

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. KAREN MCCARTHY

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, March 24, 2003

Ms. MCCARTHY of Missouri. Mr. Speaker, during rollcall vote No. 82, I was unavoidably detained. Had I been present, I would have voted "nay."

TROOPS SHOULD RECEIVE REQUIRED MEDICAL SCREENINGS

HON. DENNIS MOORE

OF KANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, March 24, 2003

Mr. MOORE. Mr. Speaker, with our country's troops now entering into active combat in Iraq, I want to bring to your attention and to the attention of my fellow Representatives an issue made even more timely by the events of the past twenty-four hours.

On March 13th, I sent to Defense Secretary Rumsfeld a letter which I am including in the RECORD with this statement. I encouraged the Secretary to assure that all troops entering the Iraqi area receive medical examinations before and after deployment. The Kansas City Star recently carried an informative article, also included here, summarizing a law enacted by Congress in 1997 that requires such physical and mental screening of our troops, due to the many unexplained illnesses that followed service in the 1991 Persian Gulf War.

Our fighting men and women serving in the Middle East face a genuine, immediate threat of biological and chemical weapons. We owe them no lesser level of service and dedication than they are providing in defense of our country. I hope all members of Congress will join with me in ensuring that the commitments made to the members of our Armed Forces in 1997 are kept in 2003 and afterward.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,

Washington, DC, March 13, 2003.

Hon. DONALD RUMSFELD,
Secretary, Department of Defense, The Pentagon, Washington, DC.

DEAR MR. SECRETARY: I am writing to express my concern regarding a recent article I read in the Kansas City Star March 5, 2003, entitled: "Troops are not receiving medical screenings required by 1997 law." I have enclosed the article for your review.

The article asserts that troops entering the Iraqi area are not receiving medical examinations before and after deployment. As you know, Congress mandated in 1997 that all troops receive such tests to help in identifying future ailments such as Gulf War syndrome which has been extremely difficult to document and treat following the 1991 Gulf War.

I strongly urge the Department of Defense follow the 1997 mandate and if the DOD needs help fulfilling this mandate to accept the Veterans Administration's offer of help to collect and maintain medical information on all troops entering southwest Asia.

I look forward to your response on this important matter.

Very truly yours,

DENNIS MOORE,
Member of Congress.

[From the Kansas City (KS) Star, Mar. 5, 2003]

TROOPS ARE NOT RECEIVING MEDICAL SCREENINGS REQUIRED BY 1997 LAW

(By David Goldstein)

WASHINGTON.—Troops heading for the Iraqi theater are not getting health screenings, especially blood sampling, mandated by a law Congress enacted in 1997.

The law, which grew out of concern about unexplained illnesses that followed the 1991 gulf war, required that troops receive mental and medical examinations before and after deployment overseas. The tests are intended to provide clues in case the phenomenon known as gulf war syndrome should recur.

Instead, the Pentagon requires only a brief, one-page questionnaire asking for general health-related information. A top Pentagon health official said blood tests would not be especially useful.

About 300,000 American personnel are now at jumping-off points near Iraq or on their way. Many consider U.S. troops much more likely than in the 1991 war to face biological and chemical weapons.

"The majority of the troops have already deployed . . . and therefore we're not going to have a good picture of their health," said Steve Robinson, a gulf war veteran and executive director of the National Gulf War Resource Center.

"Once again, if soldiers are exposed, we do not have baseline (medical) data required to document their status. You're looking at gulf war illness 2."

The Pentagon insists that it has followed the law.

"If the intent was to make sure we had better documentation—yes, we are in compliance," said Michael Kilpatrick, a physician who is deputy director of deployment health support at the Pentagon.

Veterans affairs activists, health care experts and congressional watchdogs are unconvinced.

The law, signed by then-President Bill Clinton, was enacted in response to a chorus of health complaints from gulf war veterans. Many reported a variety of ailments, including headaches, memory loss, rashes, equilibrium problems and loss of motor skills.

The causes were unknown, despite numerous medical studies. Some veterans pointed to the release of chemical or biological agents when Iraqi stockpiles were bombed, the military's hurried vaccinations against those agents, desert diseases and parasites or pollution from burning oil wells.

