

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry: Committee adopted its rules of procedure for the 108th Congress, and ordered favorably reported an original resolution (S. Res. 47) authorizing expenditures by the Committee.

Also, Committee announced the following subcommittee assignments:

Subcommittee on Production and Price Competitiveness: Senators Dole (Chair), McConnell, Roberts, Chambliss, Coleman, Grassley, Conrad, Daschle, Miller, Baucus, and Lincoln.

Subcommittee on Marketing, Inspection, and Product Promotion: Senators Talent (Chair), Roberts, Fitzgerald, Chambliss, Grassley, Baucus, Nelson (NE), Conrad, and Stabenow.

Subcommittee on Forestry, Conservation, and Rural Revitalization: Senators Crapo (Chair), Lugar, Coleman, Talent, McConnell, Roberts, Lincoln, Dayton, Leahy, Daschle, and Nelson (NE).

Subcommittee on Research, Nutrition, and General Legislation: Senator Fitzgerald (Chair), Lugar, McConnell, Crapo, Dole, Leahy, Stabenow, Miller, and Dayton.

NOMINATION

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: Committee concluded hearings on the nomination of William H. Donaldson, of New York, to be Member of the Securities and Exchange Commission, after the nominee, who was introduced by Senators Schumer and Clinton, testified and answered questions in his own behalf.

PRESIDENT'S BUDGET

Committee on the Budget: Committee concluded hearings to examine the President's fiscal year 2004 budget, after receiving testimony from Mitchell E. Daniels, Jr., Director, Office of Management and Budget.

PROFESSIONAL BOXING REFORM

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Committee concluded hearings to reform the professional boxing industry, after receiving testimony from Patrick S. Pannella, Maryland State Athletic Commission, Baltimore; Ross Greenberg, HBO Sports, and Thomas Hauser, both of New York, New York; Bernard Hopkins, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania; and Bert R. Sugar, Chappaqua, New York.

AVIATION SECURITY

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Committee concluded hearings to examine aviation security and impacts associated with the regulatory and statutory requirements of the Aviation and Transportation Security Act, after receiving testimony from Admiral James M. Loy, Under Secretary of Transportation for Security, Transportation Security Administration; Kenneth M. Mead, Inspector General Department of Transportation; Edward M. Bolen, General Aviation Manufacturers Association, and James C. May, Air Transport Association of America, Inc., both of Washington, D.C.; and Charles Barclay, American Association of Airport Executives, Alexandria, Virginia.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Committee ordered favorably reported the following business items:

S. 111, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to conduct a special resource study to determine the national significance of the Miami Circle site in the State of Florida as well as the suitability and feasibility of its inclusion in the National Park System as part of Biscayne National Park, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 117, to authorize the Secretary of Agriculture to sell or exchange certain land in the State of Florida;

S. 144, to require the Secretary of the Interior to establish a program to provide assistance through States to eligible weed management entities to control or eradicate harmful, nonnative weeds on public and private land, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 210, to provide for the protection of archaeological sites in the Galisteo Basin in New Mexico;

S. 214, to designate Fort Bayard Historic District in the State of New Mexico as a National Historic Landmark, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 233, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to conduct a study of Coltsville in the State of Connecticut for potential inclusion in the National Park System; and

S. 254, to revise the boundary of the Kaloko-Honokohau National Historical Park in the State of Hawaii.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Finance: Committee ordered favorably reported the following measures:

An original bill entitled, "Armed Forces Tax Fairness Act of 2003"; and

An original bill entitled, "CARE Act of 2003".

BUDGET 2004: REVENUE PROPOSALS

Committee on Finance: Committee held hearings to examine the President's proposed budget estimates for fiscal years 2004, focusing on revenue proposals, economic growth plan, and the United States economy, receiving testimony from John W. Snow, Secretary of the Treasury.

Hearings recessed subject to call.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee ordered favorably the following business items:

An original resolution (S. Res. ***) authorizing expenditures by the Committee;

The Treaty Between the United States of America and the Russian Federation on Strategic Offensive Reductions, Signed at Moscow on May 24, 2002 (Treaty Doc. 107-8), with 2 conditions and 6 declarations; and

Foreign Service Officer Promotion lists received by the Senate on January 15, 2003.

