

Daily Digest

HIGHLIGHTS

Senate agreed to S. Res. 66, Committees Funding Resolution.

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S2723–S2873

Measures Introduced: Sixteen bills and two resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 448–463 and S. Res. 66–67. Pages S2838–39

Measures Passed:

Committees Funding Resolution: Senate agreed to S. Res. 66, authorizing expenditures by committees of the Senate for the periods March 1, 2003, through September 30, 2003, October 1, 2003, through September 30, 2004, and October 1, 2004, through February 28, 2005. Page S2839

Nomination Considered: Senate continued consideration of the nomination of Miguel A. Estrada, of Virginia, to be United States Circuit Judge for the District of Columbia Circuit. Pages S2724–67, S2769–S2829

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the nomination at 12 noon, on Thursday, February 27, 2003. Page S2872

Motion To Request Attendance: During today's proceedings, by 73 yeas to 1 nay (Vote No. 36), Senate agreed to a motion to instruct the Sergeant at Arms to request the attendance of absent Senators. Pages S2818–19

Motion To Request Attendance: During today's proceedings, by 74 yeas to 1 nay (Vote No. 37), Senate agreed to a motion to instruct the Sergeant at Arms to request the attendance of absent Senators. Page S2819

Appointment:

Antitrust Modernization Commission: The Chair, on behalf of the Majority Leader, pursuant to Public Law 107–273, announced the appointment of the following individuals as members of the Antitrust Modernization Commission: Steve Cannon, of

Virginia, and Makan Delrahim, of the District of Columbia. Page S2872

Nominations Confirmed: Senate confirmed the following nominations:

1 Army nomination in the rank of general.

Routine lists in the Air Force, Army, Marine Corps, and Navy. Pages S2872, S2873

Messages From the House: Page S2837

Measures Referred: Page S2838

Executive Communications: Page S2838

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Statements on Introduced Bills/Resolutions: Pages S2840–71

Additional Statements: Pages S2835–37

Authority for Committees to Meet: Pages S2871–72

Record Votes: Two record votes were taken today. (Total—37) Pages S2818–19, S2819

Quorum Calls: Two quorum calls were taken today. (Total—3) Pages S2818, S2819

Adjournment: Senate met at 9:30 a.m., and adjourned at 2:08 a.m. on Thursday, February 27, 2003, until 12 noon, on the same day. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today's Record on page S2872.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

POST-CONFLICT IRAQ

Committee on Armed Services: Committee met in closed session to receive a briefing to discuss the planning for post-conflict Iraq and potential U.S. military operations in the Philippines from Douglas J. Feith, Under Secretary of Defense for Policy; and Ryan Crocker, Deputy Assistant Secretary of State for Near Eastern Affairs.

FEDERAL DEPOSIT INSURANCE REFORM

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: Committee concluded hearings to examine reform proposals for the Federal Deposit Insurance System, focusing on benefits and costs of deposit insurance, impact of mergers and consolidations between banks and thrifts, fund management, and premium pricing issues, after receiving testimony from Alan Greenspan, Chairman of the Board of Governors, Federal Reserve System; Donald E. Powell, Chairman of the Board of Directors, Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation; and Peter R. Fisher, Under Secretary for Domestic Finance, John D. Hawke, Jr., Comptroller of the Currency, and James E. Gilleran, Director, Office of Thrift Supervision, all of the Department of the Treasury.

2004 BUDGET: MEDICARE AND MEDICAID

Committee on the Budget: Committee concluded hearings to examine the President's Fiscal Year 2004 Budget proposal for Medicare and Medicaid, enhancing Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) and Foster Care, and strengthening the Child Support Enforcement Program, after receiving testimony from Tommy G. Thompson, Secretary of Health and Human Services.

SUV SAFETY

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Committee concluded hearings to examine issues involving Sport Utility Vehicle (SUV) safety, including data relating to vehicle rollovers, crash compatibility, and seatbelt use, receiving testimony from Jeffrey W. Runge, Administrator, National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, Department of Transportation; Joan B. Claybrook, Public Citizen, former Administrator, National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, Department of Transportation, and Christopher Tinto, Toyota Motor North America, both of Washington, D.C.; R. David Pittle, Consumers Union, Yonkers, New York; Brian O'Neill, Insurance Institute For Highway Safety, Arlington, Virginia; Robert C. Lange, General Motors Corporation, Warren, Michigan; and Susan Cischke, Ford Motor Company, Dearborn, Michigan.