The syndrome has caused a bitter battle between veterans and the Pentagon, which has refused to recognize it, and the Department of Veterans Affairs, which has had to decide whether claims for medical compensation are valid.

Democratic Sen. John Kerry of Massachusetts, a former veterans affairs activist, called the Pentagon's program troubling.

"What's the message we're sending to our troops around the world today and those prepared to fight in Iraq?" he asked. "The message seems to be, 'Do your duty to country, but your country won't fulfill its duty to you if you're lucky enough to return home.'"

Kerry, a candidate for the Democratic presidential nomination in 2004, has asked the General Accounting Office to investigate whether Defense has met its requirements.

In addition, leaders of the Senate Committee on Veterans' Affairs have asked for a detailed account of Pentagon efforts to track medical data on battlefield troops.

Last month, Veterans Affairs Secretary Anthony Principi wrote to Defense Secretary Donald Rumsfeld and said the VA wanted to work closely with the Pentagon to collect

"health and exposure data" on those deployed in southwest Asia.

"Much of the controversy over the health problems of the veterans who fought in the 1991 war with Iraq could have been avoided had more extensive surveillance data been collected," Principi wrote.

Mark Brown, a VA toxicologist who has been investigating gulf war illnesses, said Principi's letter was intended to put the VA "on the public record" about its concerns.

The Pentagon's approach, he said, "certainly wasn't adequate in the first gulf war. Have they learned their lesson and done better? Maybe we'll be pleasantly surprised."

The law requires the Secretary of Defense to "establish a system to assess the medical condition of members of the armed forces," including reserves, deployed outside the United States for combat, peacekeeping missions or humanitarian operations.

Kilpatrick said the Pentagon's program was "an evolving process" and part of a concept called "Force Health Protection" that was put in place during the Kosovo conflict in 1996.

Some health officials with the Defense Department appear not to have known what Congress required.

Some gulf war medical researchers proposed a study to the Pentagon a year ago that would track some troops in post-Sept. 11 military operations. The proposed study unknowingly mirrored the elements of the law, and a medical official wrote back, "This sound like something we need to investigate further as something we could like to support."

The project involved studying the Rhode Island National Guard. David Haines, an immunologist affiliated with George Washington University, said he discovered a month ago that the Department of Defense was supposed to be doing the blood sampling that he and his colleagues had proposed to do on a small scale.

"We will do the right thing and step back if DOD is doing great things, but we don't believe DOD has anything like that in place," he said.

According to Kilpatrick, a brief questionnaire is basically the military's response to the congressional mandate because it has other steps already in place.

In the questionnaire troops are asked how they would rate their health, from excellent to poor. They are also asked whether they have any medical or dental problems, whether they have any health concerns, whether they wear glasses and whether they have concerns about possible "exposures or events during this deployment."

Anyone answering "yes" to certain questions will be referred for further examination. Rick Weidman of the lobbying group Vietnam Veterans of America, calls the questionnaire "absolutely useless from an epidemiological point of view."

"There's nothing about susceptibility to skin rashes or any of the derivative diseases that are due to some of these kinds of exposures," he said, "and there is no psychological exam. Nothing."

According to Kilpatrick, troops are asked whether they have sought mental health counseling within the past two years, but the military has to rely on personnel being truthful.

"If people say, 'My mental status is fine,' we are not stopping to engage in a three-hour survey to assess people's mental status," Kilpatrick said. "If we are preparing to deploy 20,000 troops, it's physically impossible."

A key element of the 1998 law is the taking of blood samples to establish a medical baseline and help identify possible subsequent exposures to toxic materials. The absence of

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such tests on veterans of the 1991 gulf war has handicapped researchers.

Blood is always taken for HIV testing, Kilpatrick said, and those samples are in storage. But fresh samples will be taken only if the serum on file is more than a year old, he said.

He disputed the idea that additional sampling would be helpful because the biological markers of many toxic agents disappear from the bloodstream within hours or days of exposure.

Also, Kilpatrick said, troops are physically evaluated every five years, except for pilots, who are tested more frequently. Medical histories were more valuable to researchers than "hands-on" physical exams, he said.

