

EFFORTS TO ELIMINATE MISMANAGEMENT IN PROGRAMS ADMINISTERED BY VETERANS DEPARTMENT

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: Concluded hearings on past and present efforts to identify and eliminate fraud, waste, abuse and mismanagement in programs administered by the Department of Veterans Affairs. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Veterans Affairs: Leo S. Mackay, Jr., Deputy Secretary; and Robert H. Roswell, M.D., Under Secretary, Health.

U.S. BILATERAL FREE TRADE AGREEMENTS WITH CHILE AND SINGAPORE IMPLEMENTATION

Committee on Ways and Means: Subcommittee on Trade held a hearing on Implementation of the U.S. Bilateral Free Trade Agreements with Chile and Singapore. Testimony was heard from Representatives Sessions and Biggert; Peter F. Allgeier, Deputy U.S. Trade Representative; and public witnesses.

Joint Meetings

INTERNALLY DISPLACED PERSONS

Commission on Security and Cooperation in Europe (Helsinki Commission): Commission concluded hearings to examine internally displaced persons in the Caucasus Region and Southeastern Anatolia, after receiving testimony from Francis M. Deng, United Nations, and Nicolas Dee Torrente, Doctors Without Borders, both of New York, New York; Roberta Cohen, Brookings Institution, and Maureen Lynch, Refugees International, both of Washington, D.C.; and Jonathan Sugden, Human Rights Watch, London, England.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR WEDNESDAY, JUNE 11, 2003

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, to resume hearings to examine health care access and affordability, focusing on the effect of uninsurance on families, health care providers and communities, 9:30 a.m., SD-124.

Subcommittee on District of Columbia, to hold hearings to examine the District of Columbia's local budget request, 10 a.m., SD-192.

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Subcommittee on Competition, Foreign Commerce, and Infrastructure, to hold hearings to examine reauthorization of the Federal Trade Commission, 2:30 p.m., SR-253.

Committee on Governmental Affairs: Permanent Subcommittee on Investigations, to hold hearings to examine

patient safety, focusing on instilling hospitals with a culture of continuous improvement, 9 a.m., SD-342.

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: Business meeting to consider S. 648, to amend the Public Health Service Act with respect to health professions programs regarding the practice of pharmacy, and S. 1225, Greater Access to Affordable Pharmaceuticals Act, and the nomination of Anne Rader, of Virginia, to be a Member of the National Council on Disability, 10 a.m., SD-430.

Committee on Indian Affairs: to hold hearings to examine the nomination of Charles W. Grim, of Oklahoma, to be Director of the Indian Health Service, Department of Health and Human Services, to be followed by hearings on S. 1146, to implement the recommendations of the Garrison Unit Tribal Advisory Committee by providing authorization for the construction of a rural health care facility on the Fort Berthold Indian Reservation, North Dakota, 10 a.m., SR-485.

Committee on the Judiciary: to hold hearings to examine the nominations of William H. Pryor, Jr., of Alabama, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Eleventh Circuit, and Diane M. Stuart, of Utah, to be Director of the Violence Against Women Office, Department of Justice, 9:30 a.m., SD-G50.

House

Committee on Appropriations, Subcommittee on Military Construction, to mark up appropriations for fiscal year 2004, 10:30 a.m., B-300 Rayburn.

Committee on Education and the Workforce, to mark up H.R. 660, Small Business Fairness Act of 2003, 10:30 a.m., 2175 Rayburn.

Committee on Energy and Commerce, Subcommittee on Commerce, Trade and Consumer Protection, hearing entitled "The Reauthorization of the Federal Trade Commission: Positioning the Commission for the Twenty-First Century," 10 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Telecommunications and the Internet, hearing on entitled "The Spectrum Needs of Our Nation's First Responders," 11 a.m., 2322 Rayburn.

Committee on Financial Services, Subcommittee on Domestic and International Monetary Policy, Trade, and Technology, hearing entitled "Matching Capital and Accountability—The Millennium Challenge Account," 10 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.