BUSINESS MEETING

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

S. 273, to provide for the expeditious completion of the acquisition of land owned by the State of Wyoming within the boundaries of Grand Teton National Park;

S. 302, to revise the boundaries of the Golden Gate National Recreation Area in the State of Cali-

fornia, to restore and extend the term of the advisory commission for the recreation area; and

S. 426, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to convey certain parcels of land acquired for the Blunt Reservoir and Pierre Canal features of the initial stage of the Oahe Unit, James Division, South Dakota, to the Commission of Schools and Public Lands and the Department of Game, Fish, and Parks of the State of South Dakota for the purpose of mitigating lost wildlife habitat, on the condition that the current preferential leaseholders shall have an option to purchase the parcels from the Commission.

Also, Committee approved the views and estimates of the Committee with respect to those portions of the budget for fiscal year 2004 within their jurisdiction.

2004 BUDGET: EPA

Committee on Environment and Public Works: Committee concluded hearings to examine the President's proposed budget request for fiscal year 2004 for the Environmental Protection Agency, after receiving testimony from Christine Todd Whitman, Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Finance: Committee began markup of an original bill entitled "Miscellaneous Trade and Technical Corrections Act of 2003," but did not take final action thereon, and recessed subject to call.

TERRORIST THREAT INTEGRATION CENTER

Committee on Governmental Affairs: Committee concluded hearings to examine the President's proposal to create a Terrorist Threat Integration Center, to consolidate terrorist-related intelligence, after receiving testimony from Gordon England, Deputy Secretary of Homeland Security, Pasquale J. D'Amuro, Executive Assistant Director for Counterterrorism/Counterintelligence, Federal Bureau of Investigation, Department of Justice, and Winston P. Wiley, Associate Director, Central Intelligence for Homeland Security, Central Intelligence Agency, all on behalf of the Senior Steering Group.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Indian Affairs: Committee ordered favorably reported the following business items:

S. 162, to provide for the use of distribution of certain funds awarded to the Gila River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community; and

S. 222, to approve the settlement of the water rights claims of the Zuni Indian Tribe in Apache County, Arizona.

2004 BUDGET: INDIAN AFFAIRS

Committee on Indian Affairs: Committee concluded hearings to examine the President's proposed budget request for Fiscal Year 2004 for Indian Programs, after receiving testimony from Tex Hall, National Congress of American Indians, Russell Sossamon, National American Indian Housing Council, and Gary Edwards, National Native American Law Enforcement Association, all of Washington, D.C.; Julia Davis-Wheeler, National Indian Health Board, and Kay Culbertson, Indian Health and Family Services, on behalf of the National Council of Urban Indian Health, both of Denver, Colorado; John Cheek, National Indian Education Association, Alexandria, Virginia; and Ron McNeil, Sitting Bull College,

Fort Yates, North Dakota, on behalf of the American Indian Higher Education Consortium.

2004 BUDGET: VETERANS' PROGRAMS

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: Committee concluded hearings to examine the President's proposed budget request for Fiscal Year 2004 for the Department of Veterans Affairs, focusing on health care system priorities, after receiving testimony from Anthony J. Principi, Secretary of Veterans Affairs; Philip Wilkerson, American Legion, Dennis Cullinan, Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States, Carl Blake, Paralyzed Veterans of America, all of Washington, D.C.; Rick Surratt, Disabled American Veterans, Cold Spring, Kentucky; and Richard Jones, AMVETS, Lanham, Maryland.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Measures Introduced: 35 public bills, H.R. 918–952; and 7 resolutions, H. Con. Res. 56 and H. Res. 100, 104–108, were introduced. **Pages H1394–96**

Additional Cosponsors: **Page H1396**

Reports Filed: Reports were filed today as follows:

H.R. 258, to ensure continuity for the design of the 5-cent coin, establish the Citizens Coinage Advisory Committee, amended (H. Rept. 108–20); and

H. Res. 105, providing for consideration of H.R. 534, to amend title 18, United States Code, to prohibit human cloning (H. Rept. 108–21). **Page H1394**

Speaker Pro Tempore: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he appointed Representative Terry to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. **Page H1337**

Committee Election—Minority Members: The House agreed to H. Res. 104, electing Representative Lucas of Kentucky to the Committee on Agriculture (to rank immediately after Representative Boswell); Representative Kind to the Committee on the Budget; Delegate Norton to the Committee on Government Reform (to rank immediately after Representative Ruppertsberger); Delegate Christensen (to rank immediately after Representative Ryan of Ohio), Representative Davis of Illinois (to rank immediately after Delegate Christensen), Representative Gonzalez (to rank immediately after Representative Davis of Illinois), and Representative Majette (to rank immediately after Delegate Bordallo).

