

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.