Committee on Government Reform, Subcommittee on Technology, Information Policy, Intergovernmental Relations and the Census, to consider the following: The Citizen's Guide on Using the Freedom of Information Act and The Privacy Act of 1974 to Request Government Records, 2 p.m., 2154 Rayburn.

Committee on International Relations, hearing on The Middle East Peace Process at a Crossroads; followed by a markup of H. Con. Res. 209, commending the signing of the United States-Adriatic Charter, a charter of partnership among the United States, Albania, Croatia, and Macedonia, 10:30 p.m., 2172 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Europe, hearing on Renewing the Transatlantic Partnership: A View From the United States, 1:30 p.m., 2172 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Western Hemisphere, hearing on Overview of Radio and Television Marti, 2:30 p.m., 2200 Rayburn.

Committee on Resources, to mark up the following measures: H. Con. Res. 21, commemorating the Bicentennial of the Louisiana Purchase; H. Res. 30, concerning the San Diego long-range sportfishig fleet and rights to fish the waters near the Revillagigedo Islands of Mexico; H.R. 74, to direct the Secretary of Agriculture to convey certain land in the lake Tahoe Basin Management Unit, Nevada, to the Secretary of the Interior, in trust for the Washoe Indian Tribe of Nevada and California; 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. 901, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to construct a bridge on Federal land west of and adjacent to Folsom Dam in California; H.R. 1113, to authorize an exchange of land at Fort Frederica National Monument; H.R. 1209, to extend the authority for the construction of a memorial to Martin Luther King, Jr., in the District of Columbia; H.R. 1284, to amend the Reclamation Projects Authorization and Adjustment Act of 1992 to increase the Federal share of the costs of the San Gabriel Basin demonstration project; and H.R. 1945, Pacific Salmon Recovery Act, 10 a.m., 1324 Longworth.

Committee on Rules, to consider H.R. 1115, Class Action Fairness Act of 2003, 2 p.m., H-313 Capitol.

Committee on Science, Subcommittee on Space and Aeronautics, hearing on U.S.-Russian Cooperation in Space, 2 p.m., 2318 Rayburn.

Committee on Small Business, hearing entitled "Revitalizing America's Manufacturers: SBA Business and Enterprise Development Programs," 2 p.m., 2360 Rayburn.

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, Subcommittee on Water Resources and Environment, hearing on EPA Grants Management: Persistent Problems and Proposed Solutions, 10 a.m., 2167 Rayburn.

Committee on Veterans' Affairs, Subcommittee on Benefits, hearing on the following bills: H.R. 886, to amend title 38, United States Code, to provide for the payment of dependency and indemnity compensation to the survivors of former prisoners of war who died on or before September 30, 1999, under the same eligibility conditions as apply to payment of dependency and indemnity compensation to the survivors of former prisoners of war who die after that date; H.R. 1167, to amend title 38, United States Code, to permit remarried surviving spouses of veterans to be eligible for burial in a national cemetery; H.R. 1500, Veterans' Appraiser Choice Act; H.R. 1516, to direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to establish a national cemetery for veterans in southeastern Pennsylvania; and H.R. 2163, to amend title 38, United States Code, to exclude the proceeds of life insurance from consideration as income for purposes of determining veterans' pension benefits, 10:30 a.m., 334 Cannon.

Subcommittee on Health, hearing on the following: H.R. 1720, Veterans Health Care Facilities Capital Improvement Act; a measure to authorize specific major medical construction projects in Las Vegas, Chicago Westside, West Haven, San Diego, and a lease at the Charlotte NC outpatient clinic; H.R. 116, Veterans' New Fitzsimons Health Care Facilities Act of 2003; and other measures to authorize the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to carry out construction projects for the purpose of improving, renovating, establishing, and updating patient care facilities in the Department of Veterans Affairs, 2 p.m., 334 Cannon.

Committee on Ways and Means, Subcommittee on Human Resources, hearing on the Administration's Foster Care Flexible Funding Proposal, 2 p.m., B-318 Rayburn.

Joint Meetings

Joint Economic Committee: to hold joint hearings to examine issues relating to Iraq's economy, 9:30 a.m., SD-628.