled "ONDCP Reauthorization: The High-Intensity Drug Trafficking Areas Program and CTAC." Testimony was heard from Scott Burns, Deputy Director, Office of State and Local Affairs, Office of National Drug Control Policy; Roger Guevara, Chief of Operations, DEF, Department of Justice; Christy McCampbell, Chief, Bureau of Narcotics Enforcement, Department of Justice, State of California; Wayne Wiberg, Commander, Narcotics and Gang Investigation Section, Police Department, Chicago, Illinois; the following officials of the State of Maryland: Lt. Col. Steve Moyer, Chief, Homeland Defense/Intelligence Bureau, State Police; and Anthony Romano, Chief, Organized Crime Division, Baltimore Police Department; Ron Burns, Chief, Lakewood Police Department, State of Colorado; and Peter Modafferi, Chief of Detectives, Rockland County, District Attorney's Office, State of New York.

CALIFORNIA'S ELECTRICITY MARKET

Committee on Government Reform: Subcommittee on Energy Policy, Natural Resources and Regulatory Affairs held a hearing on "California's Electricity Market: Refunds and Reform." Testimony was heard from Patrick Wood III, Chairman, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, Department of Energy; and public witnesses.

OVERSIGHT—FEDERAL GOVERNMENT—CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Committee on Government Reform: Subcommittee on Government Efficiency and Financial Management held an oversight hearing entitled "The Consolidated Financial Statements of the Federal Government for Fiscal Year 2002." Testimony was heard from David M. Walker, Comptroller General, GAO; Linda M. Springer, Controller, Office of Federal Financial Management, OMB; and Donald V. Hammond, Fiscal Assistant Secretary, Department of the Treasury.

CYBER SECURITY

Committee on Government Reform: Subcommittee on Technology, Information Policy, Intergovernmental Relations and the Census held a hearing entitled

“Cyber Security: The Challenges Facing Our Nation In Critical Infrastructure Protection.” Testimony was heard from Mark A. Forman, Associate Director, Information Technology and Electronic Government, OMB; Robert Dacey, Director, Information Security Issues, GAO; Thomas Pyke, Chief Information Officer, Department of Commerce; Richard Clarke, former Special Advisor to the President for Cyberspace Security; and public witnesses.

OVERSIGHT—DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE REAUTHORIZATION

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Commercial and Administrative Law held an oversight hearing on the “Reauthorization of the United States Department of Justice: Executive Office of the United States Attorneys, Civil Division, Environment and Natural Resources Division, Executive Office for United States Trustees, and Office of Solicitor General.” Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Justice: Thomas Sansonetti, Assistant Attorney General, Environment and Natural Resources Division; Stuart Schiffer, Deputy Assistant Attorney General, Civil Division; Guy Lewis, Director, Executive Office for U.S. Attorneys; and Lawrence Friedman, Director, Executive Office for United States Trustees.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Resources: Subcommittee on National Parks, Recreation and Public Lands held a hearing on the following bills: H.R. 272, to direct the Secretary of Agriculture to convey certain land to Lander County, Nevada, and the Secretary of the Interior to convey certain land to Eureka County, Nevada, for continued use as cemeteries; H.R. 437, Coltsville Study Act of 2003; and H.R. 1113, to authorize an exchange of land at Fort Frederica National Monument. Testimony was heard from Representatives Larson of Connecticut and Kingston; the following officials of the Department of the Interior: Bob Anderson, Acting Assistant Director, Minerals, Realty and Resource Protection, Bureau of Land Management; and Jeffrey Taylor, Assistant Director, Legislative and Congressional Affairs, National Park Service; Gloria Manning, Associate Deputy Chief, National Forest System, USDA; former Senator Mack Mattingly, State of Georgia; and a public witness.

PROTECTION OF LAWFUL COMMERCE IN ARMS ACT

Committee on Rules: The Committee granted, by voice vote, a structured rule providing 1 hour of general debate on H.R. 1036, Protection of Lawful Commerce in Arms Act of 2003. The rule waives all points of order against consideration of the bill. The rule provides that the amendment in the nature of a substitute recommended by the Committee on the Judiciary now printed in the bill shall be considered as an original bill for the purpose of amendment and shall be considered as read. The rule makes in order only those amendments printed in the Rules Com-

mittee report accompanying the resolution. The rule provides that the amendments printed in the report shall be considered only in the order printed in the report, may be offered only by a Member designated in the report, shall be considered as read, shall be debatable for the time specified in the report equally divided and controlled by the proponent and an opponent, shall not be subject to amendment, and shall not be subject to a demand for a division of the question in the House or in the Committee of the Whole. The rule waives all points of order against the amendments printed in the report. Finally, the rule provides one motion to recommit with or without instructions. Testimony was heard from Chairman Sensenbrenner, Representatives Watt, Lofgren, Jackson-Lee of Texas and Van Hollen.

