

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

APPROPRIATIONS: DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Defense concluded hearings to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2004 for the Department of Defense, after receiving testimony from numerous public witnesses.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Environment and Public Works: Committee ordered favorably reported the following business items:

S. 1039, to amend the Federal Water Pollution Control Act to enhance the security of wastewater treatment works, with an amendment; and

S. 1043, to provide for the security of commercial nuclear power plants and facilities designated by the Nuclear Regulatory Commission, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute.

HOMELAND SECURITY

Committee on Governmental Affairs: Committee concluded hearings to examine homeland security issues facing state and local governments, focusing on the role and direction of U.S. homeland security efforts, including preparedness planning, investing resources based on comprehensive and integrated statewide plans, maximizing the investment in intelligence gathering and analysis, and providing a multi-year framework for homeland security planning, after receiving testimony from Massachusetts Governor Mitt Romney, Boston, on behalf of the National Governors' Association; Mayor Kwame M. Kilpatrick, Detroit, Michigan, on behalf of the U.S. Conference of Mayors; Art Cleaves, Maine Emergency Management Agency, Augusta; and Mark Stenglein, Hennepin County Board of Commissioners, Minneapolis, Minnesota.

NOMINATIONS

Committee on Governmental Affairs: Committee concluded hearings to examine the nominations of Terrence A. Duffy, of Illinois, to be a Member of the Federal Retirement Thrift Investment Board, who was introduced by Senator Durbin and Allen, and Susanne T. Marshall, of Virginia, to be Chairman of

the Merit Systems Protection Board, and Neil McPhie, of Virginia, to be a Member of the Merit Systems Protection Board, both of whom were introduced by Senator Allen, after each nominee testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

NATIVE AMERICAN LANGUAGE ACT

Committee on Indian Affairs: Committee concluded hearings to examine S. 575, to amend the Native American Languages Act to provide for the support of Native American language survival schools, after receiving testimony from Leanne Hinton, University of California at Berkeley; Christine P. Sims, Pueblo of Acoma, New Mexico, on behalf of the Linguistic Institute for Native Americans; Mary Eunice Romero, University of Arizona, Tucson, on behalf of the Cochiti Pueblo of New Mexico; Rosalyn R. LaPier and Joycelyn DesRosier, both of the Piegan Institute Nizipuhwahsin School, Browning, Montana; Geneva Woomavoyah Navarro and Rita Coosewon, both of the Comanche Nation College, Lawton, Oklahoma; Lawrence D. Kaplan, University of Alaska, Fairbanks; Rosita Worl, University of Alaska Southeast, Juneau, on behalf of the Sealaska Heritage Institute; Kalena Silva, Keiki Kawaiaea, William H. Wilson, and Holo Hoopai, all of the Ka Haka 'Ula O Ke'elikolani College, University of Hawaii at Hilo; Namaka Rawlins, Aha Punana Leo, Inc., Hilo, Hawaii; Mary Hermes, University of Minnesota, Duluth, on behalf of the Waadookodaading Ojibwe Language Immersion School, and Lisa LaRonge, Ojibwe Language Immersion School, Hayward, Wisconsin; William Y. Brown and Jennifer Chock, both of the Bishop Museum, Honolulu, Hawaii; David Dinwoodie, University of New Mexico, Albuquerque; and John W. Cheek, National Indian Education Association, Alexandria, Virginia.

BUSINESS MEETING

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

S. 878, to authorize an additional permanent judgeship in the District of Idaho, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute; and

The nominations of L. Scott Coogler, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of Alabama, and Mark Moki Hanohano, to be United States Marshal for the District of Hawaii.