

Wednesday, May 7, 2003

Daily Digest

HIGHLIGHTS

House Committees ordered reported 13 sundry measures.

The House passed H.R. 766, Nanotechnology Research and Development Act.

Senate

Chamber Action

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Measures Introduced: Sixteen bills were introduced, as follows: S. 1008–1023. **Pages S5858–59**

Measures Passed:

Public Service Recognition: Committee on Governmental Affairs was discharged from further consideration of S. Res. 130, expressing the sense of the Senate that public servants should be commended for their dedication and continued service to the Nation during Public Service Recognition Week, and the resolution was then agreed to. **Page S5878**

NATO Expansion Treaty: Senate began consideration of the resolution of ratification to the Protocols to North Atlantic Treaty of 1949 on Accession of Bulgaria, Estonia, Latvia, Lithuania, Romania, Slovakia, and Slovenia (Treaty Doc. 108–4), agreeing to the following amendment proposed thereto:

Pages S5805–28

Warner Amendment No. 535, to propose an additional declaration. **Pages S5818–24**

Pursuant to the orders of May 5 and 6, 2003, Senate will vote on the adoption of the resolution of ratification, at 9:30 a.m., on Thursday, May 8, 2003.

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Increased Public Debt—Agreement: A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that at a time determined by the Majority Leader, after consultation with the Democratic Leader, Senate proceed to the consideration of H.J. Res. 51, increasing the statutory limit on the public debt; that first degree amendments be limited to 12 per side, with relevant second degree amendments in order; that no amendments relative to gun liability or hate crimes be in order on either side; that upon disposition of all amendments, the joint resolution, as amended, if

amended, be read a third time, and the Senate then vote on passage of the joint resolution. **Page S5838**

Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act—Agreement: A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that at a time determined by the Majority Leader, after consultation with the Democratic Leader, S. 113, to exclude United States persons from the definition of “foreign power” under the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act of 1978 relating to international terrorism, be referred to the Select Committee on Intelligence and the committee be automatically discharged from its consideration; that the Senate then proceed to consideration of S. 113 and that there be 2 hours of debate equally divided between Senators Kyl and Schumer, or their designees; that the only amendments in order, other than the Committee-reported substitute, be a Feingold amendment relative to reporting, which shall be agreed to, and a Feinstein amendment relative to permissive presumption, which shall have 4 hours of debate equally divided; that following the disposition of these amendments, and the use or yielding back of time, the committee amendment be agreed to, the bill be read a third time, and the Senate then vote on the bill; further, that following passage of S. 113, the title amendment be agreed to. **Page S5838**

Energy Policy Act—Agreement: A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of S. 14, to enhance the energy security of the United States, on Thursday, May 8, 2003.

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Nominations—Agreement: A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the nomination of Miguel A. Estrada, of Virginia, to be United States Circuit Judge for the District of Columbia Circuit, with a vote on the sixth motion to invoke cloture on the nomination to occur at 12:15 p.m., following which, Senate will

then resume consideration of the nomination of Priscilla Richman Owen, of Texas, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Fifth Circuit, with a vote on the second motion to invoke cloture. **Page S5879**

Appointments:

Senate National Security Working Group: The Chair announced on behalf of the Majority Leader, pursuant to the provisions of S. Res. 105 (adopted April 13, 1989), as amended by S. Res. 149 (adopted October 5, 1993), as amended by Public Law 105-275, further amended by S. Res. 75 (adopted March 25, 1999), and S. Res. 383 (adopted October 27, 2000), the appointment of the following Senators to serve as members of the Senate National Security Working Group for the 108th Congress: Senators Frist, Majority Leader, Stevens, President Pro Tempore (Co-Chairman), Cochran (Majority Administrative Co-Chairman), Kyl (Co-Chairman), Lott (Co-Chairman), Lugar, Warner, Allard, Sessions, and Nickles. **Page S5878**

