

Committee on 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, 10 a.m., 345 Cannon Building.

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

House

Committee on Appropriations, Subcommittee on Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration and Related Agencies, on National Resources Conservation Service, 9:30 a.m., and on Research, Education and Economics, 1:30 p.m., 2362A Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, and State and The Judiciary, and Related Agencies, on SEC, 1 p.m., H-309 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Defense, executive, on U.S. Northern Command, 1:30 p.m., H-140 Capitol.

Subcommittee on Energy and Water Development, on Department of Energy-Science, Nuclear Energy, and Renewable Energy, 10 a.m., 2362B Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Foreign Operations, Export Financing, and Related Programs, on Secretary of State, 10:30 a.m., 2359 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Interior and Related Agencies, on National Endowment for the Arts, and National Endowment for the Humanities, 10 a.m., B-308 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, Education and Related Agencies, on Department of Education-Panel: "Special Education and Vocational Education" program, 10:15 a.m., 2358 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Transportation and Treasury, and Independent Agencies, on Inspector General, Department of Transportation, 10 a.m., 2358 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on VA and HUD, and Independent Agencies, on Council on Environmental Quality, 10 a.m., and on Chemical Safety and Hazard Investigation Board, 11 a.m., H-143 Capitol.

Committee on Armed Services, to continue hearings on the fiscal year 2004 national defense authorization budget request, 8 a.m., 2118 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Readiness, hearing on environmental legislative proposals, 10:30 a.m., 2118 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Terrorism, Unconventional Threats and Capabilities, hearing on force protection policy, with emphasis on the role of the Department of Defense and the National Guard in homeland security, 2 p.m., 2212 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Total Force, hearing on the Department of Defense total force transformation and overview of the fiscal year 2004 military personnel budget request, 3 p.m., 2216 Rayburn.

Committee on Education and the Workforce, Subcommittee on Education Reform, hearing on "IDEA, Focusing on Improving Results for Children and Disabilities," 9:30 a.m., 2175 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Employer-Employee Relations, hearing on H.R. 660, Small Business Health Fairness Act of 2003, 1 p.m., 2175 Rayburn.

Committee on Energy and Commerce, Subcommittee on Energy and Air Quality, to continue hearings on "Comprehensive National Energy Policy," 9:30 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

Committee on Financial Services, to consider the following bills: H.R. 21, Unlawful Internet Gambling Funding Prohibition Act; H.R. 522, Federal Deposit Insurance Act of 2003; and H.R. 758, Business Checking Freedom Act of 2003, 10 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.

Committee on Government Reform, hearing entitled "Stumbling onto Smut: The Alarming Ease of Access to Pornography on Peer-to-Peer Networks," 10 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Technology, Information Policy, Intergovernmental Relations and the Census, oversight hearing entitled "Federal E-Government Initiatives: Are We Headed in the Right Direction?" 2 p.m., 2154 Rayburn.

Committee on House Administration, to consider Committee funding requests, 10:40 a.m., 1310 Longworth.

Committee on International Relations, Subcommittee on Europe, hearing on United States Priorities in Europe, 1:30 p.m., 2172 Rayburn.

Committee on the Judiciary, Subcommittee on Courts, the Internet, and Intellectual Property, oversight hearing on the "International Copyright Piracy: Links to Organized Crime and Terrorism," 9 a.m., 2141 Rayburn.

Committee on Science, Subcommittee on Environment, Technology, and Standards, to mark up H.R. 1081, Aquatic Invasive Species Research Act; followed by a hearing on Harmful Algal Blooms and Hypoxia: Strengthening the Science, 10 a.m., 2318 Rayburn.

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, Subcommittee on Coast Guard and Maritime Transportation, to meet for organizational purposes, and to hold an oversight hearing on the Administration's Fiscal Year 2004 Budgets for the U.S. Coast Guard and the Federal Maritime Commission, 2 p.m., 2167 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Highways, Transit and Pipelines, oversight hearing on Reauthorization of Federal Highway and Transit Programs: What are the needs, and how to meet those needs, 10 a.m., 2167 Rayburn.

Committee on Ways and Means, to mark up H.R. 743, Social Security Protection Act of 2003, 10:30 a.m., 1100 Longworth.

Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence, Subcommittee on Intelligence Policy and National Security, executive, briefing on Hot Spots, 8:30 a.m., H-405 Capitol.

Subcommittee on Technical and Tactical Intelligence, executive, hearing on Future Imagery Architecture Program, 1 p.m., H-405 Capitol.

Joint Meetings

Joint Meetings: Senate Committee on 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, 10 a.m., 345 Cannon Building.

Next Meeting of the SENATE
9:30 a.m., Thursday, March 13

Senate Chamber

Program for Thursday: Senate will continue consideration of S. 3, Partial-Birth Abortion Ban Act, with a vote on final passage to occur thereon; following which, Senate will vote on the confirmation of the nomination of Thomas A. Varlan, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Tennessee; following which, Senate will proceed to a period of morning business until 11:30 a.m.; following which, Senate will resume consideration of the nomination of Miguel A. Estrada, of Virginia, to be United States Circuit Judge for the District of Columbia Circuit, with a vote on the motion to invoke cloture to occur at 12:30 p.m.; following which, Senate will consider the nomination of Jay S. Bybee, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Ninth Circuit, with 6 hours of debate, followed by a vote on confirmation of the nomination; to be immediately followed by a vote on the confirmation of the nomination of William H. Steele, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of Alabama; to be immediately followed by a vote on the confirmation of the nomination of J. Daniel Breen, to be United States District Judge for the Western District of Tennessee.

Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
10 a.m., Thursday, March 13

House Chamber

Program for Thursday: Consideration of H.R. 5, Help Efficient, Accessible, Low-Cost, Timely Healthcare (HEALTH) Act of 2003 (closed rule, two hours of debate).

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