

# EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

A TRIBUTE TO MARY ANN BENTON

## HON. EDOLPHUS TOWNS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, March 10, 2003*

Mr. TOWNS. Mr. Speaker, I rise in support of Mary Ann Benton in recognition for her dedication to her community and her commitment to improving the lives of our senior citizens.

Mary Ann is a native New Yorker. She was born in Queens, New York and raised by her maternal grandparents, the late Enrico and Victoria Guigliano. After graduating from John Adams High School in Queens, she attended St. John's College majoring in Accounting, and later transferred to St. Joseph's College where she studied Human Resources Management.

Traveling from Queens to Manhattan to work for more than eight years led Mary Ann to find employment closer to home and a job that she truly loves. In early 1980, Mary Ann joined the Wartburg Lutheran Home for the Aging as a receptionist. At Wartburg, Mary Ann approaches her work with compassion and enthusiasm. In 1982, she was transferred to the Fiscal Department as a Bookkeeper and later that year was promoted to Fiscal Coordinator. Continuing to grow within the Wartburg ministry, in 1987, she became the Assistant to the Chief Operating Officer. Next, she became the Human Resources Assistant, and in 1993, Mary Ann was promoted to the Director of Human Resources where she continues to excel.

Mary Ann is active with the Society for Human Resources Management, the Council for Human Resources Management, and the Association for Healthcare Human Resources Administrators. Her colleagues and peers in her profession recognize her hard work and dedication.

She believes that working with the elderly is a calling from God. She feels blessed to be working in a field and in an organization where she can serve the elderly, support her colleagues, and promote hospitality to the community. She stands as an example of Wartburg's mission and ministry of healing, hospitality, and community through partnership in caring.

Mary Ann enjoys reading, bowling, dancing, and meeting new people. She also continues to worship at the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary Church where she volunteers her time and talents.

Mr. Speaker, Mary Ann Benton has devoted her life to serving her community. As such, she is more than worthy of receiving our recognition today. I hope that all of my colleagues will join me in honoring this truly remarkable woman.

RECOGNIZING THE 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE OZARKS' FIRST TELEVISION STATION, KOLR, CHANNEL 10

## HON. ROY BLUNT

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, March 10, 2003*

Mr. BLUNT. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the first television station to serve Southwest Missouri. When Channel 10 signed on the air on March 14, 1953, it was KTTS-TV. In the early 1970s, the station adopted the name KOLR, and today it is known by viewers as "COLOR Ten."

Owner Harry Cooper, Sr. located the studios of KTTS-TV at the corner of Jefferson and Walnut Streets in Springfield, Missouri, in a large white house that was also home to the radio station that he owned. It was soon apparent that the TV station needed more room, so in 1959 the TV station moved into expanded facilities on its transmitter site in east Springfield. The growing CBS affiliate has served the Ozarks from 2650 East Division Street ever since. Years later, a new 2,000 foot tower and transmitter facility were built in Fordland, Missouri.

KOLR was the first television station in the Ozarks to broadcast "in living color" and was first in the Ozarks to add stereo broadcasting in 1986. In 1999, KOLR 10 began sharing services with FOX affiliate Channel 27. In its record of pioneering breakthroughs, KOLR 10 introduced the area's first full time "Weather Lab" in 2000 with the region's first Live Doppler Radar staffed by a team of three meteorologists.

In the golden age of television, KOLR was the venue for another generation to see Elvis and the Beatles on the "Ed Sullivan Show," the weekly comedy of Red Skelton, Jackie Gleason and Jack Benny, and the dramas of "Gunsmoke" and "Perry Mason."

Channel 10 has been number one in primetime for many years and is currently home to such Ozarks favorites as "Survivor," "60-Minutes" and "C.S.I." and many other programs. The CBS Television Network has recognized KOLR 10 as one of the highest rated CBS-affiliated TV stations in the nation.

KOLR has also been a source of information and news on the region and the world. KOLR has brought Ed Murrow, Walter Cronkite and Dan Rather into the homes and businesses of the 33 Missouri and Arkansas counties it serves.