United States—China Economic Security Review Commission: The Chair, on behalf of the President pro tempore, pursuant to Public Law 106-398, as amended by Public Law 108-7, in accordance with the qualifications specified under section 1237(E) of Public Law 106-398, and upon the recommendation of the Majority Leader, in consultation with chairmen of the Senate Committee on Armed Service and the Senate Committee on Finance, appointed the following individuals to the United States—China Economic Security Review Commission: Roger W. Robinson, Jr., of Maryland, for a term expiring Dec. 31, 2005; Robert F. Ellsworth of California, for a term expiring Dec. 31, 2004; and Michael A. Ledeen of Maryland, for a term expiring Dec. 31, 2003. **Page S5878**

Messages From the President: Senate received the following message from the President of the United States:

Transmitting, pursuant to law, a report that terminates the national emergency described and declared in Executive Order 12865 of September 26, 1993, with respect to the actions and policies of the National Union for Total Independence of Angola (UNITA) and revokes that order, Executive Order 13069 of December 12, 1997, and Executive Order 13098 of August 18, 1998; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs. (PM-31)

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Nominations Received: Senate received the following nomination:

Richard W. Erdman, of Maryland, to be Ambassador to the People's Democratic Republic of Algeria. **Page S5879**

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Adjournment: Senate met at 10 a.m., and adjourned at 7:53 p.m., until 9:30 a.m., on Thursday, May 8, 2003. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S5879.)	

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

NATIONAL GUARD AND RESERVE

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Defense concluded hearings to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2004 for National Guard and Reserve programs, after receiving testimony from Lt. Gen. H. Steven Blum, ARNG, Chief, National Guard Bureau; Lt. Gen. Roger C. Schultz, ARNG, Director, Army National Guard; Lt. Gen. Daniel James III, ANG, Director, Air National Guard; Lt. Gen. James R. Helmly, USAR, Chief of Army Reserve; VADM John B. Totushek, USNR, Chief of Naval Reserve; Lt. Gen. Dennis M. McCarthy, USMCR, Commander of Marine Forces Reserve; Lt. Gen. James E. Sherrard III, USAFR, Chief of Air Force Reserve.

AUTHORIZATION—DEFENSE

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Airland met in closed session and approved for full committee consideration, those provisions which fall within the jurisdiction of the subcommittee, of proposed legislation authorizing appropriations for fiscal year 2004 for military activities of the Department of Defense.

AUTHORIZATION—DEFENSE

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Readiness and Management Support met in closed session and approved for full committee consideration, those provisions which fall within the jurisdiction of the

subcommittee, of proposed legislation authorizing appropriations for fiscal year 2004 for military activities of the Department of Defense.

AUTHORIZATION—DEFENSE

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Strategic Forces met in closed session and approved for full committee consideration, those provisions which fall within the jurisdiction of the subcommittee, of proposed legislation authorizing appropriations for fiscal year 2004 for military activities of the Department of Defense.

AUTHORIZATION—DEFENSE

Committee on Armed Services: Committee met in closed session to mark up proposed legislation authorizing appropriations for fiscal year 2004 for military activities of the Department of Defense, but did not complete action thereon, and will meet again on tomorrow.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: Committee ordered favorably reported S. 709, to award a congressional gold medal to Prime Minister Tony Blair.

GLOBAL SETTLEMENT

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: Committee concluded hearings to examine the effects of, and compliance with, the terms of the global research analyst settlement among the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission, the New York Stock Exchange, National Association of Securities Dealers (NASD), the New York Attorney General, other state regulators and ten Wall Street firms, after receiving testimony from William H. Donaldson, Chairman, U.S. Securities and Exchange Commis-

sion; New York State Attorney General Eliot Spitzer, Richard A. Grasso, New York Stock Exchange, Inc., and Robert Glauber, National Association of Securities Dealers, all of New York, New York; and Christine A. Bruenn, Augusta, Maine, on behalf of the North American Securities Administrators Association, Inc.

INDIAN LANDS

Committee on Indian Affairs: Committee concluded hearings to examine S. 550, to amend the Indian Land Consolidation Act to improve provisions relating to probate of trust and restricted land, after receiving testimony from Wayne Nordwall, Director, Western Region, Bureau of Indian Affairs, Department of the Interior; John Berrey, Quapaw Tribal Business Committee, Quapaw, Oklahoma; Ben O'Neal, Eastern Shoshone Tribe Business Council, Fort Washakie, Wyoming; Sally Willit, New Orleans, Louisiana, on behalf of the Indian Land Working Group; and Cris E. Stainbrook, Indian Land Tenure Foundation, Little Canada, Minnesota.