But gulf war medical researchers said the Pentagon's plan is a missed opportunity, especially considering the threat of weapons of mass destruction.

"We can run into the same thing all over again," said Lea Steele, a Kansas Institute of Health epidemiologist who has studied gulf war veterans. "One of the difficulties of the gulf war was we didn't have any evidence prior to the war. It was hard to link illnesses."

"Now that we're becoming a second time deeply involved in Iraq . . . there is no established protocol that would be very valuable. Some people say Saddam Hussein has less to lose now. He may be more likely to use these things."

A TRIBUTE TO JAMES W.
LAUGHLIN

HON. TOM DAVIS

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, March 24, 2003

Mr. TOM DAVIS of Virginia. Mr. Speaker, today I pay tribute to James W. Laughlin—one of our Federal Government's finest public servants and a long time resident of the Commonwealth of Virginia. This March he will retire from an exceptionally distinguished career of service to his country. He has served our Nation as a career civil servant for over 42 years. He has been an exceptional leader and has played a key role in ensuring effective financial management for the Department of Defense. It gives me pride to have the opportunity to honor him today for his tremendous accomplishments.

Mr. Laughlin began his career with the Navy in the financial management field working for various field activities. He progressed to a supervisory budget analyst in the Office of the Navy Comptroller where he was responsible for the Navy's operation and maintenance and civilian manpower programs. In 1974 he transitioned to the Office of the Department of Defense Comptroller.

Mr. Laughlin first served in the Department of Defense Comptroller office as a budget analyst in the Research and Development Directorate, responsible for reviewing the Navy and Air Force multi-billion dollar aircraft programs. He then moved to the Military Personnel Directorate where he was responsible for reviewing the Navy and Marine Corps military personnel appropriations.

Since 1982, Mr. Laughlin has been the senior budget analyst for Military Personnel appropriation matters—a portfolio that totals over \$93 billion this year. Mr. Laughlin is an acknowledged expert on Military Personnel funding issues both inside the Pentagon and on Capitol Hill, particularly in the areas of concurrent receipt, military wage credits, and retired pay issues.

Senior leaders, both in the Congress and the Department of Defense, have benefited from his experience, outstanding leadership and distinguished performance. His efforts have enabled our nation's leaders to make the most effective use of defense resources to en-

sure America's military strength. On behalf of my colleagues, I thank him for his service to our country and wish him well on his retirement.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. MIKE ROGERS

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, March 24, 2003

Mr. MIKE ROGERS of Michigan. Mr. Speaker, on the legislative day of Thursday, March 20, 2003, the House voted on H. Con. Res. 104, expressing support and appreciation for our Armed Forces and the President participating in Operation Iraqi Freedom. On House rollcall vote No. 83, I was unavoidably detained. Had I been present, I would have voted "yea."

COMMENDING CALIFORNIA WOMEN
FOR AGRICULTURE IN HONOR OF
NATIONAL AGRICULTURE DAY

HON. GEORGE RADANOVICH

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, March 24, 2003

Mr. RADANOVICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to commend the California Women for Agriculture as they honor National Agriculture Day. The California Women for agriculture is hosting Agriculture Day in LA! at Moor Field in Alhambra, California on March 21, 2003 to commemorate this day.

In its 30th year, the National Agriculture Day program is committed to increasing public awareness about American agriculture. Producers, agricultural associations, corporations, universities, government agencies, and countless others across America will gather on this first day of spring to celebrate the abundance provided by agriculture. National Agriculture Day focuses on educating Americans about career opportunities available in the agriculture, food, and fiber industry.

As one of California's major organizations, California Women for Agriculture helps to "supply knowledge and skills necessary to convey the mutual benefits of a vibrant agricultural economy and healthy rural communities to those who are in positions to impact the future of agriculture in California." California Women in Agriculture, along with the Agricultural Awareness and Literacy Foundation and Alhambra School District, will be hosting the event for 1,200 inner city 3rd grade students who will be learning about food, fiber, flowers, and forests. The goal of the program is to teach students about agriculture and its importance in our everyday lives. The students will participate in a hands-on learning environment with crops, farm equipment, and live animals. They will learn how it contributes to our healthy, affordable food supply; offers many different careers, cares for the environment and creates a diverse food supply.