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

Celebrating the 140th Anniversary of the Emancipation Proclamation and Commending Abraham Lincoln's Efforts to End Slavery: H. Con. Res. 36, encouraging the people of the United States to honor and celebrate the 140th anniversary of the Emancipation Proclamation and commending Abraham Lincoln's efforts to end slavery (agreed to by yeas and nays vote of 415 yeas with none voting "nay," Roll No. 35); **Pages H1338–41, H1356**

Emergency Securities Response Act: H.R. 657, amended, to amend the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 to augment the emergency authority of the Securities and Exchange Commission; **Pages H1341–43**

North American Development Bank Reauthorization: H.R. 254, to authorize the President of the United States to agree to certain amendments to the Agreement between the Government of the United States of America and the Government of the United Mexican States concerning the establishment of a Border Environment Cooperation Commission and a North American Development Bank; **Pages H1343–51**

American 5-Cent Coin Design Continuity: H.R. 258, amended, to ensure continuity for the design of the 5-cent coin, establish the Citizens Coinage Advisory Committee (agreed to by yeas and nays vote of 412 yeas to 5 nays, Roll No. 36); and

Pages H1351–54, H1356–57

Navy Commander Willie McCool Elementary/Middle School in Apra Heights, Guam: H.R. 672, amended, to rename the Guam South Elementary/

Middle School of the Department of Defense Domestic Dependents Elementary and Secondary Schools System in honor of Navy Commander William "Willie" McCool, who was the pilot of the Space Shuttle Columbia when it was tragically lost on February 1, 2003. Pages H1355–56

Recess: The House recessed at 3:22 p.m. and reconvened at 5:30 p.m. Page H1357

Quorum Calls—Votes: Two ye-and-nay developed during the proceedings of the House today and appear on pages H1356 and H1356–57. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 1 p.m. and adjourned at 10:14 p.m.

Committee Meetings

BUDGET VIEWS AND ESTIMATES; COMMITTEE ORGANIZATION

Committee on Agriculture: Approved Committee Budget Views and Estimates for Fiscal Year 2004 for submission to the Committee on the Budget.

The Committee also met again for organizational purposes.

AGRICULTURE, RURAL DEVELOPMENT, FDA AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration and Related Agencies held a hearing on Office of Inspector General. Testimony was heard from Phyllis K. Fong, Inspector General, USDA.

INTERIOR APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Interior held a hearing on Secretary of the Interior. Testimony was heard from Gale A. Norton, Secretary of the Interior.

MILITARY CONSTRUCTION APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Military Construction held a hearing on Army Construction. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of the Army: Mario P. Fiori, Assistant Secretary (Installations and Environment); Major Gen. Larry J. Lust, USA, Assistant Chief of Staff, Installation Management; Major Gen. Collis N. Phillips, USA, Deputy Chief, Army Reserve; and Brig. Gen. Clyde A. Vaughn, USA, Deputy Director, Army National Guard.

The Subcommittee also held a hearing on Navy Construction. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of the Navy: Hansford T. Johnson, Acting Secretary; Rear Adm.

Michael R. Johnson, USN, Commander, Naval Facilities Engineering Command; and Brig. Gen. Ronald S. Coleman, USMC, Acting Deputy Commandant, Installations and Logistics.

VA, HUD, AND INDEPENDENT AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on VA, HUD, and Independent Agencies held a hearing on American Battle Monuments Commission. Testimony was heard from Major Gen. John Herrling, USA (Ret.), Secretary, American Battle Monuments Commission.

The Subcommittee also held a hearing on Selective Service System. Testimony was heard from Lewis C. Brodsky, Acting Director, Selective Service System.

NATIONAL DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION BUDGET REQUEST

Committee on Armed Services: Continued hearings on the fiscal year 2004 National Defense Authorization budget request. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of the Navy: Hansford T. Johnson, Acting Secretary; Adm. Vernon E. Clark, USN, Chief of Naval Operations; and Gen. Michael W. Hagee, USMC, Commandant, Marine Corps.

Hearings continue tomorrow.

