

daughters with priority in their respective immigration categories. I urge its passage.

Two other bills I have introduced also would correct deficiencies in our immigration system which impact Filipino-Americans disproportionately. H.R. 3306, The Compassionate Visitor Visa Act, would facilitate the temporary admission of nonimmigrant aliens in circumstances of family emergency of U.S. citizens or permanent residents. H.R. 4018, introduced yesterday, would ensure that family members who have petitioned to immigrate into the United States are not penalized as a result of an award of citizenship to a sponsoring parent or spouse.

Both bills recognize the basic concept that our country can ensure our national security, while providing flexibility for immigrants from certain countries that have longstanding close relationships with our country. The Philippines is certainly very high on that list.

In summary, Mr. Speaker, both Filipino veterans and our larger Filipino-American community have contributed immensely to our country, and I believe that the best is yet to come. On this Filipino Veterans Action Day, let us recognize that we do what is right for both the past and the future by acknowledging their contributions and committing ourselves to the unfinished business at hand.

Mahalo!

#### SENATE COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Title IV of Senate Resolution 4, agreed to by the Senate on February 4, 1977, calls for establishment of a system for a computerized schedule of all meetings and hearings of Senate committees, subcommittees, joint committees, and committees of conference. This title requires all such committees to notify the Office of the Senate Daily Digest—designated by the Rules Committee—of the time, place, and purpose of the meetings, when scheduled, and any cancellations or changes in the meetings as they occur.

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Meetings scheduled for Thursday, March 25, 2004 may be found in the Daily Digest of today's RECORD.

#### MEETINGS SCHEDULED

##### MARCH 29

3 p.m.

#### Armed Services

#### Emerging Threats and Capabilities Subcommittee

To hold a closed briefing on defense science and technology programs and capabilities.

S-407, Capitol

##### MARCH 30

9 a.m.

#### Indian Affairs

To hold oversight hearings to examine Inter-Tribal Timber Council's Indian Forest Management Assessment Team report.

SR-485

9:30 a.m.

#### Armed Services

To hold closed hearings to examine the second interim report of the Iraq Survey Group.

S-407, Capitol

#### Commerce, Science, and Transportation

#### Aviation Subcommittee

To hold closed hearings to examine aviation security.

SR-253

#### Appropriations

#### District of Columbia Subcommittee

To hold hearings to examine the deficiencies at the District of Columbia's Youth Services Administration.

SD-192

10 a.m.

#### Energy and Natural Resources

To hold hearings to examine the implementation of the Energy Employees Occupational Illness Compensation Program Act of 2000.

SD-366

#### Foreign Relations

To hold hearings to examine the nominations of John J. Danilovich, of California, to be Ambassador to Brazil, and Craig A. Kelly, of California, to be Ambassador to Chile.

SD-419

#### Appropriations

#### Homeland Security Subcommittee

To hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2005 for border security and enforcement and immigration services.

SD-124

#### Indian Affairs

To hold hearings to examine S. 868, to amend the Coos, Lower Umpqua, and Siuslaw Restoration Act to provide for the cultural restoration and economic self-sufficiency of the Confederation Tribes of Coos, Lower Umpqua, and Siuslaw Indians of Oregon.

SR-485

#### Appropriations

#### Military Construction Subcommittee

To hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2005 for Defense-wide and Air Force military construction programs.

SD-138

2 p.m.

#### Armed Services

#### Airland Subcommittee

To hold hearings to examine the proposed Defense Authorization Request for fiscal year 2005 and the Future Years Defense Program, focusing on Army aviation programs.

SR-232A

2:30 p.m.

#### Commerce, Science, and Transportation

To hold hearings to examine the nominations of Theodore William Kassinger, of Maryland, to be Deputy Secretary of Commerce, Deborah Hersman, of Virginia, to be a Member of the National Transportation Safety Board, Thomas Hill Moore, of Florida, to be a Commissioner of the Consumer Product Safety Commission, A. Paul Anderson, of Florida, and Joseph E. Brennan, of Maine, both to be a Federal Maritime Commissioner, and Jack Edwin McGregor, of Connecticut, to be a Member of the Advisory Board of the Saint Lawrence Seaway Development Corporation.

SR-253

#### Governmental Affairs

#### Financial Management, the Budget, and International Security Subcommittee

To hold hearings to examine the Federal government's role in empowering

Americans to make informed financial decisions.

SD-342

#### Energy and Natural Resources National Parks Subcommittee

To hold oversight hearings to examine National Heritage Areas, including findings and recommendations of the General Accounting Office, the definition of a National Heritage Area, the definition of national significance as it relates to National Heritage Areas, recommendations for establishing National Heritage Areas as units of the National Park System, recommendations for prioritizing proposed studies and designations, and options for developing a National Heritage Area Program within the National Park Service.

SD-366

4:30 p.m.

#### Armed Services

To receive a closed briefing on operations and intelligence.

SR-222

#### MARCH 31

9:30 a.m.

#### Environment and Public Works

To hold hearings to examine the nominations of Stephen L. Johnson, of Maryland, to be Deputy Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency, Ann R. Klee, of Virginia, to be an Assistant Administrator, Charles Johnson, of Utah, to be Chief Financial Officer, Benjamin Grumbles, of Virginia, to be an Assistant Administrator, all of the Environmental Protection Agency, and Gary Lee Visscher, of Maryland, to be a Member of the Chemical Safety and Hazard Investigation Board.

SD-406

#### Foreign Relations

To hold hearings to examine the nomination of Paul V. Applegarth, of Connecticut, to be Chief Executive Officer, Millennium Challenge Corporation, Department of State.