NOMINATIONS:

Committee on the Judiciary: Committee concluded hearings to examine the nominations of Consuelo Maria Callahan, of California, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Ninth Circuit, who was introduced by Senators Feinstein and Boxer, Michael Chertoff, of New Jersey, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Third Circuit, who was introduced by Senators Corzine and Lautenberg, and L. Scott Coogler, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of Alabama, who was introduced by Senators Shelby and Sessions, after each nominee testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Measures Introduced: 31 public bills, H.R. 7, 1997-2026; 1 private bill, H.R. 2027; and 8 resolutions, H.J. Res. 55; H. Con. Res. 163-167, and H. Res. 222-223, were introduced. **Pages H3760-62**

Additional Cosponsors: **Pages H3762-63**

Reports Filed: Reports were filed today as follows: H. Res. 221, providing for consideration of H.R. 1261, to enhance the workforce investment system of the Nation by strengthening one-stop career centers, providing for more effective governance arrange-

ments, promoting access to a more comprehensive array of employment, training, and related services, establishing a targeted approach to serving youth, and improving performance accountability (H. Rept. 108-92). **Page H3758**

Speaker Pro Tempore: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he appointed Representative Nethercutt to act as Speaker Pro Tempore for today. **Page H3685**

Guest Chaplain: The prayer was offered by the guest Chaplain, Rev. Riley P. Green III, Director of

Administration, Alabama Baptist Children's Homes & Family Ministries of Birmingham, Alabama.

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Presidential Message—Lifting the Sanctions on the National Union for the Total Independence of Angola (UNITA): Read a message from the President wherein he announced that he has issued an Executive Order that terminates the national emergency with respect to the actions and policies of the National Union for the Total Independence of Angola (UNITA) and revokes Executive Order 12865 of September 26, 1983, Executive Order 13069 of December 12, 1997, and Executive Order 13098 of August 18, 1998. This will have the effect of lifting the sanctions imposed on UNITA in these executive orders—referred to the Committee on International Relations and ordered printed (H. Doc. 108–69).

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

Admiral Donald Davis Post Office, Brookfield, Missouri: Debated on May 6, H.R. 1609, to redesignate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 201 West Boston Street in Brookfield, Missouri, as the "Admiral Donald Davis Post Office Building" (agreed to by 2/3 yeas and nays vote of 423 yeas with none voting "nay", Roll No. 162);

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Servicemembers Civil Relief Act: H.R. 100, amended, to restate, clarify, and revise the Soldiers' and Sailors' Civil Relief Act of 1940 (agreed to by 2/3 yeas and nays vote of 425 yeas with none voting "nay", Roll No. 163);

Pages H3688–H3700, H3712–13

National Peace Officers' Memorial Service: H. Con. Res. 96, authorizing the use of the Capitol Grounds for the National Peace Officers' Memorial Service (agreed to by 2/3 yeas and nays vote of 419 yeas with none voting "nay", Roll No. 164);

Pages H3701, H3713–14

Greater Washington Soap Box Derby: H. Con. Res. 53, amended, authorizing the use of the Capitol Grounds for the Greater Washington Soap Box Derby (agreed to by 2/3 yeas and nays vote of 422 yeas with none voting "nay", Roll No. 168);

Pages H3701–03, H3735–36

Wastewater Treatment Works Security Act: H.R. 866, to amend the Federal Water Pollution Control Act to enhance the security of wastewater treatment works (agreed to by 2/3 yeas and nays vote of 413 yeas to 2 nays, Roll No. 169);

Pages H3703–05, H3736

Nanotechnology Research and Development Act: The House passed H.R. 766, to provide for a Na-

tional Nanotechnology Research and Development Program by yeas and nays vote of 405 yeas to 19 nays, Roll No. 167.

Pages H3714–35

Pursuant to the rule, the amendment in the nature of a substitute now printed in the bill (H. Rept. 108–89) was considered as an original bill for the purpose of amendment.