Because of KOLR's commitment to local news, it has been the recipient of a number of awards for reporting and public service excellence. KOLR has given its viewers a window into the growth and development of the Ozarks demonstrating that the region is a good place to work, raise a family and enjoy countless leisure opportunities.

The television viewers in Southwest Missouri and I express our gratitude to KOLR 10 for its 50 years of service and dedication to the Ozarks.

IN SUPPORT OF "STOP VIOLENCE WEEK"

## HON. ALBERT RUSSELL WYNN

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, March 10, 2003*

Mr. WYNN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in support of "Stop Violence Week." Domestic violence is a serious issue that plagues American families and continues to affect our society as a whole. According to statistics nearly one-third of American women, 31 percent, at some point in their lives, are physically or sexually abused by a husband or boyfriend. The National Institute of Justice estimates that, annually in the United States, nearly half-a-million women are stalked by an intimate partner. In my own state of Maryland a total of 20,688 domestic violence crimes were reported by law enforcement agencies during the 2001 calendar year. Often times domestic violence and battery lead to more serious incidents. In one particularly infamous case in Maryland, a husband shot and killed both of his young children after his wife had filed for an order of protection against him.

Mr. Speaker, I would urge my colleagues throughout this week to use this opportunity to highlight the deplorable problem of domestic violence by speaking out, attending events, and wearing the symbolic tie or scarf to show your solidarity.

Last year, Congress did the right thing by nearly fully funding the Violence Against Women Act programs better known as VAWA, but there is still much work to be done. VAWA programs are vital in assisting millions of women who suffer from spousal or partner abuse. We must not ignore this pressing problem. I commend the national and local organizations that continue to be advocates for victims of domestic abuse, and encourage them to keep up the good work.

A TRIBUTE TO LYNN HENDERSON-HORNES

## HON. EDOLPHUS TOWNS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, March 10, 2003*

Mr. TOWNS. Mr. Speaker, I rise in support of Lynn Henderson-Hornes in recognition for her tireless energy and passionate commitment to her community.

Lynn has been improving the lives of Fort Greene families for nearly twenty years. As Program Director for Project Teen Aid Family Services, she has helped hundreds of pregnant teens and teen parents raise healthy children and continue their own education. Her deep religious beliefs, passed on to her from her grandparents and parents, permeate every aspect of her life, and have helped provide the energy and commitment needed for this challenging task.

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She is an active member of the House of David Church, serving as a Sunday school teacher, church clerk, choir member, and president of the Pastor's Aide Auxiliary. She also serves as Treasurer for the church's Center for Community Empowerment. Her service, however, is never limited to her own congregation but is extended to people of all beliefs.

A second aspect of Lynn's life involves her love of learning. Throughout her adult life, she has sought out specific training that would help her professionally. She is certified as an Adolescent Counselor and a Human Sexuality and Family Development Trainer. As an advocate for young, low-income families, Lynn realized as soon as she came to Fort Greene that it was important to know the community. She became involved in the Brooklyn Perinatal Network and was a member of the board from 1987 until 2000, serving as Chairperson for the organization's Finance Committee for four years. Additionally, she was appointed by Brooklyn Borough President Howard Golden to the Cumberland Diagnostic and Treatment Advisory Board where she has served as Chairperson since 1999. Lynn was also recently elected chairperson of the New York City Health and Hospitals City-Wide Council of Community Advisory Boards.

However, the most important recipients of Lynn's gifts and generosity are her three sons: Michael, Jason and Jonathon and her precious granddaughter Arieanna.

Mr. Speaker, Lynn Henderson-Hornes has tireless energy, and sincere concern for the well-being of the community and its residents. As such, she is more than worthy of receiving our recognition today and I urge my colleagues to join me in honoring this truly remarkable woman.

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

**HON. ALCEE L. HASTINGS**

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, March 10, 2003*

Mr. HASTINGS of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in support of H. Con. Res. 36, a resolution to honor and celebrate the 140th anniversary of the Emancipation Proclamation and commending Abraham Lincoln's efforts to end slavery.

On September 22, 1862, President Abraham Lincoln, the sixteenth President of the United States, signed a proclamation stating that as of January 1, 1863, all persons held as slaves within any State or designated part of a State shall be forever free.