SD-419

#### Armed Services

#### Personnel Subcommittee

To hold hearings to examine the Defense authorization request for fiscal year 2005, focusing on active and Reserve military and civilian personnel programs.

SR-232A

10 a.m.

#### Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs

To resume hearings to examine the current investigations and regulatory actions regarding the mutual fund industry focusing on soft-dollar practices.

SD-538

#### Appropriations

#### Defense Subcommittee

To hold a closed hearing to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2005 for intelligence and world wide threat assessment.

S-407, Capitol

#### Appropriations

#### Energy and Water Development Subcommittee

To hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2005 for the Department of Energy's Office of Environmental Management, Office of Civilian Radioactive Waste Management, and Office of Environment, Safety and Health.

SD-138

#### Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions

Business meeting to consider pending calendar business.

SD-430

Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions  
 Business meeting to consider pending nominations.  
 SD-430

1:30 p.m.  
 Environment and Public Works  
 Transportation and Infrastructure Subcommittee  
 To hold hearings to examine the role of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers in meeting the nation's water resource needs in the 21st century.  
 SD-406

2 p.m.  
 Appropriations  
 Legislative Branch Subcommittee  
 To hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2005 for the Senate Sergeant at Arms and the United States Capitol Police.  
 SD-138

2:30 p.m.  
 Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs  
 To continue hearings to examine the current investigations and regulatory actions regarding the mutual fund industry focusing on fund costs and distribution practices.  
 SD-538

Foreign Relations  
 European Affairs Subcommittee  
 To hold hearings to examine the effects of the Madrid Terrorist Attacks on U.S. European cooperation in the war on terrorism.  
 SD-419

Appropriations  
 Foreign Operations Subcommittee  
 To hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2005 for HIV/AIDS treatment and prevention programs.  
 SD-124

APRIL 1

9:30 a.m.  
 Armed Services  
 To hold hearings to examine the proposed Defense Authorization Request for fiscal year 2005, focusing on the military strategy and operational requirements of the unified and regional commands; to be followed by a possible closed session in SR-222.  
 SD-106

Foreign Relations  
 To hold hearings to examine Convention on International Interests in Mobile Equipment and Protocol to Convention on International Interests in Mobile Equipment on Matters Specific to Air-

craft Equipment, concluded at Cape Town, South Africa, on November 16, 2001 (Treaty Doc. 108-10), Additional Protocol Between the Government of the United States of America and the Government of Romania Concerning the Reciprocal Encouragement and Protection of Investment of May 28, 1992, signed at Brussels on September 22, 2003 (Treaty Doc. 108-13), Additional Protocol Between the United States of America and the Republic of Bulgaria Amending the Treaty Between the United States of America and the Republic of Bulgaria Concerning the Encouragement and Reciprocal Protection of Investment of September 23, 1992, signed at Brussels on September 22, 2003 (Treaty Doc. 108-15), Protocol Between the Government of the United States of America and the Government of the Republic of Estonia to the Treaty for the Encouragement and Reciprocal Protection of Investment of April 19, 1994, signed at Brussels on October 24, 2003 (Treaty Doc. 108-17), Additional Protocol Between the United States of America and the Czech Republic to the Treaty Between the United States of America and the Czech and Slovak Federal Republic Concerning the Reciprocal Encouragement and Protection of Investment of October 22, 1991, signed at Brussels on December 10, 2003 (Treaty Doc. 108-18), Additional Protocol Between the United States of America and the Slovak Republic to the Treaty Between the United States of America and the Czech and Slovak Federal Republic Concerning the Reciprocal Encouragement and Protection of Investment of October 22, 1991, signed at Brussels on September 22, 2003 (Treaty Doc. 108-19), Additional Protocol Between the Government of the United States of America and the Government of the Republic of Latvia to the Treaty for the Encouragement and Reciprocal Protection of Investment of January 13, 1995, signed at Brussels on September 22, 2003 (Treaty Doc. 108-20), Additional Protocol Between the Government of the United States of America and the Government of the Republic of Lithuania to the Treaty for the Encouragement and Reciprocal Protection of Investment of January 14, 1998, signed at Brussels on September 22, 2003 (Treaty Doc. 108-21), and Additional Protocol Between the United States of America and the Re-

public of Poland to the Treaty Between the United States of America and the Republic of Poland Concerning Business and Economic Relations of March 21, 1990, signed at Brussels on January 12, 2004 (Treaty Doc. 108-22).  
 SD-419

2:30 p.m.  
 Armed Services  
 Readiness and Management Support Subcommittee  
 To hold hearings to examine the proposed Defense Authorization Request for fiscal year 2005, focusing on military installation programs.  
 SR-232A

Commerce, Science, and Transportation  
 Science, Technology, and Space Subcommittee  
 To hold hearings to examine NASA fiscal year 2005 budget request.  
 SR-253

APRIL 7

10 a.m.  
 Indian Affairs  
 Business meeting to consider pending calendar business.  
 SR-485

APRIL 8

2:30 p.m.  
 Foreign Relations  
 European Affairs Subcommittee  
 To hold hearings to examine anti-Semitism.  
 SD-419

Appropriations  
 Foreign Operations Subcommittee  
 To hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2005 for foreign operations.  
 SD-138

APRIL 27

10 a.m.  
 Energy and Natural Resources  
 To hold an oversight hearing to examine sustainable, low emission, electricity generation.  
 SD-366

SEPTEMBER 21

10 a.m.  
 Veterans' Affairs  
 To hold joint hearings with the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs to examine the legislative presentation of the American Legion.  
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