Pages H3722–24

Agreed To:

Eddie Bernice Johnson of Texas amendment that ensures that public input and outreach are integrated into nanotechnology research on societal and ethical concerns by the convening of regular and ongoing public discussions through mechanisms such as citizen panels, consensus panels, and educational events, as appropriate.

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Rejected:

Bell amendment no. 1 printed in the Congressional Record of May 6 that sought to specify that program activities address toxicological studies and environmental impact studies as the technology is developed (rejected by recorded vote of 209 yeas to 214 noes, Roll No. 165); and

Pages H3724–25, H3733

Bell amendment no. 2 printed in the Congressional Record of May 6 that sought to specify that program activities be designed to provide sustained support for nanotechnology research and development on the potential to produce or facilitate the production of clean, inexpensive energy (rejected by a recorded vote of 207 yeas to 217 noes, Roll No. 166).

Pages H3725–26, H3734

Withdrawn:

Eddie Bernice Johnson of Texas amendment was offered but subsequently withdrawn that sought to establish citizen advisory panels, with membership composed of nonscientific and nontechnical experts from different geographic regions of the Nation, to consider societal and ethical concerns arising from the development and application of nanotechnology; and

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Jackson-Lee of Texas amendment was offered but subsequently withdrawn that sought to establish a Center for Societal, Ethical, Educational, Environmental, Legal, and Workforce Issues Related to Nanotechnology to coordinate issues, conduct studies, and provide assistance to the Interagency Committee.

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Agreed to H. Res. 219, the rule that provided for consideration of the bill by voice vote.

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Senate Messages: Messages received from the Senate today appear on page H3685.

Referrals: S. Con. Res. 42 was referred to the Committee on International Relations.

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Quorum Calls—Votes: Six yeas and nays votes and two recorded votes developed during the proceedings of the House today and appear on pages H3712,

H3712–13, H3713–14, H3733, H3734, H3734–35, H3735–36, and H3736. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 7:05 p.m.

Committee Meetings

FOREIGN OPERATIONS, EXPORT FINANCING, AND RELATED PROGRAMS APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Foreign Operations, Export Financing, and Related Programs held a hearing on Global Health Issues. Testimony was heard from Tommy Thompson, Secretary of Health and Human Services; David Gootnick, M.D., Director, International Affairs and Trade, GAO; Richard Feacham, M.D., Executive Director, Global Fund to Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria.

HOMELAND SECURITY APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Homeland Security held a hearing on Bureau of Customs and Border Protection. Testimony was heard from Robert C. Bonner, Commissioner, Customs and Border Protection, 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 appropriation hearings. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

TRANSPORTATION AND TREASURY, AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Transportation, and Treasury, and Related Agencies held a hearing on IRS Fiscal Year 2004 Compliance Proposals. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the IRS, Department of the Treasury: Mark Everson, Commissioner; and Nancy Killefer, Oversight Board Chair; Mike Brostek, Director, Tax Issues, GAO; and Bob Greenstein, Executive Director, Center on Budget and Policy Priorities.

NATIONAL DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION ACT

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Projection Forces approved for full Committee action, as amended, H.R. 1588, National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2004.

NATIONAL DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION ACT

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Strategic Forces approved for full Committee action, as

amended, H.R. 1588, National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2004.

NATIONAL DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION ACT

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Total Force approved for full Committee action, as amended, H.R. 1588, National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2004.

RUNAWAY, HOMELESS, AND MISSING CHILDREN PROTECTION ACT

Committee on Education and the Workforce: Subcommittee on Select Education approved for full Committee action, as amended, H.R. 1925, Runaway, Homeless, and Missing Children Protection Act.

SARS: ASSESSMENT, OUTLOOK, AND LESSONS LEARNED

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations held a hearing entitled “SARS: Assessment, Outlook, and Lessons Learned.” Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Health and Human Services: Jerome M. Hauer, Acting Assistant Secretary, Public Health Emergency Preparedness; Julie L. Gerberding, M.D., Director, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention; Anthony S. Fauci, M.D., Director, National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases, NIH; and Murray Lumpkin, M.D., Principal Associate Commissioner, FDA; Jan Heinrich, Director, Health Care and Public Health Issues, GAO; and public witnesses.