Mr. Speaker, it is my pleasure to commend California Women for Agriculture as they honor National Agriculture Day on its 30th Anniversary. I urge my colleagues to join me in wishing the California Women for Agriculture many years of continued success.

EXPRESSING SUPPORT AND AP-
PRECIATION FOR THE PRESI-
DENT AND MEMBERS OF THE
ARMED FORCES PARTICIPATING
IN OPERATION IRAQI FREEDOM

SPEECH OF

HON. JOHN B. LARSON

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 20, 2003

Mr. LARSON of Connecticut. Mr. Speaker, I rise in strong support of the men and women who wear the uniform and protect our freedoms. I rise on behalf of their families and loved ones who wait and pray for their speedy and safe return.

This is a solemn moment for the Nation. There has been disagreement here at home and abroad about the policies of preemption. The men and women who wear the uniform don't make policy. They are neither diplomats nor politicians. They are soldiers and their duty is to salute and follow orders. Every member of Congress joins in unwavering support of them and their families for their sacrifice.

I have openly disagreed with the policies that have led us to this moment. This evening we pause as a Congress to salute and honor our troops. And while I strongly disagree with the Administration's policies, this is not the resolution or forum to express my differences. This evening our hearts, our prayers, and our gratitude goes out to the uniformed members of the armed services. God bless them. God bless America.

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SPEECH OF

HON. LINCOLN DIAZ-BALART

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 3, 2003

Mr. LINCOLN DIAZ-BALART of Florida. Mr. Speaker, as we begin this arduous process of disarming Saddam Hussein of his weapons of mass destruction, I wish to thank our brave men and women in uniform for their service. Let us pray for their safe return to their homes and families.

During my career in the House, I've continually been struck by the dedication of those who wear this Nation's uniform. Prepared to offer the ultimate sacrifice, they serve for love of their country, for the safety of each one of us, and for the cause of freedom throughout the world.

The expertise and professionalism of our service men and women is without parallel. They understand the significance of their mission, and the dangers, but they will complete this task that has been laid before them.

Their mission is to disarm one of the greatest threats to the free and peaceful people of the world. The Iraqi people will no longer suffer from the horror of Saddam's regime. We must ensure our armed forces can complete this job knowing their country is fully behind their efforts.

God bless our brave men and women.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. TOM LANTOS

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, March 24, 2003

Mr. LANTOS. Mr. Speaker, on Rollcall No. 83, recorded on Friday, March 21, 2002 at 3:00 a.m., I was unable to cast my floor vote due to miscommunication with floor staff. This vote was on H. Con. Res. 104, expressing the support and appreciation of the Nation for the President and the members of the Armed Forces who are participating in Operation Iraqi Freedom. As my colleagues can attest, I am a strong support of our Armed Forces and of our operations in Iraq. Had I been able to vote, I would have voted "aye" to Rollcall Vote No. 83.

EXPRESSING SUPPORT AND APPRECIATION FOR THE PRESIDENT AND MEMBERS OF THE ARMED FORCES PARTICIPATING IN OPERATION IRAQI FREEDOM

SPEECH OF

HON. MICHAEL N. CASTLE

OF DELAWARE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 20, 2003

Mr. CASTLE. Mr. Speaker, I thank the House Leadership for introducing this important resolution. Today, we recognize, support, and commend our brave service men and women for their dedication, for their sacrifice, and for their supreme love of country. We thank and honor those who serve on behalf of liberty and freedom.

Our Nation has committed our military to defend the world from grave danger and to assure the security for all nations by disarming Saddam Hussein. For more than 4½ months, this brutal dictator has ignored the clear resolve of the United Nations and the world that Iraq immediately disarm. In the face of Iraq's continued defiance of the international community, the United States and our allies have been forced to act. It had been my ardent hope that, through forceful diplomacy and clear resolve, we would have avoided this war. However, in the face of Saddam Hussein's history of deception, the U.S. and its broad range of international partners have decided now is the time to act to disarm Iraq. In the coming days and weeks, it will be critically important for our Nation to support and pray for the safety of our troops in this time of uncertainty.

