

Deputy Under Secretary of Veterans Affairs for Benefits; Sidath Viranga Panangala, Analyst in Social Legislation, Congressional Research Service, Library of Congress; H.E. Willy C. Gaa, Philippine Ambassador to the United States, Washington, D.C.; Maria Luisa Antonio, Veterans Equity Center, and Jenah Yangwas, Student Action for Veterans Equity, both of San Francisco, California; Manuel B. Braga, Filipino WWII Veterans Federation of San Diego County, San Diego, California; Art A. Caleda, WWII Filipino American Veterans and Auxiliary of Hawaii,

Honolulu; Patrick G. Ganio Sr., American Coalition for Filipino Veterans Inc., Arlington, Virginia; Benito Valdez, Filipino Community of Seattle, Seattle, Washington; Lieutenant Colonel Edwin Ramsey, (Ret.) United States Army, Los Angeles, California.

INTELLIGENCE

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

Committee recessed subject to the call.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

The House was not in session today. The House is scheduled to meet at 2 p.m. on Monday, April 16, 2007, pursuant to the provisions of H. Con. Res. 103.

Committee Meetings

No committee meetings were held.

Joint Meetings

DISABILITY RATING SYSTEMS

Committee on Armed Services: Committee concluded a joint hearing with the Committee on Veterans Affairs to examine the Departments of Defense and Veterans Affairs disability rating systems and the transition of service members from the Department of Defense to the Department of Veterans Affairs, after receiving testimony from Gordon R. England, Deputy Secretary, David S.C. Chu, Under Secretary for Personnel and Readiness, and Preston M. Geren III, Acting Secretary of the Army, all of the Department of Defense; and Daniel L. Cooper, Under Secretary for Benefits, and Gerald Cross, Acting Principal Deputy Under Secretary for Health, Veterans Health Administration, both of the Department of Veterans Affairs; and Lieutenant General James Terry Scott, (Ret.) USA, Veterans' Disability Benefits Commission, Washington, D.C.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR FRIDAY, APRIL 13, 2007

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

No meetings/hearings scheduled.

House

No committee meetings are scheduled.

CONGRESSIONAL PROGRAM AHEAD

Week of April 16 through April 21, 2007

Senate Chamber

On Monday, at 3:00 p.m., Senate will resume consideration of S. 372, Intelligence Authorization Act.

During the balance of the week, Senate may consider any cleared legislative and executive business.

Senate Committees

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry: April 18, to hold hearings to examine economic challenges and opportunities facing American agricultural producers today, focusing on livestock, poultry and competition issues, 9:30 a.m., SD-106.

Committee on Appropriations: April 17, Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, Education, and Related Agencies, to hold hearings to examine combating autism, focusing on undertaking a coordinated response, 2 p.m., SD-124.

April 18, Subcommittee on State, Foreign Operations, and Related Programs, to hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2008 for maternal and child health, and family planning and reproductive health, 10 a.m., SD-138.