As the great grandson of a former slave, I am proud to be able to stand before this body, in this capacity, and state my appreciation for one of the most pivotal acts of government.

To the decedents of slaves the Emancipation Proclamation and the thirteenth amendment allow us to realize and seize our dreams. To each person living within America's borders these doctrines laid the frame-

work for America's diversity and opportunities. This remarkable demonstration of political courage by President Lincoln, although slow, ignited a fire that blazed a trail for equally pivotal acts of government such as the Civil Rights Act of 1964 and the Voting Rights Act of 1965.

140 years since the Emancipation Proclamation and 138 years since the abolishment of slavery, America is still realizing President Lincoln's dream and the dream of the numerous civil rights activists that followed him. For this, Mr. Speaker, I am grateful.

Mr. Speaker, I urge my colleagues to support H. Con. Res. 36 and to continue to work to preserve this nation's legacy of justice and equality for all.

RECOGNITION OF ACHIEVEMENTS OF IDAHO ARTISTS

**HON. C. L. "BUTCH" OTTER**

OF IDAHO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, March 10, 2003*

Mr. OTTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the achievements of five Idaho artists who were selected to exhibit this week in Boise at the "Women's History Month Juried Art Exhibition". Katie Rosenberg, Diane Ronayne, Tobiann Grindstaff, and Katie Cepek, all of Boise; and Sheila Martz, of Payette, are showing their works as part of an event to showcase and promote female artists.

The exhibition features 33 diverse pieces produced by nineteen women throughout nine states. Having five Idaho artists selected for the exhibit reflects exceptionally well on our state. It is especially important to showcase women artists in order to fully reflect the times we're living in. Whether or not the art deals with women's issues specifically, each of these women has a purpose and an individual interpretation of the world she's living in. They are history-makers.

The "Women's History Month Juried Exhibition" opened Friday, March 7, 2003 at the Boise State University Hemingway Center Gallery. I encourage my constituents to avail themselves of this opportunity and I congratulate Katie, Diane, Tobiann, Katie, and Sheila on their successes.

A TRIBUTE TO CYNTHIA Y. GASKIN-JOHNSON

**HON. EDOLPHUS TOWNS**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, March 10, 2003*

Mr. TOWNS. Mr. Speaker, I rise in honor of Cynthia Y. Gaskin-Johnson in recognition of her contribution to her family and her community.

Cynthia is the youngest of four children born to the late Mr. and Mrs. Ethan Law Gaskin in Colon, Republic of Panama. She graduated with honors as a seamstress from Colegio Abel Bravo and was offered the position of Personal Seamstress for the Director's wife. However, she was unable to accept the job since she immigrated to the United States six months after graduation.

Upon arriving in the United States, she was immediately employed by the Bezozzi Baby

Bonnet Company and remained there for approximately five years. In 1966 she married Rupert (Doc) Johnson, a well-known, and talented musician. Their marriage brought forth a daughter, Deborah, lovingly called Debbie, who has blessed Cynthia with two granddaughters: Natasha and Gabrielle. Cynthia also has two loving children from her husband's previous marriage.

In February 1969, Cynthia obtained a job with The Bank of New York where she was employed for 31 years. She began as a Customer Service Telephone Representative and was promoted to Mutual Funds Legal Administrator. Later, she became the Supervisor for the Mutual Funds Redemption area. During her career at the Bank of New York, Cynthia attended the American Institute of Banking (AIB), receiving a certificate in banking. Eventually, Cynthia became a Mutual Funds Account Administrator until her retirement on March 31, 2000. Her retirement was short-lived as she was rehired less than a year later to work part-time for The Bank of New York as a Consultant for the Mutual Funds Custody Department.

Cynthia has a deep and personal relationship with God that flourished at the age of 16 when she accepted Jesus Christ as her savior. She is a member of the Mt. Zion Tabernacle Christian Mission of Panama. She serves on the Executive Board as the Executive Recording, Secretary and on the Usher Board as the Treasurer of the Missionary Department. On a monthly basis, the Missionary Department provides food and clothing for homeless people in the Brooklyn community. Cynthia is also an active member of the Sunday School Department and a member of the Church Choir. She enjoys performing in the yearly Easter Drama Cantata.