EUROPEAN THEATER—U.S. FORWARD- DEPLOYED STRATEGY

Committee on Armed Services: Held a hearing on U.S. forward-deployed strategy in the European Theater. Testimony was heard from Gen. Montgomery C. Meigs, USA (Ret.), former Commanding General, U.S. Army Europe and 7th Army; Fred Kagan, Associate Professor, Military History, U.S. Military Academy, Department of the Army; and a public witness.

HHS BUDGET PRIORITIES

Committee on the Budget: Held a hearing on the Department of Health and Human Services Budget Priorities Fiscal Year 2004. Testimony was heard from Tommy G. Thompson, Secretary of Health and Human Services; and public witnesses.

BACK TO WORK INCENTIVE ACT

Committee on Education and the Workforce: Subcommittee on 21st Century Competitiveness approved for full Committee action, as amended, H.R. 444, Back to Work Incentive Act of 2003.

THEFT AT LOS ALAMOS NATIONAL LABORATORY

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations held a hearing entitled

“Procurement and Property Mismanagement and Theft at Los Alamos National Laboratory.” Testimony was heard from Gregory H. Friedman, Inspector General, Department of Energy; and public witnesses.

In response to a subpoena, Jaret McDonald testified before the Subcommittee.

HEALTH OF THE TELECOMMUNICATIONS SECTOR: FCC COMMISSIONERS PERSPECTIVE

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Telecommunications and the Internet held a hearing entitled “Health of the Telecommunications Sector: A Perspective from the Commissioners of the Federal Communications Commission.” Testimony was heard from the following officials of the FCC: Michael K. Powell, Chairman; Kevin J. Martin, Michael J. Copps, Kathleen Q. Abernathy, and Jonathan S. Adelstein, all Commissioners.

DEFRAUDED INVESTORS—RETURNING MONEY

Committee on Financial Services: Subcommittee on Capital Markets, Insurance, and Government Sponsored Enterprises held a hearing entitled “It’s only FAIR: Returning Money to Defrauded Investors.” Testimony was heard from Stephen M. Cutler, Director, Division of Enforcement, SEC.

RUSSIA’S POLICIES TOWARD AXIS OF EVIL

Committee on International Relations: Held a hearing on Russia’s Policies Toward the Axis of Evil: Money and Geopolitics in Iraq and Iran. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

OVERSIGHT—PEER-TO-PEER PIRACY ON UNIVERSITY CAMPUSES

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Courts, the Internet, and Intellectual Property held an oversight hearing on “Peer-to-Peer Piracy On University Campuses.” Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

HUMAN CLONING PROHIBITION ACT

Committee on Rules: Granted, by voice vote, a structured rule providing 1 hour of debate on H.R. 534, Human Cloning Prohibition Act of 2003. The rule waives all points of order against consideration of the bill. The rule makes in order only those amendments printed in the Rules Committee report accompanying the resolution. The rule provides that the amendments made in order may be offered only in the order printed in the report, may be offered only by a Member designated in the report, shall be considered as read, shall be debatable for a time specified in the report equally divided and controlled by

the proponent and an opponent, and shall not be subject to amendment. The rule waives all points of order against the amendments printed in the report. Finally, the rule provides one motion to recommit with or without instructions. Testimony was heard from Chairman Sensenbrenner and Representatives Stearns, Greenwood, Weldon of Florida, Scott of Virginia, Lofgren and Deutsch.

SBA’S BUDGET; COMMITTEE ORGANIZATION

Committee on Small Business: Held a hearing on the Small Business Administration’s Budget for Fiscal Year 2004. Testimony was heard from Hector Barreto, Administrator, SBA; and public witnesses.

Prior to the hearing, the Committee met for organizational purposes.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES; BUDGET VIEWS AND ESTIMATES

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure: Ordered reported the following bills H.R. 875, Over-the-Road Bus Security; H.R. 866, Wastewater Treatment Works Security Act of 2003; H.R. 874, Rail Passenger Disaster Family Assistance Act of 2003. H. Res. 19, designating the room numbered H-236 in the House of Representatives wing of the Capitol as the “Richard K. Armev Room;” and H.R. 145, to designate the Federal building located at 290 Broadway in New York, New York, as the “Ted Weiss Federal Building.”

The Committee also approved Committee Budget Views and Estimates for Fiscal Year 2004 for submission to the Committee on the Budget.

