

Adjournment: Senate convened at 9:30 a.m., and adjourned at 6:16 p.m., until 9:30 a.m., on Thursday, April 29, 2004. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today's Record on page S4624.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

MEDICAL PROGRAMS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Defense concluded a hearing to examine the state of medical programs in the armed services, focusing on the military system of teaching centers, research and development organizations, health clinics, and field hospitals, including the Force Health Protection, which is a continuum of services designed to create and maintain a healthy and fit military force, after receiving testimony from Lieutenant General James B. Peake, Surgeon General of the Army; Vice Admiral Michael L. Cowan, Surgeon General of the Navy; Lieutenant General George Peach Taylor, Jr., Air Force Surgeon General; Colonel Deborah A. Gutske, Assistant Chief, Army Nurse Corps; Rear Admiral Nancy J. Lescavage, Nurse Corps, U.S. Navy; and Major General Barbara C. Brannon, Assistant Air Force Surgeon General, Nursing Services, and Assistant Air Force Surgeon General, Medical Force Development.

MILITARY FORCE PROTECTION EQUIPMENT

Committee on Armed Services: Committee met in closed session to receive a briefing to discuss the performance of force protection equipment for ground forces in Iraq, including the Up-Armored HMMWV, and potential alternatives to meet force protection needs of the Combatant Commander from General George W. Casey, Jr., USA, Vice Chief of Staff, U.S. Army; and Lieutenant General Richard A. Cody, USA, Deputy Chief of Staff for Operations, G-3.

TELECOMMUNICATIONS POLICY

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Committee resumed hearings to examine telecommunications policy, focusing on the future of telecom reform, after receiving testimony from Reed E. Hundt, former Chairman, Federal Communications Commission, Adam D. Thierer, Cato Institute, Charles Ferguson, Brookings Institution, and Raymond L. Gifford, Progress and Freedom Foundation, all of Washington, D.C.; and George Gilder, Discovery Institute, Seattle, Washington.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Committee ordered favorably the following bills:

S. 1071, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior, through the Bureau of Reclamation, to conduct a feasibility study on a water conservation project within the Arch Hurley Conservancy District in the State of New Mexico, with an amendment;

S. 1097, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to implement the Calfed Bay-Delta Program, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 1582, to amend the Valles Preservation Act to improve the preservation of the Valles Caldera, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 1687, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to conduct a study on the preservation and interpretation of the historic sites of the Manhattan Project for potential inclusion in the National Park System, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 1778, to authorize a land conveyance between the United States and the City of Craig, Alaska, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 1791, to amend the Lease Lot Conveyance Act of 2002 to provide that the amounts received by the United States under that Act shall be deposited in the reclamation fund;

S. Res. 321, recognizing the loyal service and outstanding contributions of J. Robert Oppenheimer to the United States and calling on the Secretary of Energy to observe the 100th anniversary of Dr. Oppenheimer's birth with appropriate programs at the Department of Energy and the Los Alamos National Laboratory;

H.R. 1521, to provide for additional lands to be included within the boundary of the Johnstown Flood National Memorial in the State of Pennsylvania; and

H.R. 3249, to extend the term of the Forest Counties Payments Committee.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ADMINISTRATION

Committee on Environment and Public Works: Committee concluded a hearing to examine S. 1134, to reauthorize and improve the programs authorized by the Public Works and Economic Development Act of 1965, after receiving testimony from David A. Sampson, Assistant Secretary of Commerce for Economic Development, Economic Development Administration; James J. Saudade, Vermont Department of Housing and Community Affairs, Montpelier; Gary Gorshing, South Western Oklahoma Development Authority, Burns Flats, on behalf of the National Association of Development Organizations; R. Charles Gatson, Swope Community Builders, Kansas City, Missouri; and Phillip A. Singerman,

Maryland Technology Development Corporation, Rockville, on behalf of the International Economic Development Council.

