

amend title 38, United States Code, to enhance cooperation and the sharing of resources between the Department of Veterans Affairs and the Department of Defense.

The Subcommittee also held a hearing on the status of homeless-assistance programs for veterans conducted by the Department of Veterans Affairs, including its coordination with community based providers and other agencies. Testimony was heard from Leo S. Mackay, Jr., Deputy Secretary, Department of Veterans Affairs; Ned Cooney, Director, Mental Health Programs, VA Health Care System, State of Connecticut; and public witnesses.

JOBS AND GROWTH TAX ACT

Committee on Ways and Means: Ordered reported, as amended, H.R. 2, Jobs and Growth Reconciliation Tax Act of 2003.

Joint Meetings

TRANSPORTATION FINANCING

Joint Economic Committee: Committee concluded hearings to examine financing the nations roads, focusing on renewal of the Transportation Equity Act for the 21st Century (TEA-21), reducing traffic congestion, transportation infrastructure, and fostering efficient transportation and financing with new pricing strategies, after receiving testimony from Representatives Mark Kennedy and Musgrave; Robert W. Poole, Jr., Reason Foundation, Los Angeles, California; and Michael A. Repogle, Environmental Defense, Robert Atkinson, Progressive Policy Institute, and William Buechner, American Road and Transportation Builders Association, all of Washington, D.C.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR WEDNESDAY, MAY 7, 2003

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Defense, to hold hearings to examine the National Guard and Reserve, 10:15 a.m., SD-192.

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Airland, closed business meeting to mark up those provisions, which fall within the jurisdiction of the subcommittee, of proposed legislation authorizing appropriations for fiscal year 2004 for military activities of the Department of Defense, 9 a.m., SR-232A.

Subcommittee on Readiness and Management Support, closed business meeting to mark up those provisions, which fall within the jurisdiction of the subcommittee, of proposed legislation authorizing appropriations for fiscal year 2004 for military activities of the Department of Defense, 10 a.m., SR-222.

Subcommittee on Strategic Forces, closed business meeting to mark up those provisions, which fall within the jurisdiction of the subcommittee, of proposed legislation authorizing appropriations for fiscal year 2004 for military activities of the Department of Defense, 11:30 a.m., SR-232A.

Full Committee, closed business meeting to mark up proposed legislation authorizing appropriations for fiscal year 2004 for military activities of the Department of Defense, 2:30 p.m., SR-222.

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: business meeting to consider S. 709, to be immediately followed by oversight hearings to examine the impact of the global settlement, 10 a.m., SD-538.

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

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

Committee on Indian Affairs: to hold hearings to examine S. 550, to amend the Indian Land Consolidation Act to improve provisions relating to probate of trust and restricted land, 10 a.m., SR-485.

Committee on the Judiciary: to hold hearings to examine the nominations of Consuelo Maria Callahan, of California, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Ninth Circuit, and Michael Chertoff, of New Jersey, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Third Circuit, 9:30 a.m., SD-226.

House

Committee on Appropriations, Subcommittee on Foreign Operations, Export Financing, and Related Programs, on Global Health Issues, 2 p.m., 2359 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Homeland Security, on Bureau of Customs and Border Protection, 10 a.m., 2358 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, Education, and Related Agencies, on public witnesses, 9:45 a.m., and 2 p.m., 2358 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Transportation, and Treasury, and Related Agencies, on IRS Fiscal Year 2004 Compliance Proposals, 2 p.m., 2358 Rayburn.

Committee on Armed Services, Subcommittee on Projection Forces, to mark up H.R. 1588, National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2004, 10 a.m., 2212 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Strategic Forces, to mark up H.R. 1588, National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2004, 1 p.m., 2212 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Total Force, to mark up H.R. 1588, National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2004, 3 p.m., 2118 Rayburn.