Also, Committee announced the following subcommittee assignments:

Subcommittee on African Affairs: Senators Alexander (Chair), Brownback, Coleman, Sununu, Feingold, Dodd, and Nelson (FL).

Subcommittee on East Asian and Pacific Affairs: Senators Brownback (Chair), Alexander, Hagel, Allen, Voinovich, Kerry, Rockefeller, Feingold, and Corzine.

Subcommittee on European Affairs: Senators Allen (Chair), Voinovich, Hagel, Sununu, Chafee, Biden, Sarbanes, Dodd, and Kerry.

Subcommittee on International Economic Policy, Export and Trade Promotion: Senators Hagel (Chair), Chafee, Enzi, Alexander, Coleman, Sarbanes, Rockefeller, Corzine, and Dodd.

Subcommittee on International Operations and Terrorism: Senators Sununu (Chair), Enzi, Allen, Voinovich, Brownback, Nelson (FL), Biden, Feingold, and Boxer.

Subcommittee on Near Eastern and South Asian Affairs: Senators Chafee (Chair), Hagel, Brownback, Voinovich, Coleman, Boxer, Corzine, Rockefeller, and Sarbanes.

Subcommittee on Western Hemisphere, Peace Corps, and Narcotics Affairs: Senators Coleman (Chair), Chafee, Allen, Enzi, Sununu, Dodd, Boxer, Nelson (FL), Biden, and Kerry.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Governmental Affairs: Committee adopted its rules of procedure for the 108th Congress, and announced the following subcommittee assignments:

Subcommittee on Financial Management, the Budget, and International Security: Senators Fitzgerald (Chair-

man), Stevens, Voinovich, Specter, Bennett, Sununu, Shelby, Akaka, Levin, Carper, Dayton, Lautenberg, and Pryor.

Permanent Subcommittee on Investigations: Senators Coleman (Chairman), Stevens, Voinovich, Specter, Bennett, Fitzgerald, Sununu, Shelby, Levin, Akaka, Durbin, Carper, Dayton, Lautenberg, and Pryor.

Subcommittee on Oversight of Government Management, the Federal Workforce, and the District of Columbia: Senators Voinovich (Chairman), Stevens, Coleman, Bennett, Fitzgerald, Sununu, Durbin, Akaka, Carper, Lautenberg, and Pryor.

Senators Collins and Lieberman are Ex Officio Members of all the Subcommittees.

NOMINATIONS

Committee on the Judiciary: Committee concluded hearings on the nominations of Jay S. Bybee, of Nevada, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Ninth Circuit, who was introduced by Senators Reid and Ensign; Ralph R. Erickson, to be United States District Judge for the District of North Dakota, who was introduced by Senator Dorgan and Representative Pomeroy; William D. Quarles, Jr., to be United States District Judge for the District of Maryland, who was introduced by Senators Sarbanes and Mikulski; and Gregory L. Frost, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of Ohio, who was introduced by Senator DeWine, after each nominee testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

SMALL BUSINESS HEALTH CARE

Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship: Committee concluded hearings on possible solutions to the small business health care crisis, focusing on dwindling choices in affordable health care for small business and double digit premium increases passed on to employers now providing insurance, after receiving testimony from Elaine L. Chao, Secretary of Labor; Hector V. Barreto, Administrator, U.S. Small Business Administration; Kathie M. Leonard, Auburn Manufacturing, Inc., Mechanic Falls, Maine; Anne Valentine, SmartCatalog, Portland, Maine; Jack Faris, National Federation of Independent Business, Harry Alford, National Black Chamber of Commerce, Judith L. Lichtman, National Partnership for Women and Families, and Len Nichols, Center for Studying Health System Change, all of Washington, D.C.; Terry Neese, Women Impacting Public Policy, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma; Cliff Shannon, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, on behalf of the National Small Business United and SMC Business Councils; and Sandy Praeger, State of Kansas Commissioner of Insurance, Topeka, on behalf of the National Association of Insurance Commissioners.