POWER WHEELCHAIR PROGRAM

Committee on Finance: Committee held a hearing to examine fraud and abuse in Medicare's power wheelchair program, focusing on fraudulent schemes and costly and abusive practices that are taking place in the sale of motorized wheelchairs to Medicare and Medicaid recipients, receiving testimony from Dara Corrigan, Acting Principal Deputy Inspector General, and Herbert Kuhn, Director, Center for Medicare Management, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, both of the Department of Health and Human Services; Leslie G. Aronovitz, Director, Health Care, Program Administration and Integrity Issues, General Accounting Office; Laura Cohen, TriWest region of TRICARE, Tucson, Arizona; Henry Claypool, Advancing Independence, Washington, D.C.; Kay Cox, American Association for Homecare, Alexandria, Virginia; and Rebecca Lewandowski, Klamath Falls, Oregon.

Hearings recessed subject to the call.

NOMINATIONS

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of Jeffrey D. Feltman, of Ohio, to be Ambassador to Lebanon, Thomas Charles Krajewski, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Yemen, Richard LeBaron, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to Kuwait, James Francis Moriarty, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to Nepal, Michele J. Sison, of Maryland, to be Ambassador to the United Arab Emirates, and David Michael Satterfield, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to Jordan, after each nominee testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

NOMINATIONS

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of Constance Berry Newman, to be an Assistant Secretary of State for African Affairs, who was introduced by Senator Stevens and Delegate Holmes Norton; Aubrey Hooks, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Cote d'Ivoire, Thomas Neil Hull III, of New Hampshire, to be Ambassador to Sierra Leone, and Roger A. Meece, of Washington, to be Ambassador to the Congo, after each nominee testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

GOVERNMENT PURCHASE CARDS

Committee on Governmental Affairs: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the use and prevention of abuse of government purchase cards, focusing on efforts to streamline the federal acquisition processes,

limited disciplinary actions taken by the Department of Defense relative to the cards, and a continuous monitoring system to limit fraudulent and improper usage, after receiving testimony from Gregory D. Kutz, Director, Financial Management and Assurance, and John J. Ryan, Assistant Director, Office of Special Investigations, both of the General Accounting Office; David K. Steensma, Assistant Inspector General, Contract Management, and Colonel William J. Kelley, Program Director, Data Mining Division, both of the Office of the Inspector General, Department of Defense; and Neal I. Fox, Assistant Commissioner for Commercial Acquisition, Federal Supply Service, General Services Administration.

CHILDREN AND WORKING PARENTS

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: On Thursday, April 22, Subcommittee on Children and Families concluded a hearing to examine working parents and their children, focusing on early childhood education, elder care programs, the Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC), and workplace flexibility, after receiving testimony from Ellen Galinsky, Families and Work Institute, Joy Bunson, JPMorgan Chase, and Carol Evans, Working Mother Media, all of New York, New York; Michael Shum, IBM, White Plains, New York, and Donna M. Klein, Washington, D.C., both on behalf of Corporate Voices for Working Families; Karen Kornbluh, New America Foundation, and Zoila Martinez and Manuel Martinez, all of Washington, D.C.

CHILDREN AND YOUTH MENTAL HEALTH

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: Subcommittee on Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services concluded a hearing to examine mental health in children and youth, focusing on issues throughout the developmental process, and S. 1704, to amend the Public Health Service Act to establish a State family support grant program to end the practice of parents giving legal custody of their seriously emotionally disturbed children to State agencies for the purpose of obtaining mental health services for those children, after receiving testimony from Joy D. Osofsky, Louisiana State University Health Sciences Center, New Orleans, on behalf of ZERO TO THREE; Marleen Li Chen Wong, Los Angeles Unified School District, and the National Center for Child Traumatic Stress, Van Nuys, California; Louise A. Douce, The Ohio State University, Sunbury; Maryann Davis, University of Massachusetts Medical School, Worcester; Linda Champion, Montgomery, Alabama, on behalf of the National Alliance for the Mentally Ill; Barbara Altenburger, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, on behalf of the Parents Involved Network, and the Mental Health Association of Southern Pennsylvania.