Committee on Education and the Workforce, Subcommittee on Select Education, to mark up H.R. 1925, Runaway, Homeless, and Missing Children Protection Act, 2 p.m., 2175 Rayburn.

Committee on Energy and Commerce, Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations, hearing entitled "SARS: Assessment, Outlook, and Lessons Learned," 2 p.m., 2123 Rayburn.

Committee on Financial Services, Subcommittee on Housing and Community Opportunity, to mark up the following bills: H.R. 23, Tornado Shelters Act; H.R. 1276, American Dream Downpayment Act; and H.R. 1614, HOPE VI Program Reauthorization and Small Community Main Street Rejuvenation and Housing Act of 2003, 10 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.

Committee on Government Reform, to consider the following bills: H.R. 1836, Civil Service and National Security Personnel Improvement Act; and H.R. 1837, Services Acquisition Reform Act of 2003, 2 p.m., 2154 Rayburn.

Committee on International Relations, to mark up the following: the Foreign Relations Authorization Act for Fiscal Years 2004 and 2005; and the Millennium Challenge Account Act of 2003, 10:30 a.m., 2172 Rayburn.

Committee on the Judiciary, to mark up the following measures: H.R. 1086, Standards Development Organization Advancement Act of 2003; H.R. 1437, to improve the United States Code; H.R. 1529, Involuntary Bankruptcy Improvement Act of 2003; S. 330, Veterans Memorial Preservation and Recognition Act of 2003; H.R. 1302, Federal Courts Improvement Act of 2003; H.R. 982, to clarify the tax treatment of bonds and other obligations issued by the Government of American Samoa; H. Res. 180, supporting the goals and ideals of "National Correctional Officers and Employees Week" and honoring the service of correctional officers and employees; S.J. Res. 8, expressing the sense of Congress with respect to raising awareness and encouraging prevention of sexual assault in the United States and supporting the goals and ideals of National Sexual Assault Awareness and Prevention Month; and the Armed Forces Naturalization Act of 2003; and to consider Rules for consideration of Private Claims and Private Immigration bills, 10 a.m., 2141 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on the Constitution, hearing and marking up of H.J. Res. 4, proposing an amendment to the Con-

stitution of the United States authorizing the Congress to prohibit the physical desecration of the flag of the United States, 3 p.m., 2237 Rayburn.

Committee on Resources, to mark up the following bills: H.R. 1497, Sikes Act Reauthorization Act of 2003; H.R. 1835, National Security Readiness Act of 2003; and H.R. 1189, to increase the waiver requirement for certain local matching requirements for grants provided to American Samoa, Guam, the Virgin Islands, or the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, 11 a.m., 1324 Longworth.

Committee on Rules, to consider H.R. 1261, Workforce Investment and Adult Education Act of 2003, 3:30 p.m., H-3113 Capitol.

Committee on Small Business, hearing entitled "Are Big Businesses Being Awarded Contracts Intended for Small Businesses?" 2 p.m., 2360 Rayburn.

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, Subcommittee on Highways, Transit and Pipelines, oversight hearing on Highway and Transit Needs: The State and Local Perspective, 10 a.m., 2167 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Water Resources and Environment, hearing on H.R. 135, Twenty-First Century Water Commission Act of 2003, 2 p.m., 2167 Rayburn.

Committee on Veterans' Affairs, Subcommittee on Benefits, to mark up the following bills: H.R. 241, Veterans Beneficiary Fairness Act of 2003; H.R. 761, Disabled Servicemembers Adapted Housing Assistance Act of 2003; H.R. 1257, Selected Reserve Home Loan Equity Act; H.R. 1460, Veterans Entrepreneurship Act of 2003; H.R. 1683, Veterans Compensation Cost-of-Living Adjustment Act of 2003; and H.R. 1949, Vendee Loan Restoration Act, 11:30 a.m., 334 Cannon.

Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations, hearing on VA's Progress on Third Party Collections, 2 p.m., 334 Cannon.