Prior to the hearing, the Subcommittee received a briefing on this subject. The Subcommittee received information from David L. Heymann, M.D., Executive Director, Communicable Diseases, World Health Organization.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Financial Services: Subcommittee on Housing and Community Opportunity approved for full Committee action, as amended, the following bills: H.R. 23, Tornado Shelters Act; H.R. 1276, American Dream Downpayment Act; and H.R. 1614, HOPE VI Program Reauthorization and Small Community Main Street Rejuvenation and Housing Act of 2003.

CIVIL SERVICE AND NATIONAL SECURITY PERSONNEL IMPROVEMENT ACT; SERVICES ACQUISITION REFORM ACT

Committee on Government Reform: Ordered reported, as amended, the following bills: H.R. 1836, Civil Service and National Security Personnel Improvement

Act; and H.R. 1837, Services Acquisition Reform Act of 2003.

U.N. SHOULD REMOVE ECONOMIC SANCTIONS AGAINST IRAQ; FOREIGN RELATIONS AUTHORIZATION ACT

Committee on International Relations: Favorably considered and adopted a motion urging the Chairman to request that the following measure be considered on the Suspension Calendar: H. Con. Res. 160, expressing the sense of Congress that the United Nations should remove the economic sanctions against Iraq completely and without condition.

The Committee also began markup of H.R. 1950, Foreign Relations Authorization Act, Fiscal Years 2004 and 2005.

Will continue tomorrow.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on the Judiciary: Ordered reported the following measures: H.R. 1086, Standards Development Organization Advancement Act of 2003; H.R. 1437, to improve the United States Code; H.R. 1529, Involuntary Bankruptcy Improvement Act of 2003; S. 330, Veterans Memorial Preservation and Recognition Act of 2003; H.R. 982, to clarify the tax treatment of bonds and other obligations issued by the Government of American Samoa; H. Res. 180, supporting the goals and ideals of "National Correctional Officers and Employees Week" and honoring the service of correctional officers and employees; S.J. Res. 8, expressing the sense of Congress with respect to raising awareness and encouraging prevention of sexual assault in the United States and supporting the goals and ideals of National Sexual Assault Awareness and Prevention Month; and H.R. 1954, amended, Armed Forces Naturalization Act of 2003.

The Committee also approved Rules for consideration of Private Claims and Private Immigration bills.

FLAG PROTECTION CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on the Constitution approved for full Committee action H.J. Res. 4, proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States authorizing the Congress to prohibit the physical desecration of the flag of the United States.

Prior to this action, the Subcommittee held a hearing on H.J. Res. 4. Testimony was heard from Lt. Antonio J. Scannella, Police Department, Port Authority of New York; and public witnesses.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Resources: Ordered reported the following bills: H.R. 1497, amended, Sikes Act Reauthorization Act of 2003; H.R. 1835, amended, National Security Readiness Act of 2003; and H.R. 1189, to increase the waiver requirement for certain local matching requirements for grants provided to American Samoa, Guam, the Virgin Islands, or the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

WORKFORCE INVESTMENT AND ADULT EDUCATION ACT

Committee on Rules: Granted, by voice vote, a structured rule providing 1 hour of general debate on H.R. 1261, Workforce Reinvestment and Adult Education Act of 2003. The rule provides that the amendment in the nature of a substitute recommended by the Committee on Education and the Workforce 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 Committee report accompanying the resolution. The rule provides that the amendments printed in the report may 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 Boehner and Representatives George Miller of California, Kildee, Tierney, Holt, Van Hollen, Ryan of Ohio, Kaptur, Faleomavaega, DeLauro, Edwards, Hastings of Florida, Millender-McDonald and Hooley of Oregon.

ARE BIG BUSINESSES BEING AWARDED CONTRACTS INTENDED FOR SMALL BUSINESSES?

Committee on Small Business: Held a hearing entitled "Are Big Businesses Being Awarded Contracts Intended for Small Businesses?" Testimony was heard from Angela Styles, Administrator, Office of Procurement Policy, OMB; Fred C. Armendariz, Associate Deputy Administrator, SBA; Felipe Mendoza, Associate Administrator, GSA; David E. Cooper, Contracting Issues Director, GAO; and public witnesses.

