

VETERANS' MEASURES

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: Subcommittee on Health held a hearing on the following: H.R. 1720, Veterans Health Care Facilities Capital Improvement Act; H.R. 116, Veterans' New Fitzsimons Health Care Facilities Act of 2003; H.R. 2307, to provide for the establishment of new Department of Veterans Affairs medical facilities for veterans in the area of Columbus, Ohio, and in south Texas; and H.R. 2349, to authorize certain major medical facility projects for the Department of Veterans Affairs. Testimony was heard from Robert H. Roswell, M.D., Under Secretary, Health, Department of Veterans Affairs; and representatives of veterans organizations.

ADMINISTRATION'S FOSTER CARE FLEXIBLE FUNDING PROPOSAL

Committee on Ways and Means: Subcommittee on Human Resources held a hearing on the Administration's Foster Care Flexible Funding Proposal. Testimony was heard from Wade F. Horn, Assistant Secretary, Administration for Children and Families, Department of Health and Human Services; Barbara Riley, Deputy Director, Office of Children and Families, Department of Job and Family Services, State of Ohio; and public witnesses.

Joint Meetings

IRAQ ECONOMY

Joint Economic Committee: Committee concluded hearings to examine the policies and procedures to encourage long-term economic growth and prosperity in reforming Iraq's economy, focusing on establishing a stable financial system that consists of new leadership, better security, free trade, regional banking, establishing new currency, and property rights, after receiving testimony from Hernando de Soto, Institute for Liberty and Democracy, Lima, Peru; Basil al-Rahim, MerchantBridge, London, England, on behalf of the Iraq Foundation; Rachel Bronson, Council on Foreign Relations, New York, New York; and David Ellerman, Washington, D.C.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR THURSDAY, JUNE 12, 2003

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry: to hold hearings to examine the Department of Agriculture's implementation of the Agricultural Risk Protection Act of 2000 and related crop insurance issues, 10 a.m., SR-328A.

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: to hold hearings to examine expanding homeownership opportunities, 10 a.m., SD-538.

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: to hold hearings to examine global overfishing, 9:30 a.m., SR-253.

Subcommittee on Science, Technology, and Space, to hold hearings to examine issues relating to cloning, 2:30 p.m., SR-253.

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Subcommittee on Public Lands and Forests, to hold hearings to examine S. 434, to authorize the Secretary of Agriculture to sell or exchange all or part of certain parcels of National Forest System land in the State of Idaho and use the proceeds derived from the sale or exchange for National Forest System purposes, S. 435, to provide for the conveyance by the Secretary of Agriculture of the Sandpoint Federal Building and adjacent land in Sandpoint, Idaho, S. 490, 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. 762, to amend the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976 and the Mineral Leasing Act to clarify the method by which the Secretary of the Interior and the Secretary of Agriculture determine the fair market value of certain rights-of-way granted, issued, or renewed under these Acts, S. 1111, to provide suitable grazing arrangements on National Forest System land to persons that hold a grazing permit adversely affected by the standards and guidelines contained in the Record of Decision of the Sierra Nevada Forest Plan amendment and pertaining to the Willow Flycatcher and the Yosemite Toad, and H.R. 622, to provide for the exchange of certain lands in the Coconino and Tonto National Forests in Arizona, 2:30 p.m., SD-366.

Committee on Finance: to hold hearings to examine a Medicare prescription drug benefit, to be immediately followed by a business meeting to consider S. 312, to amend title XXI of the Social Security Act to extend the availability of allotments for fiscal years 1998 through 2001 under the State Children's Health Insurance Program, 10 a.m., SH-216.

Committee on Foreign Relations: to hold hearings to examine repercussions of Iraq stabilization and reconstruction policies, 9:30 a.m., SD-419.

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: to hold hearings to examine certain issues relative to TWA/American Airline workforce integration, 2 p.m., SD-430.

Committee on Judiciary: business meeting to consider S. 724, to amend title 18, United States Code, to exempt certain rocket propellants from prohibitions under that title on explosive materials, S. 1125, to create a fair and efficient system to resolve claims of victims for bodily injury caused by asbestos exposure, S. Res. 141, recognizing "Inventing Flight: The centennial Celebration", a celebration in Dayton, Ohio of the centennial of Wilbur and Orville Wright's first flight, H.R. 1954, to revise the provisions of the Immigration and Nationality Act relating to naturalization through service in the Armed Forces, and the nominations of David G. Campbell, to be

United States District Judge for the District of Arizona, Thomas M. Hardiman, to be United States District Judge for the Western district of Pennsylvania, Eduardo Aguirre, Jr., of Texas, to be Director of the Bureau of Citizenship and Immigration Services, Department of Homeland Security, and Richard James O'Connell, to be United States Marshal for the Western District of Arkansas, to be immediately followed by a Subcommittee on Constitution, Civil Rights and Property Rights business meeting to consider S.J. Res. 1, proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States to protect the rights of crime victims, 9:30 a.m., SD-226.