HEALTHY MARRIAGE

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: Subcommittee on Children and Families concluded a hearing to examine how to promote a healthy marriage, focusing on the Healthy Marriage Initiative, the Temporary Assistance to Needy Families program, and discouraging teen pregnancy, after receiving testimony from Wade F. Horn, Assistant Secretary of Health and Human Service for Children and Families; Barbara Dafoe Whitehead, Rutgers University National Marriage Project, Amherst, Massachusetts; Roland C. Warren, National Fatherhood Initiative, Germantown, Maryland; Frank Keating, American Council of Life Insurers, McLean, Virginia; Stan E. Weed, Institute for Research and Evaluation, Salt Lake City, Utah.

TRIBAL CONTRACT SUPPORT COST

Committee on Indian Affairs: Committee concluded a hearing to examine S. 2172, to make technical amendments to the provisions of the Indian Self Determination and Education Assistance Act relating to contract support costs, after receiving testimony from William A. Sinclair, Director, Office of Self-Governance and Self-Determination, Department of the Interior; Charles W. Grim, Assistant Surgeon General, Director, Indian Health Service, Department of Health and Human Services; W. Ron Allen, James-

town S'Klallam Tribe, Sequim, Washington, on behalf of the National Congress of American Indians; Chadwick Smith, Cherokee Nation, Tahlequah, Oklahoma; Herbert L. Fenster, McKenna, Long, and Aldridge, LLP, Denver, Colorado; and Lloyd B. Miller, Sonosky, Chambers, Sachse, Miller and Munson, LLP, Anchorage, Alaska.

PLAYWRIGHTS LICENSING ANTITRUST INITIATIVE ACT

Committee on the Judiciary: Committee concluded a hearing to examine S. 2349, to modify the application of the antitrust laws to permit collective development and implementation of a standard contract form for playwrights for the licensing of their plays, focusing on safeguarding the future of American live theater, after receiving testimony from Gerald Schoenfeld, Shubert Organization, Inc., on behalf of League of American Theatres and Producers, Inc., Roger S. Berlind, Berlind Productions, Inc., Stephen Sondheim, and Wendy Wasserstein, all of New York, New York; and Arthur Miller, Roxbury, Connecticut.

INTELLIGENCE

Select Committee on Intelligence: Committee held closed hearings on intelligence matters, receiving testimony from officials of the intelligence community.

Committee recessed subject to call.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Measures Introduced: 22 public bills, H.R. 4225–4246; 5 resolutions, H. Con. Res. 409 and H. Res. 608–611, were introduced. **Pages H2482–83**

Additional Cosponsors: **Pages H2483–84**

Reports Filed: Reports were filed today as follows: H.R. 2771, to amend the Safe Drinking Water Act to reauthorize the New York City Watershed Protection Program (H. Rept. 108–476). **Page H2482**

Speaker: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he appointed Representative Miller of Florida to act as Speaker Pro Tempore for today. **Page H2409**

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

Surface Transportation Extension Act of 2004, Part II: H.R. 4219, to provide an extension of highway, highway safety, motor carrier safety, transit, and other programs funded out of the Highway

Trust Fund pending enactment of a law reauthorizing the Transportation Equity Act for the 21st Century, by a 2/3 yeas-and-nays vote of 410 yeas with none voting “nay”, Roll No. 134;

Pages H2412–19, H2427–28

Wilkie D. Ferguson, Jr. United States Courthouse Designation Act: S. 1904, to designate the United States courthouse located at 400 North Miami Avenue in Miami, Florida, as the “Wilkie D. Ferguson, Jr. United States Courthouse”, by a 2/3 yeas-and-nays vote of 408 yeas with none voting “nay”, Roll No. 135—clearing the measure for the President; **Pages H2419–20, H2428–29**

Authorizing the use of the Capitol Grounds for the Greater Washington Soap Box Derby: H. Con. Res. 376, authorizing the use of the Capitol Grounds for the Greater Washington Soap Box Derby; **Pages H2420–22**