OVERSIGHT—HIGHWAY AND TRANSIT NEEDS

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure: Subcommittee on Highways, Transit and Pipelines held an oversight hearing on Highway and Transit Needs: The State and Local Perspective. Testimony was heard from the following Governors: Paul E. Patton, Kentucky; Edward G. Rendell, Pennsylvania; and Jennifer M. Granholm, Michigan; the following Mayors, Victor Ashe, Knoxville, Tennessee; William Brooks, Belle Isle, Florida; Beverly O'Neill, Long Beach, California; Greg Nickells, Seattle, Washington; and Elizabeth G. Flores, Laredo, Texas; and Bill Hansell, Commissioner, Umatilla County, Oregon.

TWENTY-FIRST CENTURY WATER COMMISSION ACT

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure: Subcommittee on Water Resources and Environment held a hearing on H.R. 135, Twenty-First Century Water Commission Act of 2003. Testimony was heard from Representative Linder; Lt. Gen. Robert B. Flowers, USA, Chief of Engineers, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Department of the Army; Kathryn J. Jackson, Executive Vice President, TVA; and public witnesses.

VETERANS LEGISLATION

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: Subcommittee on Benefits approved for full Committee action the following bills: H.R. 241, Veterans Beneficiary Fairness Act of 2003; H.R. 761, Disabled Servicemembers Adapted Housing Assistance Act of 2003; H.R. 1257, Selected Reserve Home Loan Equity Act; H.R. 1460, amended, Veterans Entrepreneurship Act of 2003; H.R. 1683, Veterans Compensation Cost-of-Living Adjustment Act of 2003; and H.R. 1949, Vendee Loan Restoration Act.

VA'S PROGRESS ON THIRD PARTY COLLECTIONS

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations held a hearing on VA's Progress on Third Party Collections. Testimony was heard from Leo S. Mackay, Deputy Secretary, Department of Veterans Affairs; Cynthia Bascetta, Director, Veterans' Health and Benefits Issues, GAO; representative of a veterans organization; and public witnesses.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR THURSDAY, MAY 8, 2003

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Agriculture, Rural Development, and Related Agencies, to hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2004 for the Department of Agriculture, 9:30 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 Department of Transportation, 10 a.m., SD-138.

Subcommittee on Legislative Branch, to hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2004 for the Secretary of the Senate and the Architect of the Capitol, 1:30 p.m., SD-124.

Committee on Armed Services: closed business meeting to mark up proposed legislation authorizing appropriations for fiscal year 2004 for military activities of the Department of Defense, 9:45 a.m., SR-222.

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: to hold hearings to examine the nomination of Annette Sandberg, of Washington, to be Administrator of the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration, 9:30 a.m., SR-253.

Committee on Environment and Public Works: Subcommittee on Clean Air, Climate Change, and Nuclear Safety, to hold 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, 9:30 a.m., SD-406.

Committee on Finance: to hold hearings to examine S. 2, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide additional tax incentives to encourage economic growth, 9:30 a.m., SH-216.

Committee on the Judiciary: business meeting to consider S. 878, to authorize an additional permanent judgeship in the district of Idaho, and the nominations of John G. Roberts, Jr., of Maryland, to be United States Circuit Judge for the District of Columbia Circuit, David G. Campbell, to be United States District Judge for the District of Arizona, S. Maurice Hicks, Jr., to be United States District Judge for the Western District of Louisiana, William Emil Moschella, of Virginia, to be an Assistant Attorney General, Carolyn B. Kuhl and Consuelo Maria Callahan, both of California, both to be United States Circuit Judge for the Ninth Circuit, Michael Chertoff, of New Jersey, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Third Circuit, and L. Scott Coogler, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of Alabama, 9:30 a.m., SD-226.

Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine the nominations of Robert D. McCallum, Jr., of Georgia, to be Associate Attorney General, and Peter D. Keisler, of

Maryland, to be an Assistant Attorney General, both of the Department of Justice, 2 p.m., SD-226.

House

Committee on Agriculture, to consider the following: H.J. Res. 49, recognizing the important service to the Nation provided by the Foreign Agricultural Service of the Department of Agriculture on the occasion of its 50th anniversary; and H.R. 1904, Healthy Forests Restoration Act of 2003, 9 a.m., 1300 Longworth.