House

Committee on Appropriations, Subcommittee on Homeland Security, to mark up appropriations for fiscal year 2004, 10 a.m., B-308 Rayburn.

Committee on Armed Services, briefing on the state of reconstruction and stabilization operations in Iraq hearing on worldwide U.S. military commitments, 9 a.m., 2118 Rayburn.

Committee on Education and the Workforce, to continue mark up of H.R. 660, Small Business Health Fairness Act of 2003, 9:30 a.m., 2175 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Education Reform, to mark up H.R. 2210, School Readiness Act of 2003, following full Committee markup, 2175 Rayburn.

Committee on Energy and Commerce, Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations, to consider motions authorizing the issuance of subpoenas for certain records and testimony in connection with the Committee's investigations into (1) the financial collapse of HealthSouth Corporation, and (2) the safety of dietary supplements that are manufactured or marketed for use by children, 9:30 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

Committee on Financial Services, Subcommittee on Financial Institutions and Consumer Credit, hearing entitled "The Role of FCRA in the Credit Granting Process," 10 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.

Committee on Government Reform, Subcommittee on Human Rights and Wellness, hearing entitled "Canadian Prescription Drug Importation: Is There A Safety Issue?" 2 p.m., 2154 Rayburn.

Committee on International Relations, to mark up the following measures: the Millennium Challenge Account Authorization and Peace Corps Expansion Act of 2003; H.R. 2330, Burmese Freedom and Democracy Act of 2003; H.R. 1462, International Disability and Victims of Warfare and Civil Strife Assistance Act of 2003; H. Res. 58, recognizing the accomplishments of Ignacy Jan Paderewski as a musician, composer, statesman, and philanthropist and recognizing the 11th Anniversary of the return of his remains to Poland; H.R. 177, commending the people of the Republic of Kenya for conducting free and fair elections, for the peaceful and orderly transfer of power in their government, and for the continued success of democracy in their nation since that transition; H. Res. 194, regarding the importance of international efforts to abolish slavery and other human rights abuses in the Sudan; H. Res. 199, calling on the Government of the People's Republic of China immediately and uncondition-

ally to release Dr. Yang Jianli, calling on the President of the United States to continue working on behalf of Dr. Yang Jianli for his release; H. Res. 237, honoring the life and work of Walter Sisulu, a critical leader in the movement to free South Africa of apartheid, on the occasion of his death; H. Res. 242, expressing the condolences of the House of Representatives to the families of the victims of the terrorist suicide bombing attacks that occurred on May 16, 2003, in Casablanca, Morocco; a resolution expressing sympathy for the victims of the devastating earthquake that struck Algeria on May 21, 2003; H. Con. Res. 49, expressing the sense of the Congress that the sharp escalation of anti-Semitic violence within many participating States of the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe (OSCE) is of profound concern and efforts should be undertaken to prevent future occurrences; H. Con. Res. 80, expressing the sense of Congress relating to efforts of the Peace Parks Foundation in the Republic of South Africa to facilitate the establishment and development of transfrontier conservation efforts in southern Africa; H. Con. Res. 134, acknowledging the deepening relationship between the United States and the Republic of Djibouti and recognizing Djibouti's role in combating terrorism; H. Con. Res. 154, concerning the transition to democracy in the Republic of Burundi; H. Con. Res. 169, expressing the sense of Congress that the United States Government should support the human rights and dignity of all persons with disabilities by pledging support for the drafting and working toward the adoption of a thematic convention on the human rights and dignity of persons with disabilities by the United Nations General Assembly to augment the existing United Nations human rights system; and 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 a.m., 2172 Rayburn.

Committee on the Judiciary, Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism, and Homeland Security, to mark up H.R. 1707, Prison Rape Reduction Act of 2003, 9:30 a.m., 2141 Rayburn.

Committee on Resources, Subcommittee on Fisheries Conservation, Wildlife and Oceans, hearing on the following bills: H.R. 1006, Captive Wildlife Safety Act; and H.R. 1472, Don't Feed the Bears Act of 2003, 10 a.m., 1324 Longworth.

Committee on Science, Subcommittee on Research, hearing on Plant Biotechnology Research and Development in Africa: Challenges and Opportunities, 10 a.m., 2318 Rayburn.

Committee on Small Business, Subcommittee on Tax, Finance, and Exports, hearing on the Chilean Free Trade Agreement, 10 a.m., 2360 Rayburn.

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, Subcommittee on Coast Guard and Maritime Transportation, to mark up the Coast Guard and Maritime Transportation Act of 2003, 10 a.m., 2167 Rayburn.

Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence, executive, hearing on Special Programs, 2 p.m., and executive, to mark up the Intelligence Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2004, 4:30 p.m., H-405 Capitol.