Mr. Speaker, Cynthia Y. Gaskin-Johnson is devoted to serving her community. She enjoys helping those in need and assisting anyone seeking a helping hand. As such, she is more than worthy of receiving our recognition. I hope that all of my colleagues will join me in honoring this truly remarkable woman.

HONORING THE LIFE OF JOHN DELAWARE OTTER

**HON. SAM FARR**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, March 10, 2003*

Mr. FARR. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of John Delaware Otter. He passed away on November 20, 2002, at the age of 85, surrounded with family at his home in the Carmel Highlands. He is survived by his wife of 60 years, Jeanette Weld Otter; daughters Marjorie Sue Bruneau, Nancy Clark Otter, Alice Rebecca Fontes; and sons Lee Worth Otter, John Delaware Otter Jr., and Robert Weld Otter.

John was born on November 11, 1917, in Fresno, California. Upon graduating from the School of Forestry at the University of California at Berkeley, he later completed civil engineer training, and eventually served as Captain in the 97th Engineers, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers.

During WWII, John was sent to work on the Alaska Highway. With the Japanese occupying parts of the Aleutian Islands, the Army commissioned a road to be built connecting the

lower 48 to Alaska so supplies could be transported to Alaska. In 1942, John, the company commander, worked through winter temperatures so low that the oil in the trucks froze in order to complete the ALCAN Highway, now known as the Alaska Highway. He continued his service in the South Pacific as an engineer.

A registered civil engineer and licensed land surveyor, John dedicated the remainder of his life to the environment of the Central Coast. He worked for the California Department of Forestry and was a board member of the California Oak Foundation, the American Society of Civil Engineers, the American Congress on Surveying and Mapping, the Society of American Military Engineers, the American Society of Arboriculture, and the Carmel Highlands Fire District, where he was also the chairman. He is credited with devising Monterey County's first slope density formula, for determining allowable development density in the original Carmel Valley Master Plan.

While many of his accomplishments involved the forests and state parks, John loved the Pacific Ocean enough to call it his favorite "fishing hole." He appreciated the marine life tremendously and that appreciation evolved into a need to protect the marine environment. Carmel Bay State Ecological Reserve existed thanks to the efforts of John, and was the forerunner to the National Marine Sanctuary.

An honest person with a great sense of humor, John wouldn't talk about himself because he was humble to the core. Once, he pulled his car over to make a phone call from a public telephone and found a dime in the change slot. He used that dime to make his call, and before leaving the booth, he reached into his pocket and replaced that dime with one of his own. He was that kind of guy, and he made people around him feel like they could be anything they wanted because he treated them with an equal amount of respect, instilling a sense of pride in the individual. Treating everyone with honor made him honorable.

On behalf of this House, I wish to celebrate the extraordinary life of "Jack" Otter, a man whose honesty and ingenuity made for better lands and better people.

RECOGNIZING MARY LOU HOLT FOR HER OUTSTANDING SERVICE TO THE PEOPLE OF YOUNTVILLE, CALIFORNIA AT THE TIME OF HER RETIREMENT AS TOWN MAYOR

**HON. MIKE THOMPSON**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, March 10, 2003*

Mr. THOMPSON of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the mayor of Yountville, California, Mary Lou Holt, whose outstanding leadership and commitment to community service has significantly benefited the people of Yountville.

Prior to being elected as the mayor of Yountville in 1994, Mary Lou served as an elected member of the Yountville town council. As a member of the town council and as mayor, Mary Lou has been dedicated to improving the Yountville community. She founded the Christmas in April program, is a board member of the Hands Across the Valley program and chairs the Napa County Committee on Child Youth & Families.

Impressively, Mary Lou's community outreach has extended past Yountville and beyond our nation's borders. By actively supporting programs like "Roots of Peace," a program that aids Afghan farmers by providing them with free grape seeds in exchange for the destruction of land mines on their farmland, she has impacted people both at home and abroad.