Committee on Appropriations, Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, Education, and Related Agencies, to continue on public witnesses. 9:45 a.m., and 2 p.m., 2358 Rayburn.

May 8, Subcommittee on Transportation and Treasury, and Independent Agencies, on Management and Cost Oversight of Federal Highway Funding, 10 a.m., and on the Secretary of the Treasury, 2 p.m., 2358 Rayburn.

Committee on Energy and Commerce, to mark up the Project Bioshield Act of 2003, 9:30 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Commerce, Trade and Consumer Protection, hearing entitled "Trade in Services and E-Commerce: The Significance of the Singapore and Chile Free Trade Agreements," 1 p.m., 2123 Rayburn.

Committee on Financial Services, Subcommittee on Financial Institutions and Consumer Credit, hearing entitled "The Importance of the National Credit Reporting System to Consumers and the U.S. Economy," 10 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.

Committee on Government Reform, hearing entitled "Out of Many, One: Assessing Barriers to Information Sharing in the Department of Homeland Security," 10 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Human Rights and Wellness, hearing on "Consumer Choice and Implementing Full Disclosure in Dentistry," 2 p.m., 2154 Rayburn.

Committee on International Relations, to continue markup of H.R. 1950, Foreign Relations Authorization Act, Fiscal Years 2004 and 2005, 10 a.m., 2172 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Europe and the Subcommittee on International Terrorism, Nonproliferation and Human Rights, joint hearing on U.S. Cooperative Threat Reduction and Nonproliferation Programs, Part I, 1:30 p.m., 2172 Rayburn.

Committee on the Judiciary, oversight hearing on "Direct Broadcasting Satellite Service in the Multichannel Video Distribution Market," 10 a.m., 2141 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Immigration, Border Security and Claims, oversight hearing on War on Terrorism: Immigration Enforcement Since September 11, 2001, 2 p.m., 2237 Rayburn.

Committee on Science, Subcommittee on Research, hearing on the National Earthquake Reduction Program: Past, Present, and Future, 2 p.m., 2318 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Space and Aeronautics, hearing on NASA's Integrated Space Transportation Plan and Orbital Space Plan Program, 10:30 a.m., 2318 Rayburn.

Committee on Small Business, Subcommittee on Tax, Finance, and Exports, hearing on Overcoming Obstacles Facing the Uninsured: How the Use of Medical Savings Accounts, Flexible Spending Accounts and Tax Credits Can Help, 2 p.m., 2360 Rayburn.

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, Subcommittee on Aviation, hearing on the Status of the Federal Flight Deck Officer Program, 10 a.m., 2167 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Aviation, to mark up H.R. 765, to amend title 49, United States Code, to allow cargo pilots to participate in the Federal flight deck officer program, 2 p.m., 2167 Rayburn.

Committee on Veterans' Affairs, hearing on past and present efforts to identify and eliminate fraud, waste, abuse and mismanagement in programs administered by the Department of Veterans Affairs, 10:30 a.m., 334 Cannon.

Next Meeting of the SENATE

9:30 a.m., Thursday, May 8

Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

10 a.m., Thursday, May 8

Senate Chamber

Program for Thursday: Senate will continue consideration of the NATO Expansion Treaty (Treaty Doc. 108-4), with a vote on adoption of the resolution of ratification to occur at 9:30 a.m.; following which, Senate will resume consideration of S. 14, Energy Policy Act.

At 12:15 p.m., Senate will resume consideration of the nomination of Miguel A. Estrada, of Virginia, to be United States Circuit Judge for the District of Columbia Circuit, with a vote on the sixth motion to close further debate on the nomination; if the motion to invoke cloture is not agreed to, Senate will then resume consideration of the nomination of Priscilla Richman Owen, of Texas, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Fifth Circuit, with a vote on the second motion to close further debate on the nomination; following which, Senate will begin a period of morning business, recognizing Senators DeWine and Daschle, or his designee for speeches; and then begin consideration of S. 113, Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act.

House Chamber

Program for Thursday: Consideration of H.R. 1261, Workforce Reinvestment and Adult Education Act of 2003 (structured rule, one hour of debate).

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