Following the terrorist attacks of September 11th, I participated in countless classified briefings and hearings before the House Intelligence Committee. We know that Iraq has continued to build weapons of mass destruction, has energized its missile program, and is investing in biological weapons. Saddam Hussein is determined to obtain weapons-grade material to develop nuclear weapons. His biological weapons program is more advanced than before the Gulf War. All of these actions have been done in flagrant violation of U.N. Security Council resolutions. The Iraqi people have not brought this situation upon themselves, but rather the blame is on the brutal dictatorship of Saddam Hussein.

Apart from the current military action, our focus must be on working with the world community to rebuild Iraq following the military actions. As we move forward in Iraq and in other crisis spots around the world, I am hopeful that the United States will continue to strengthen its unity with the international community.

Today, we stand firmly behind our Armed Forces. We thank the brave men and women who risk their lives to keep our Nation free and safe. We offer our respect, our supreme gratitude, and the promise that we shall not forget your bravery and your sacrifice. We are proud of you. May God bless you and keep you safe.

EXPRESSING SUPPORT AND APPRECIATION FOR THE PRESIDENT AND MEMBERS OF THE ARMED FORCES PARTICIPATING IN OPERATION IRAQI FREEDOM

HON. JERRY F. COSTELLO

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, March 24, 2003

Mr. COSTELLO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in support of H. Con. Res. 104, a resolution expressing the support and appreciation of the Nation for the President and the members of the Armed Forces who are participating in Operation Iraqi Freedom. Many people have questioned the need for the United States to remove Saddam Hussein or the method in which this matter has been handled by the Bush administration. However, the time has come to end the debate and turn our complete and unified attention to supporting our troops.

I know there is no more important decision than whether or not to send our sons and daughters into armed conflict. Our President has made the decision to commit troops and with pride and resolve, the Congress stands solidly behind our troops. We will do whatever we can to make certain that they have everything needed for a quick resolution and their safe return home.

Mr. Speaker, the thoughts and prayers of all Americans are with the nearly 300,000 brave men and women who are currently putting their own lives in danger to carry out the orders of the Commander in Chief. Every one of us is proud of their service and their courage. We pray for their safety tonight and in days to come, and offer comfort and support to their families and loved ones.

HONORING LEADERS OF PLANNED PARENTHOOD EASTERN REGION

HON. JERROLD NADLER

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, March 24, 2003

Mr. NADLER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Susan Herrmann, Kealy Salomon, Perry Colwell, Caroline Hoen, Carol Massey, Freddie Hodges, Kay Scott, Jamie Ann Sabino and Nancy Williams, who have all served ably as leaders of Planned Parenthood Eastern Region.

As members of the Eastern Region Executive Committee, they have volunteered innumerable hours, their energy and passion toward engaging the volunteers and affiliate staff of the Eastern Region with Planned Parenthood's mission. Planned Parenthood's regional councils represent a critical component of Planned Parenthood's political grassroots in the battle to protect and expand Planned Parenthood's mission.

With Planned Parenthood facing its most difficult hour, withstanding constant attacks from the Radical Right, the Eastern Region Council will play a critical role in support and inspiring the staff and volunteers of the Region.

Mr. Speaker, on behalf of the Planned Parenthood Federation, I extend my deep appreciation and admiration to Judy Tabb, Susan

Herrmann, Kealy Salomon, Perry Colwell, Caroline Hoen, Carol Massey, Freddie Hodges, Kay Scott, Jamie Ann Sabino and Nancy Williams for their leadership in protecting the reproductive rights of all.

SACRAMENTO REGIONAL COUNTY SANITATION DISTRICT'S 30TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. ROBERT T. MATSUI

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, March 24, 2003

Mr. MATSUI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the Sacramento Regional County Sanitation District's noteworthy 30th Anniversary. Its regional approach to wastewater management has ensured a higher quality of life for Sacramento residents and our neighbors downstream. I ask all of my colleagues to join with me in saluting this important milestone in protecting the environment and serving the public.