Mr. Speaker, in Yountville, Mayor Holt is well known for her many accomplishments. While the community may know that she was honored as the Kiwanian of the year and that the Napa County Hispanic Network and many other service organizations have also honored her, it is most significant that the citizens of Yountville see and recognize that all accolades aside, their mayor is a person of character.

Mr. Speaker, far too often, people doubt their politicians. Cynicism and division have often replaced idealism and unity as building blocks for building societies. Fortunately, in her community, Mayor Holt has shattered that stereotype through her leadership and commitment to those she represents.

For nearly 10 years, Mary Lou Holt has been the matriarch of Yountville. And in that time, she has led and loved her fellow citizens. It was Mary Lou who helped create the "If Given A Chance" program that has awarded hundreds of scholarships to Yountville's underprivileged youth. It was Mary Lou who mourned with Yountville after the horrific

events of September 11, 2001 and recounted her own experience of being in Washington D.C. and hearing the plane that crashed into the Pentagon fly over her head. And it has been Mary Lou, who has never been too busy being mayor to forget to be someone's friend.

Mr. Speaker, because of the many contributions she has made to the town of Yountville and for the special way that as mayor and friend Mary Lou Holt has impacted the lives of her fellow citizens, it is proper for us to honor her today as she retires from the office of mayor.

A TRIBUTE TO PRISCILLA INCORVAIA

**HON. EDOLPHUS TOWNS**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, March 10, 2003*

Mr. TOWNS. Mr. Speaker, I rise in support of Priscilla Incorvaia in recognition for her tireless energy and dedication to her community.

Priscilla grew up on Long Island and attended C.W. Post College where she studied Elementary Education and Training Development. After an internship at Republic National Bank, she was offered a job in their management-training program. During the next fifteen years, Priscilla rapidly moved up the ranks and presently is the Branch Manager of the Starrett City Office in Brooklyn.

As far back as Priscilla can remember, she has been involved in various community organizations. She feels that it is important to be involved in organizations at the grass roots level, especially those related to children. She is a firm believer in getting involved in the community where she works and is well known in the various boroughs, especially Brooklyn.

Priscilla sits on many advisory boards, including Junior Achievement, the YWCA, the Queens Botanical Gardens, and The Noel Pointer Foundation, a non-profit organization that provides music lessons for gifted underprivileged children where she served as treasurer. She has been awarded the Bronze Leadership Award for Leadership and Support and the Above and Beyond Service Award for her work in Junior Achievement.

Priscilla attributes her team spirit to her husband Angelo, a former New York Giants lineman.

Mr. Speaker, Priscilla Incorvaia is devoted to serving her community. As such, she is more than worthy of receiving our recognition today and I urge my colleagues to join me in honoring this truly remarkable woman.

## SENATE COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Title IV of Senate Resolution 4, agreed to by the Senate on February 4, 1977, calls for establishment of a system for a computerized schedule of all meetings and hearings of Senate committees, subcommittees, joint committees, and committees of conference. This title requires all such committees to notify the Office of the Senate Daily Digest—designated by the Rules committee—of the time, place, and purpose of the meetings, when scheduled, and any cancellations or changes in the meetings as they occur.

As an additional procedure along with the computerization of this information, the Office of the Senate Daily Digest will prepare this information for printing in the Extensions of Remarks section of the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD on Monday and Wednesday of each week.

Meetings scheduled for Tuesday, March 11, 2003 may be found in the Daily Digest of today's RECORD.

## MEETINGS SCHEDULED

## MARCH 12

9:30 a.m.  
**Appropriations**  
 District of Columbia Subcommittee  
 To hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2004 for the District of Columbia Courts, Court Services, and the Offender Supervision Agency. SD-138

**Energy and Natural Resources**  
 Business meeting to consider pending calendar business. SD-366

**Armed Services**  
 Strategic Forces Subcommittee  
 To hold hearings to examine national security space programs and management in review of the Defense Authorization Request for fiscal year 2004. SR-222

10 a.m.  
**Appropriations**  
 Defense Subcommittee  
 To hold closed hearings to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2004 for defense programs, focusing on worldwide threats to the United States. S-407 Capitol