PLANES, TRAINS, AND INTERMODALISM: IMPROVING LINK BETWEEN AIR AND RAIL

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure: Subcommittee on Aviation and the Subcommittee on Railroads held a joint hearing on Planes, Trains, and Intermodalism: Improving the Link Between Air and Rail. Testimony was heard from R.E.G. Davies, Curator of Air Transport, National Air and Space Museum, Smithsonian Institution; Martin O’Malley, Mayor, Baltimore, Maryland; and public witnesses.

BUDGET VIEWS AND ESTIMATES; ADMINISTRATION’S TRADE AGENDA

Committee on Ways and Means: Approved Committee Budget Views and Estimates for Fiscal year 2004 for submission to the Committee on the Budget.

The Committee also held a hearing on the Administration’s Trade Agenda. Testimony was heard from Robert B. Zoellick, U.S. Trade Representative.

TERRORIST THREAT INTEGRATION CENTER

Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence: Subcommittee on Terrorism and Homeland Security met in executive session to hold a hearing on Terrorist Threat Integration Center. Testimony was heard from departmental witnesses.

Joint Meetings

GROWTH AND JOBS PLAN

Joint Economic Committee: Committee concluded hearings to examine the Economic Report of the President, and the economic outlook for the United States and the Administration's policy agenda, after receiving testimony from R. Glenn Hubbard, Chairman, and Randall S. Kroszner, Member, both of the Council of Economic Advisers; and Henry J. Aaron, Brookings Institution, Eric M. Engen, American Enterprise Institute for Public Policy Research, and Daniel J. Mitchell, Heritage Foundation, all of Washington, D.C.

NEW PUBLIC LAWS

(For last listing of Public Laws, see DAILY DIGEST, p. D140)

S. 141, to improve the calculation of the Federal subsidy rate with respect to certain small business loans. Signed on February 25, 2003. (Public Law 108-8)

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 27, 2003

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Armed Services: to hold hearings to examine the nominations of Stephen A. Cambone, of Virginia, to be Under Secretary of Defense for Intelligence, John Paul Woodley, Jr., of Virginia, to be an Assistant Secretary of the Army, and Linton F. Brooks, of Virginia, to be Under Secretary for Nuclear Security, Department of Energy, 9:30 a.m., SH-216.

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: organizational business meeting to consider subcommittee assignments and rules of procedure for the 108th Congress, to be followed by hearings to consider the nominations of Richard F. Healing, of Virginia, to be a Member of the National Transportation Safety Board, and Mark V. Rosenker, of Maryland, and Ellen G. Engleman, of Indiana, both to be a Member of the National Transportation Safety Board, 9:30 a.m., SR-253.

Subcommittee on Science, Technology, and Space, to hold hearings to examine U.S. involvement in aerospace research, 2:30 p.m., SR-253.

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: to hold hearings to examine oil, gas, Hydrogen, and conservation, focusing on energy production on federal lands, 10 a.m., SD-366.

Subcommittee on Public Lands and Forests, to hold hearings to examine S. 32, to establish Institutes to conduct research on the prevention of, and restoration from, wildfires in forest and woodland ecosystems of the interior West, S. 203, to open certain withdrawn land in Big Horn County, Wyoming, to locatable mineral development for bentonite mining, S. 278, to make certain adjustments to the boundaries of the Mount Naomi Wilderness Area, and S. 246, to provide that certain Bureau of Land Management land shall be held in trust for the Pueblo of Santa Clara and the Pueblo of San Ildefonso in the State of New Mexico, 3 p.m., SD-366.

Committee on Environment and Public Works: Subcommittee on Transportation and Infrastructure, to hold hearings to examine the Federal Highway Administration's Fiscal Year 2004 budget, 9:30 a.m., SD-406.

Committee on Finance: to hold hearings to examine the Administration's Fiscal Year 2004 health care priorities, 10 a.m., SD-215.

Committee on Foreign Relations: to hold hearings to examine American public diplomacy with respect to Islam, 9:30 a.m., SD-419.

Committee on Governmental Affairs: to hold hearings to examine the nomination of Clark Kent Ervin, of Texas, to be Inspector General, Department of Homeland Security, 11 a.m., SD-342.