Three decades ago, Sacramento-area leaders, realizing the tremendous potential for the area's growth, joined forces to form the Sacramento Regional County Sanitation District (SRCSD). Back then, this represented a unique approach to the conveyance, treatment and discharge of wastewater in the Sacramento region. Until that time (and until the Sacramento Regional Wastewater Treatment Plant was completed in 1983), wastewater treatment and disposal were handled by up to 22 individual treatment plants, many located along the Sacramento and American rivers. These small treatment plants, some built in the 1950's and '60s, had become enveloped by neighborhoods and urban population centers. As the region's population grew, Sacramento County clearly needed a more comprehensive approach to wastewater management.

Sound planning, vision, and the Clean Water Act of 1972 helped the District stay ahead of the rapid changes fueled by Sacramento's expanding population. This massive growth was factored into plans for a regional wastewater treatment plant, which serves the needs of most of the region's residential, business and industrial customers. Construction of the treatment plant and SRCSD's extensive interceptor system were made possible by federal Clean Water Act funds, as well as state and local funding to finance construction.

Thirty years later, SRCSD represents a truly successful regionalized sanitation effort that serves an entire urbanized area with efficient and high quality wastewater treatment services. As a result, the entire region benefits from cleaner waterways, sending all its wastewater to one point of discharge, away from important drinking water intake locations. Mr. Speaker, as Sacramento Regional County Sanitation District celebrates its 30th Anniversary, I ask my colleagues to join me in paying tribute to its significant accomplishments and dedication to excellent public service.

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RECOGNITION OF JOHNSON COUNTY VOLUNTEER CENTER'S 2003 "MOVERS AND SHAKERS"

HON. DENNIS MOORE

OF KANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, March 24, 2003

Mr. MOORE. Mr. Speaker, the Volunteer Center of Johnson County is hosting the third annual Movers and Shakers Recognition on April 22nd, to honor 84 young people from Johnson County, Kansas, who have performed meaningful community service. Students in middle schools and high schools have been nominated by school personnel and non-profit agencies based on their commitment and dedication to community service. Volunteering has been recognized as a key component in a child's education and I am proud that Johnson County students are active and willing to serve their communities.

I have included a list of the students' names and schools below.

Devon Anderson, Oregon Trail Junior High.
Kendra Baker, Blue Valley North High School.
Andrew Baldwin, Blue Valley High School.
Emma Bergin, Mission Valley Middle School.
Anthony Bertolone, Leawood Middle School.
Annie Biddison, Shawnee Mission East High School.
Elizabeth Boresow, Leawood Middle School.
Brittany Bradfute, Lakewood Middle School.
Krysten Brown, Chisholm Trail Junior High.
Stephanie Brown, Shawnee Mission East High School.
Laura Bryon, Bishop Miege High School.
Jessica Butler, Olathe North High School.
Lindsey Carlton, Leawood Middle School.
Lauren Cassat, Blue Valley North High School.
Cassidy Cheray, Blue Valley West High School.
Katie Chinery, Blue Valley High School.
Micaya Clymer, Shawnee Mission East High School.
Bob Davis, Olathe North High School.
Matasha Del Rosario, Shawnee Mission East High School.
Emily Devlin, Oregon Trail Junior High.
Caroline Dunning, Blue Valley North High School.
Alissa Eddington, Shawnee Mission South High School.
Sara Epperson, Blue Valley North High School.
Miranda Flener, Shawnee Mission North-west High School.
Theresa Fox, Blue Valley High School.
Michelle Geary, Blue Valley High School.
Jonathan Geller, Leawood Middle School.
Samantha Gordon, Blue Valley North High School.
Ashley Haddad, Shawnee Mission South High School.
Jessie Harris, Chisholm Trail Junior High.
Paul Hechler, Leawood Middle School.
Sam Hewitt, Shawnee Mission West High School.
J amie Hisle, Blue Valley High School.
Rebecca Hoffman, Oregon Trail Junior High.
Ryan Hudnall, Olathe East High School.
Craig Jones, Blue Valley North High School.
Megan Kaufman, Shawnee Mission South High School.
Sarah Kidder, Bishop Miege High School.
Hunter Kiely, Lakewood Middle School.
Anne Kim, Shawnee Mission South High School.

Julianne Kueffer, Shawnee Mission East High School.

Bridget LaFollette, Oregon Trail Junior High.