**Finance**  
 To hold hearings to examine welfare reform. SD-215

**Judiciary**  
 Immigration Subcommittee  
 Technology, Terrorism, and Government Information Subcommittee  
 To hold joint hearings to examine border technology, focusing on keeping terrorist out of the United States. SD-226

**Indian Affairs**  
 To hold hearings to examine Indian health legislation. SR-485

**Veterans' Affairs**  
 To hold joint hearings with the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs to examine a legislative presentation of the Veterans of Foreign Wars. 345, Cannon Building

11:30 a.m.  
**Foreign Relations**  
 Business meeting to consider the Convention Between the Government of

the United States Of America and the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland for the Avoidance of Double Taxation and the Prevention of Fiscal Evasion with Respect to Taxes on Income and on Capital Gains, signed at London on July 24, 2001, together with an Exchange of Notes, as amended by the Protocol signed at Washington on July 19, 2002 (the "Convention") (Treaty Doc.107-19), Protocol Amending the Convention Between the Government of the United States Of America and the Government of Australia for the Avoidance of Double Taxation and the Prevention of Fiscal Evasion with Respect to Taxes on Income, signed at Canberra on September 27, 2001 (the "Protocol") (Treaty Doc.107-20), and the Second Additional Protocol that Modifies the Convention Between the Government of the United States of America and the Government of the United Mexican States for the Avoidance of Double Taxation and the Prevention of Fiscal Evasion with Respect to Taxes on Income, signed at Mexico City on November 26, 2002 (Treaty Doc.108-03). SD-419

## 2 p.m.

## Judiciary

To hold hearings to examine the nominations of James V. Selna, to be United States District Judge for the Central District of California, Philip P. Simon, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of Indiana, Theresa Lazar Springmann, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of Indiana, Mary Ellen Coster Williams, of Maryland, and Victor J. Wolski, of Virginia, both to be a Judge of the United States Court of Federal Claims, Ricardo H. Hinojosa, of Texas, and Michael E. Horowitz, of Maryland, both to be a Member of the United States Sentencing Commission, and Cormac J. Carney, to be United States District Judge for the Central District of California. SD-226

## 2:15 p.m.

## Budget

Business meeting to markup a proposed concurrent resolution setting forth the fiscal year 2004 budget for the Federal Government. SD-608

## 2:30 p.m.

## Appropriations

## Energy and Water Development Subcommittee

To hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2004 for the Department of Energy Office of Energy and Efficiency and Renewable Energy, Office of Science, and the Office of Nuclear Energy Science and Technology. SD-124

## Foreign Relations

To hold hearings to examine regional implications of the changing nuclear equation on the Korean Peninsula. SH-216

## Commerce, Science, and Transportation Oceans, Atmosphere, and Fisheries Subcommittee

To hold hearings to examine the President's proposed budget request for fiscal year 2004 for the Coast Guard and the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration. SR-253

## 3 p.m.

## Armed Services

## Airland Subcommittee

To hold hearings to examine Army transformation in review of the Defense Authorization Request for fiscal year 2004 and the Future Years Defense Program. SR-232A

## MARCH 13

## 9:30 a.m.

## Environment and Public Works

## Clean Air, Climate Change, and Nuclear Safety Subcommittee

To hold oversight hearings to examine the implementation of the Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality Improvement Program, and Conformity programs. SD-406

## Armed Services

To hold hearings to examine military strategy and operational requirements in review of the Defense Authorization Request for Fiscal Year 2004 and the Future Years Defense Program. SH-216

## Commerce, Science, and Transportation

Business meeting to consider pending calendar business. SR-253

## Judiciary

To hold hearings to examine the nomination of Priscilla Richman Owen, of Texas, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Fifth Circuit. SD-226

## Appropriations

## Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education Subcommittee

To hold hearings to examine causes of the medical liability insurance crisis. SD-192

## 10 a.m.

## Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs

To hold hearings to examine the Administration's proposed Fiscal Year 2004 Budget for the Federal Transit Administration. SD-538

## Budget

Business meeting to markup a proposed concurrent resolution setting forth the fiscal year 2004 budget for the Federal Government. SD-608