LITIGATING THE AMERICANS WITH DISABILITY ACT

Committee on Small Business: Subcommittee on Rural Enterprise, Agriculture and Technology held a hearing on Litigating the Americans with Disability Act. Testimony was heard from Representative Foley; and public witnesses.

ADOPTION AND SAFE FAMILIES ACT IMPLEMENTATION

Committee on Ways and Means: Subcommittee on Human Resources held a hearing to examine implementation of the Adoption and Safe Families Act of 1997. Testimony was heard from Wade F. Horn, Assistant Secretary, Administration for Children and Families, Department of Health and Human Services; Cornelia Ashby, Director, Education, Workforce, and Income Security Issues, GAO; and public witnesses.

2003 TAX RETURN FILING SEASON AND BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2004

Committee on Ways and Means: Subcommittee on Oversight held a hearing on the 2003 Tax Return Filing Season and the IRS Budget for Fiscal Year 2004. Testimony was heard from Robert E. Wenzel, Acting Commissioner, IRS, Department of the Treasury; James R. White, Director, Tax Issues, GAO; Karen Hastie Williams, member, IRS Oversight Board; and public witnesses.

Joint Meetings

HUMAN CAPITAL

Committee on Governmental Affairs: Subcommittee on Oversight of Government Management, the Federal Workforce, and the District of Columbia concluded joint hearings with the House Subcommittee on Civil Service and Agency Organization to examine the federal government’s strategic human capital management and consider pending legislation on the federal workforce, and building on the current momentum to address high-risk issues, after receiving

testimony from David M. Walker, Comptroller General of the United States; Dan G. Blair, Deputy Director, Office of Personnel Management; Bobby L. Harnage, Sr., American Federation of Government Employees, AFL-CIO, Colleen M. Kelley, National Treasury Employees Union, Carol A. Bonosaro, Senior Executives Association, Hannah S. Sistare, National Commission on the Public Service, Max Stier, Partnership for Public Services, and Major General Robert A. McIntosh, USAF (Ret.), Reserve Officers Association of the United States, all of Washington, D.C.; Karen Heiser, Federal Managers Association, Alexandria, Virginia; Steven J. Kelman, Harvard University John F. Kennedy School of Government, Cambridge, Massachusetts; and Jeff Taylor, Monster, Maynard, Massachusetts.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR WEDNESDAY, APRIL 9, 2003

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, to hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2004 for the Department of Labor, 9:30 a.m., SD-138.

Subcommittee on Defense, to hold hearings to examine missile defense, 10 a.m., SD-192.

Subcommittee on Transportation, Treasury and General Government, to hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2004 for the Internal Revenue Service, 2 p.m., SD-124.

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Emerging Threats and Capabilities, to hold hearings to examine proposed legislation authorizing funds for fiscal year 2004 for the Department of Defense, focusing on Special Operations Command, 9:30 a.m., SR-222.

Subcommittee on Readiness and Management Support, to hold hearings to examine proposed legislation authorizing funds fiscal year 2004 for the Department of Defense, focusing on the readiness of the military services to conduct current operations and execute contingency plans, 2:30 p.m., SR-222.

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: to hold hearings to examine transportation and border security, 10 a.m., SR-253.

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: business meeting to consider comprehensive energy legislation, 10 a.m., SD-366.

Committee on Environment and Public Works: business meeting to consider H.R.145, to designate the Federal building located at 290 Broadway in New York, New York, as the "Ted Weiss Federal Building", S. 703, to designate the regional headquarters building for the National Park Service under construction in Omaha, Nebraska, as the "Carl T. Curtis National Park Service Midwest Regional Headquarters Building", S. 763, to designate the Federal building and United States courthouse located at 46 Ohio Street in Indianapolis, Indiana, as the "Birch Bayh Federal Building and United States Courthouse", S. 616, to amend the Solid Waste Disposal Act to reduce the quantity of mercury in the environment by limiting the use of mercury fever thermometers and improving the collection and proper management of mer-