Committee on the Judiciary: business meeting to consider the nominations of Deborah L. Cook, of Ohio, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Sixth Circuit, John G. Roberts, Jr., of Maryland, to be United States Circuit Judge for the District of Columbia Circuit, Jay S. Bybee, of Nevada, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Ninth Circuit, Timothy M. Tymkovich, of Colorado, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Tenth Circuit, Ralph R. Erickson, to be United States District Judge for the District of North Dakota, William D. Quarles, Jr., to be United States District Judge for the District of Maryland, Gregory L. Frost, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of Ohio, J. Daniel Breen, to be United States District Judge for the Western District of Tennessee, Thomas A. Varlan, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Tennessee, William H. Steele, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of Alabama, Jeremy H. G. Ibrahim, of Pennsylvania, to be a Member of the Foreign Claims Settlement Commission of the United States, Edward F. Reilly, of Kansas and Cranston J. Mitchell, of Missouri, both to be a Commissioner of the United States Parole Commission, Marian Blank Horn, of Maryland, to be a Judge of the United States Court of Federal Claims, Timothy C. Stanceu, of Virginia, to be a Judge of the United States Court of International Trade, Joseph Elliott, to be United States Marshal for the Northern District of Ohio, S. 253, to amend title 18, United States Code, to exempt qualified current and former law enforcement officers from State laws prohibiting the carrying of concealed handguns, and S. 113, to exclude United States persons

from the definition of “foreign power” under the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act of 1978 relating to international terrorism, 9:30 a.m., SD-226.

Select Committee on Intelligence: to hold closed hearings to examine certain intelligence matters, 2:30 p.m., SH-219.

Special Committee on Aging: to hold hearings to examine the impact of global aging on the US economy, 10 a.m., SD-628.

House

Committee on Appropriations, Subcommittee on Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration and Related Agencies, on Secretary of Agriculture, 9:30 a.m., 2362A Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Interior, on Secretary of Energy, 10 a.m., B-308 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on VA, HUD, and Independent Agencies, on Community Development Financial Institutions, 10 a.m., and on Office of Science and Technology Policy, 11 a.m., H-143 Capitol.

Committee on Armed Services, to continue hearings on the fiscal year 2004 National Defense Authorization budget request, 9:30 a.m., 2118 Rayburn.

Committee on the Budget, hearing on the Department of Defense Budget Priorities Fiscal Year 2004, 2 p.m., 210 Cannon.

Committee on Energy and Commerce, Subcommittee on Health, hearing entitled “Assessing the Need to Enact Medical Liability Reform,” 10 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

Committee on Financial Services, Subcommittee on Domestic and International Monetary Policy, Trade, and Technology, hearing entitled “The New Basel Accord—Sound Regulation or Crushing Complexity?” 10 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.

Committee on Government Reform, Subcommittee on Criminal Justice, Drug Policy and Human Resources, hearing on “Recovery Now: The President’s Drug Treatment Initiative,” 10 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

Committee on International Relations, Subcommittee on the Western Hemisphere, hearing on Overview of U.S. Policy Toward the Western Hemisphere, 2 p.m., 2172 Rayburn.

Committee on the Judiciary, Subcommittee on Immigration, Border Security, and Claims, oversight hearing on “New York’s Sanctuary Policy and the Effect of Such Policies on Public Safety, Law Enforcement, and Immigration,” 9 a.m., 2237 Rayburn.

Committee on Science, hearing on NASA’s Fiscal Year 2004 Budget Request, 10 a.m., 2318 Rayburn.

Committee on Small Business, to consider Committee Budget Views and Estimates for Fiscal Year 2004 for submission to the Committee on the Budget, 9:30 a.m., 2360 Rayburn.

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, Subcommittee on Water Resources and Environment, oversight hearing on Agency Budgets and Priorities for Fiscal Year 2004, 10 a.m., 2167 Rayburn.

Committee on Veterans’ Affairs, to consider Committee Budget Views and Estimates for Fiscal Year 2004 for submission to the Committee on the Budget, 2 p.m., 334 Cannon.

Committee on Ways and Means, to mark up the following bills: H.R. 877, Patients Safety Improvement Act of 2003; and H.R. 878, Armed Forces Tax Fairness Act of 2003, 12 p.m., 1100 Longworth

Subcommittee on Social Security, hearing on H.R. 743, Social Security Protection Act of 2003, 9 a.m., B-318 Rayburn.

Next Meeting of the SENATE

12 Noon, Thursday, February 27

Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

1 p.m., Thursday, February 27

Senate Chamber

Program for Thursday: Senate will continue consideration of the nomination of Miguel A. Estrada, of Virginia, to be United States Circuit Judge for the District of Columbia Circuit.

House Chamber

Program for Thursday: Consideration of H.R. 534, Human Cloning Act (structured rule, one hour of debate).



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