## Energy and Natural Resources

To hold hearings to examine the impact of fires in 2002 and then look forward to the potential 2003 fire season. SD-366

## Appropriations

## VA, HUD, and Independent Agencies Subcommittee

To hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2004 for the Department of Veterans Affairs. SD-138

## Veterans' Affairs

To hold joint hearings with the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs to examine legislative presentations of the Retired Enlisted Association, Gold Star Wives of America, the Fleet Reserve Association, and the Air Force Sergeants Association. 345, Cannon Building

## 2 p.m.

## Foreign Relations

To hold a closed briefing to examine Iraq's political future. S-407 Capitol

## Armed Services

## Readiness and Management Support Subcommittee

To hold hearings to examine proposed legislation authorizing funds for the

Department of Defense, focusing on the impacts of environmental laws on readiness and the related Administration legislative proposal.

SH-216

2:30 p.m.

Energy and Natural Resources  
National Parks Subcommittee

To hold oversight hearings to examine the designation and management of National Heritage Areas, including criteria and procedures for designating heritage areas, the potential impact of heritage areas on private lands and communities, federal and non-federal costs of managing heritage areas, and methods of monitoring and measuring the success of heritage areas.

SD-366

Intelligence

To hold closed hearings to examine intelligence matters.

SH-219

MARCH 14

9:30 a.m.

Armed Services  
Emerging Threats and Capabilities Subcommittee

To hold hearings to examine the posture of U.S. Joint Forces Command and the role of joint experimentation in force transformation, in review of the Defense Authorization Request for Fiscal Year 2004.

SR-22

MARCH 18

9:30 a.m.

Foreign Relations  
To hold hearings to examine the war on terrorism, focusing on diplomacy issues.

SD-419

10 a.m.

Energy and Natural Resources  
To hold oversight hearings to examine water supply issues in the Western United States.

SD-366

Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions  
To hold hearings to examine the Mammography Quality Standards Act.

SD-430

MARCH 19

9:30 a.m.

Judiciary  
To hold hearings to examine ethical regenerative medicine research and human reproductive cloning.

SD-226

Rules and Administration  
To hold oversight hearings to examine the operations of the Secretary of the Senate and the Architect of the Capitol.

SR-301

10 a.m.

Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions  
Business meeting to consider pending calendar business.

SD-430

Indian Affairs  
Business meeting to consider pending calendar business; to be followed by hearings on Indian energy legislation.

SR-485

MARCH 20

9:30 a.m.

Armed Services  
To hold hearings to examine atomic energy defense activities of the Department of Energy, in review of the Defense Authorization Request for Fiscal Year 2004.

SH-216

10 a.m.

Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions  
To hold hearings to examine the Washington Teacher's Union.

SD-430

Veterans' Affairs  
To hold joint hearings with the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs to examine legislative presentations of AMVETS, American Ex-Prisoners of War, the Vietnam Veterans of America, the Military Officers Association of America, and the National Association of State Directors of Veterans' Affairs.  
345 Cannon Building

MARCH 25

2:30 p.m.

Energy and Natural Resources  
National Parks Subcommittee  
To hold oversight hearings to examine National Trail designations and the potential impact of National Trails on private lands, communities, and activities within the viewshed of the trails, and S. 324, to amend the National Trails System Act to clarify Federal authority relating to land acquisition from willing sellers for certain trails in the National Trails System.

SD-366

MARCH 26

9:30 a.m.

Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions  
Business meeting to consider pending calendar business.

SD-430

10 a.m.

Indian Affairs  
To hold oversight hearings to examine the Indian Gaming Regulatory Act, focusing on the role and funding of the National Indian Gaming Commission.

SR-485

MARCH 27

9:30 a.m.

Armed Services  
To hold hearings to examine the future of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization; to be followed by closed hearings (in Room SH-219).

SH-216

10 a.m.

Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions  
To hold hearings to examine terrorism, focusing on public health response.

SD-430

APRIL 2

10 a.m.

Indian Affairs  
Business meeting to consider pending calendar business; to be followed by hearings on Indian Health Care Reauthorization Act legislation.

SR-485