cury, S. 515, to provide additional authority to the Office of Ombudsman of the Environmental Protection Agency, H.R.289, to expand the boundaries of the Ottawa National Wildlife Refuge Complex and the Detroit River International Wildlife Refuge, S. 163, to reauthorize the United States Institute for Environmental Conflict Resolution, S. 791, to amend the Clean Air Act to eliminate methyl tertiary butyl ether from the United States fuel supply, to increase production and use of renewable fuel, and to increase the Nation's energy independence, S. 156, to amend the Atomic Energy Act of 1954 to reauthorize the Price-Anderson provisions, the nominations of Richard W. Moore, of Alabama, to be Inspector General, Tennessee Valley Authority, Ricky Dale James, of Missouri, and Rear Adm. Nicholas Augustus Prah, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, to be a Member of the Mississippi River Commission, Robert Boldrey, of Michigan, Richard Narcia and Herbert Guenther, both of Arizona, Bradley Udall, of Colorado, and Malcolm B. Bowekaty, of New Mexico, each to be a Member of the Board of Trustees of the Morris K. Udall Scholarship and Excellence in National Environmental Policy Foundation, and the nomination of John Paul Woodley, Jr., of Virginia, to be an Assistant Secretary of the Army for Civil Works, 9:30 a.m., SD-406.

Committee on Finance: to hold hearings to examine the annual report for 2003 of the Board of Trustees of the Federal Old Age and Survivors Insurance and Disability Insurance Trust Funds, 10 a.m., SD-215.

Committee on Foreign Relations: business meeting to consider proposed legislation to authorize appropriations for the Department of State, and United States international broadcasting activities, S.J. Res. 3, expressing the sense of Congress with respect to human rights in Central Asia, H.R. 441, to amend Public Law 107-10 to authorize a United States plan to endorse and obtain observer status for Taiwan at the annual summit of the World Health Assembly in May 2003 in Geneva, Switzerland, the nominations of Lino Gutierrez, of Florida, to be Ambassador to Argentina, Roland W. Bullen, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to the Co-operative Republic of Guyana, Eric M. Javits, of New York, for the rank of Ambassador during his tenure of service as United States Representative to the Organization for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons, John W. Snow, of Virginia, to be United States Governor of the International Monetary Fund, and a Foreign Service Officer appointment/promotion list, 9:30 a.m., SD-419.

Subcommittee on East Asian and Pacific Affairs, to hold hearings to examine United States policy with respect to the trafficking in women and children in East Asia, and the nomination of Pamela J. H. Slutz, of Texas, to be Ambassador to Mongolia, 2:30 p.m., SD-106.

Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine the nominations of Joseph LeBaron, of Oregon, to be Ambassador to the Islamic Republic of Mauritania, Gregory W. Engle, of Colorado, to be Ambassador to the Togolese Republic, Wayne E. Neill, of Nevada, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Benin, Helen R. Meagher La Lime, of Florida, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Mozambique, and William M. Bellamy, of California, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Kenya, 3 p.m., SD-419.

Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine the nominations of Heather M. Hodges, of Ohio, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Moldova, Eric S. Edelman, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Turkey, Ralph Frank, of Washington, to be Ambassador to the

Republic of Croatia, Reno L. Harnish, of California, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Azerbaijan, Stephen D. Mull, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Lithuania, and Stephen M. Young, of New Hampshire, to be Ambassador to the Kyrgyz Republic, 4:30 p.m., SD-419.

Committee on Governmental Affairs: to hold hearings to examine Homeland Security, 9:30 a.m., SD-342.

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: business meeting to consider S. 754, to amend the Public Health Service Act to improve immunization rates by increasing the distribution of vaccines and improving and clarifying the vaccine injury compensation program, the nominations of Karen Johnson, of Virginia, to be Assistant Secretary for Legislation and Congressional Affairs, Department of Education, Delores M. Etter, of Maryland, Daniel E. Hastings, of Massachusetts, Jo Anne Vasquez, of Arizona, Barry C. Barish, of California, and Douglas D. Randall, of Missouri, each to be a Member of the National Science Board, National Science Foundation, 10 a.m., SD-430.

Committee on Indian Affairs: to hold hearings to examine S. 285, to authorize the integration and consolidation of alcohol and substance abuse programs and services provided by Indian tribal governments, S. 558, to elevate the position Director of the Indian Health Service within the Department of Health and Human Services to Assistant Secretary for Indian Health, and S. 555, to establish the Native American Health and Wellness Foundation, 10 a.m., SR-485.

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Committee on Appropriations, Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, State and the Judiciary, and Related Agencies, on Supreme Court, 10 a.m., and on FTC, 2 p.m., H-309 Capitol.