Stephanie Mattingly, Olathe East High School.

Magdalena May, Oregon Trail Junior High.
Laura McGee, Shawnee Mission South High School.

Teresa Meagher, Bishop Miege High School.

Katie Mehan, Oregon Trail Junior High.

Meagan Melloy, Homeschool.

Melissa Melloy, Homeschool.

Jessica Melton, Bishop Miege High School.

Tracy Milburn, Shawnee Mission South High School.

Jeff Miller, Shawnee Mission East High School.

Kellie Mitchell, Olathe North High School.

Kate Moreng, Blue Valley North High School.

Robert Murphy, Bishop Miege High School.

Katie Murray, Blue Valley North High School.

Whitney Novak, Mill Valley High School.

Aishling O'Connor, Indian Hills Middle School.

Aaron Olsen, Blue Valley North High School.

Samantha Owens, Bishop Miege High School.

James Park, Blue Valley West High School.

Emily Perry, Shawnee Mission East High School.

Kalin Pfanmiller, Shawnee Mission East High School.

Caitlin Powell, Oregon Trail Junior High.

Danny Rafiner, Blue Valley Northwest High School.

Jason Roberts, Shawnee Mission North-west High School.

Trisha Roberts, Lexington Trails Middle School.

Morgan Showalter, Oregon Trail Junior High.

Vivek Soni, Oregon Trail Junior High.

Danay Stanislaus, Olathe East High School.

Alli Stewart, Blue Valley North High School.

Erika Swenson, Shawnee Mission South High School.

Whitney Szczucinski, Shawnee Mission East High School.

David Trenary, Oregon Trail Junior High.

Ashlee Turnbull, Shawnee Mission North High School.

Devin West, Bishop Miege High School.

J. Peter Wetzal, Shawnee Mission East High School.

Margret White, Homeschool.

Kelly Wilbur, Mill Valley High School.

Laura Wilkerson, Shawnee Mission East High School.

Julie Wu, Shawnee Mission East High School.

Carrie Yeast, Shawnee Mission East High School.

Stephanie Zeckser, Blue Valley High School.

Mary Zima, Notre Dame de Sion High School.

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 25, 2003 may be found in the Daily Digest of today's RECORD.

MEETINGS SCHEDULED

MARCH 26

9:30 a.m.

Environment and Public Works

To hold hearings to examine the nominations of Ricky Dale James, of Missouri, and Rear Adm. Nicholas Augustus Prah, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, both to be a Member of the Mississippi River Commission, and Richard W. Moore, of Alabama, to be Inspector General, Tennessee Valley Authority.

SD-406

Foreign Relations

To hold oversight hearings to examine foreign assistance.

S-116, Capitol

10 a.m.

Appropriations

Defense Subcommittee

To hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2004 for the Air Force.

SD-192

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.

SH-216

Energy and Natural Resources

Public Lands and Forests Subcommittee

To hold hearings to examine issues uncovered as a result of the Blue Ribbon Panel's report of findings on Aerial Fire Fighting Safety and responses to the report.

SD-366

Armed Services

SeaPower Subcommittee

To hold hearings to examine proposed legislation authorizing funds for fiscal year 2004 for the Department of Defense and the Future Years Defense Program, focusing on Navy ship-building programs.

SR-222

Appropriations

Transportation, Treasury and General Government Subcommittee

To hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2004 for the Department of the Treasury.

SD-138

2 p.m.

Judiciary

To hold hearings to examine the nominations of Edward C. Prado, of Texas, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Fifth Circuit, Cecilia M. Altonaga, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of Florida, Richard D. Bennett, to be United States District Judge for the District of Maryland, Dee D. Drell, to be United States District Judge for the Western District of Louisiana, J. Leon Holmes, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Arkansas, and Susan G. Braden, of the District of Columbia, and Charles F. Lettow, of Virginia, each to be a Judge of the United States Court of Federal Claims.