Subcommittee on District of Columbia, on Court Services and Offender Supervision Agency, 10 a.m., 2362A Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Foreign Operations, Export Financing and Related Programs, on AID, 2 p.m., 2359 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, Education and Related Agencies, on Bioterrorism, 10:15 a.m., 2358 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Legislative, on House of Representatives, 2 p.m., on Library of Congress, 3 p.m., on CBO, 4 p.m., on GPO, 4:30 p.m., and on GAO, 5:30 p.m., H-144 Capitol.

Subcommittee on Transportation and Treasury, and Independent Agencies, on National Youth Anti-Drug Media Campaign, 10 a.m., and on FAA Personnel Costs and Management, 2 p.m., 2358 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on VA, HUD, and Independent Agencies, on public witnesses, 9:30 a.m., and 1:30 p.m., H-143 Capitol.

Committee on Education and the Workforce, to mark up H.R. 1350, Improving Education Results for Children With Disabilities Act of 2003, 10:30 a.m., 2175 Rayburn.

Committee on Energy and Commerce, Subcommittee on Health, hearing entitled "Strengthening and Improving Medicare," 10 a.m., 2322 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Telecommunications and the Internet, to mark up H.R. 1320, Commercial Spectrum Enhancement Act, 10 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

Committee on Financial Services, Subcommittee on Financial Institutions and Consumer Credit, to consider H.R. 1375, Financial Services Regulatory Relief Act of 2003, 10 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.

Committee on Government Reform, to consider immunity for William Bulger and Francis Salemme; followed by a hearing on "The SARS Threat: Is the Nation's Public Health Network Prepared for a Possible Epidemic," 10 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

Committee on the Judiciary, Task Force on Antitrust, hearing on H.R. 1086, Standard Development Organization Advancement Act of 2003, 10 a.m., 2141 Rayburn.

Committee on Rules, to consider H.R. 6, Energy Policy Act of 2003, 2:30 p.m., H-313 Capitol.

Committee on Science, hearing on The Societal Implications of Nanotechnology, focusing on H.R. 766, Nanotechnology Research and Development Act of 2003, 10 a.m., 2318 Rayburn.

Committee on Small Business, hearing entitled "Will We Have an Economic Recovery Without a Strong U.S. Manufacturing Base?" 2 p.m., 2360 Rayburn.

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, to mark up the following: GSA Fiscal Year Lease Resolutions and amending Resolutions; H. Con. Res. 53, authorizing the use of the Capitol Grounds for the Greater Washington Soap Box Derby; H. Con. Res. 96, authorizing the use of the Capitol Grounds for the National Peace Officers' Memorial Service; H. Con. Res. 128, authorizing the use of the Capitol Grounds for the National Peace Officers' Memorial Service; H.R. 281, to designate the Federal building and United States courthouse located at 200 West 2nd Street in Dayton, Ohio, as the "Tony Hall Federal Building and United States Courthouse;" H.R. 1018, to designate the building located at 1 Federal Plaza in New York, New York, as the "James L. Watson United States Court of International Trade Building;" and H.R. 1527, National Transportation Safety Board Reauthorization Act of 2003, 11 a.m., 2167 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Aviation, hearing on Reauthorization of the Federal Aviation Administration and the Aviation Programs: General Aviation, 2 p.m., 2167 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Economic Development, Public Buildings and Emergency Management, hearing on Regional Economic Development Authority issues relating to reauthorization of the Economic Development Administration, 2 p.m., 2253 Rayburn.

Committee on Veterans' Affairs, Subcommittee on Benefits, oversight hearing on the Troops to Teachers Program, 2 p.m., 334 Cannon.

Committee on Ways and Means, hearing on Expanding Coverage of Prescription Drugs in Medicare, 11 a.m., 1100 Longworth.

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10 a.m., Wednesday, April 9

Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

10 a.m., Wednesday, April 9

Senate Chamber

Program for Wednesday: After the recognition of two Senators for speeches and the transaction of any morning business (not to extend beyond 11:30 a.m.), Senate will continue consideration S. 476, the CARE Act, with a vote on the Nickles amendment and a vote on passage of the bill to occur at approximately 12:30 p.m.; following which, Senate will continue consideration of the nomination of Priscilla Richman Owen, of Texas, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Fifth Circuit.

House Chamber

Program for Wednesday: Consideration of H.R. 1036, Protection of Lawful Commerce in Arms Act (structured rule, one hour of general debate);
Consideration of suspensions:
(1) H. Res. 165, support for a renewed effort to find a lasting settlement to the Cyprus problem;
(2) H.R. , Armed Forces Tax Fairness Act; and
(3) H. Con. Res. , Fundamental Tax Reform Act.

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