SD-226

2:30 p.m.
 Foreign Relations
 International Economic Policy, Export and Trade Promotion Subcommittee
 To hold hearings to examine global energy security issues.
 SD-106

Armed Services
 Strategic Forces Subcommittee
 To hold hearings to examine proposed legislation authorizing funds for fiscal year 2004 for the Department of Defense, focusing on the Department of Energy Office of Environmental Management and Office of Legacy Management.
 SR-222

MARCH 27

9:30 a.m.
 Commerce, Science, and Transportation
 To hold hearings to examine the implications of cloning on women's health.
 SR-253

Energy and Natural Resources
 To hold hearings to examine certain proposals with respect to electricity, including S. 475, to reform the nation's outdated laws relating to the electric industry, improve the operation of our transmission system, enhance reliability of our electric grid, increase consumer benefits from whole electric competition, and restore investor confidence in the electric industry.
 SD-106

Appropriations
 Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education Subcommittee
 To hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2004 for the Department of Education.
 SD-192

10 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

Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions
 To hold hearings to examine health care transmission of global AIDS in Africa.
 SD-430

Appropriations
 VA, HUD, and Independent Agencies Subcommittee
 To hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2004 for the National Aeronautics and Space Administration.
 SD-124

1:30 p.m.
 Appropriations
 Legislative Branch Subcommittee
 To hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2004 for the General Accounting Office, Government Printing Office, and Congressional Budget Office.
 SD-124

2 p.m.
 Judiciary
 Business meeting to consider pending calendar business.
 SD-222

2:30 p.m.
 Foreign Relations
 To resume hearings to examine the qualifications for NATO enlargement.
 SD-419

Armed Services
 Personnel Subcommittee
 To hold hearings to examine compensation for disabled military retirees in review of the Defense Authorization request for fiscal year 2004.
 SR-222

Armed Services
 Strategic Forces Subcommittee
 To hold hearings to examine intelligence support to warfighters, in review of the Defense Authorization Request for fiscal year 2004.
 SR-232A

APRIL 1

10 a.m.
 Appropriations
 Commerce, Justice, State, and the Judiciary Subcommittee
 To hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2004 for the Department of Justice.
 SD-192

Energy and Natural Resources
 Business meeting to consider comprehensive energy legislation.
 SD-366

2:30 p.m.
 Armed Services
 SeaPower Subcommittee
 To hold hearings to examine proposed legislation authorizing funds for fiscal year 2004 for the Department of Defense and the Future Years Defense Program, focusing on Navy and Marine Corps development and procurement priorities.
 SR-232A

APRIL 2

10 a.m.
 Appropriations
 Defense Subcommittee
 To hold hearings to examine an overview of the fiscal year 2004 Navy Budget.
 SD-192

Energy and Natural Resources
 Business meeting to consider comprehensive energy legislation.
 SD-366

Indian Affairs
 To hold hearings to examine S. 556, to amend the Indian Health Care Improvement Act to revise and extend that Act.
 SR-485

APRIL 3

10 a.m.
 Energy and Natural Resources
 Business meeting to consider comprehensive energy legislation.
 SD-366

2:30 p.m.
 Armed Services
 Airland Subcommittee
 To hold hearings to examine Navy, Marine Corps, and Air Force aviation and air-launched weapons programs in review of the Defense Authorization request for fiscal year 2004 and the Future Years Defense Program.
 SR-232A

APRIL 8

9:30 a.m.
 Rules and Administration
 To hold oversight hearings to examine the operations of the Sergeant at Arms, the Library of Congress and the Congressional Research Service.
 SR-301

10 a.m.
 Energy and Natural Resources
 Business meeting to consider comprehensive energy legislation.
 SD-366

Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions
 To hold hearings to examine the Mammography Quality Standards Act.
 SD-430

APRIL 9

10 a.m.
 Energy and Natural Resources
 Business meeting to consider comprehensive energy legislation.
 SD-366

APRIL 10

10 a.m.
 Energy and Natural Resources
 Business meeting to consider comprehensive energy legislation.
 SD-366

POSTPONEMENTS

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9:30 a.m.
 Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions
 Business meeting to consider proposed legislation entitled "Caring for Children Act of 2003", proposed legislation entitled "Genetics Information Non-discrimination Act of 2003", and other pending calendar business.
 SD-430

10 a.m.
 Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry
 To hold hearings to examine the reauthorization of child nutrition programs.
 SR-328A