

under \$20 billion in federal aid. That leaves a big gap of remaining needs.

The largest losses still unaddressed are direct tax revenue losses to New York City and State estimated at \$8.8 billion for just 2 years.

And we are not alone in making this point . . . The non-partisan investigative branch of Congress—the General Accounting Office—has confirmed that this estimate from New York budget offices is reasonably approximate.

New York shared the pain of the national recession, but in all reality, the Nation never experienced the full magnitude of 9/11's economic impacts.

If some people think we're asking too much, just think what New York has already suffered: Fully Half of almost 200,000 jobs lost in the last two years can be traced to 9/11's impacts, according to the Fiscal Policy Institute.

Largely because of the massive budget shortfalls from 9/11, the city has already cut more than \$71 million in child care aid programs, and over \$25 million for HIV prevention programs, infant mortality reduction programs, libraries, and other community needs.

\$2.7 billion in service cuts are planned for 2003, with multiple firehouse closures and thousand person headcount reductions projected for police and fire departments in 2004.

Now, because New York is almost universally recognized as target #1 for future terrorist attempts, the Mayor and Police Commissioner have implemented Operation Atlas at a cost of \$5 million per WEEK.

While Mayor Bloomberg asks the President for \$900 million to help, he's slated to get only about \$30 million.

New York's fighting the front lines of terrorism, but its hands are tied by limited federal support and billions lost from 9/11's economic impacts.

That's why we are announcing the introduction today the 'Whatever It Takes' To Rebuild Act of 2003' named after the President's decisive pledge after 9/11 to do "whatever it takes" to help New York recover.

The bill would authorize the President to provide \$8.8 billion to New York City and State for lost tax revenues or an amount that he determines is needed to fill the gap created by the 9/11 terrorist attacks.

It would also remove the \$5 million cap on federal aid for lost tax revenues following major disasters. This arbitrary cap was added by the Disaster Mitigation Act of 2000.

Additionally, the bill makes State Governments eligible for this assistance.

And finally it authorizes grants for lost tax revenues following a future terrorist attack.

There may be no precedent for the scale of aid we're requesting, but there was no precedent for 9/11, or its vast economic impacts.

There is, however, plenty of precedent for federal assistance with lost tax revenues after other national disasters.

For instance, the U.S. Virgin Islands received \$90 million dollars after Hurricane Hugo for losses to its revenue base. This may be smaller in scale than aid for 9/11, but so too were the economic impacts from that hurricane.

This is an issue vital to New York's future. We need the Governor to speak up in support of this bill, and to call on the President for the administration's support as well.

The Governor finally recognized that the Bush plan for homeland security funds would

hurt New York, now we need him to stand up for New York on the issue of full recovery from 9/11.

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 Thursday, March 27, 2003 may be found in the Daily Digest of today's RECORD.

MEETINGS SCHEDULED

MARCH 31

2 p.m.
 Armed Services
 Emerging Threats and Capabilities Subcommittee
 To hold hearings to examine proposed legislation authorizing funds for the Department of Defense for fiscal year 2004 focusing on the science and technology program and the role of the Department of Defense laboratories.
 SR-222

APRIL 1

9 a.m.
 Judiciary
 To hold hearings to examine the nominations of Carolyn B. Kuhl, of California, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Ninth Circuit, Cecilia M. Altonaga, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of Florida, and Patricia Head Minaldi, to be United States District Judge for the Western District of Louisiana.
 SD-226

Armed Services
 Readiness and Management Support Subcommittee
 To resume hearings to examine proposed legislation authorizing funds for fiscal year 2004 for the Department of Defense, focusing on impacts of environmental laws on readiness and the related Administration Legislative Proposal.
 SD-106

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

Appropriations
 Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education Subcommittee
 To hold hearings to examine Alzheimer's Disease.
 SH-216

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

Finance
 To hold hearings to examine tax payer issues, focusing on public accountants and charitable car donations.
 SD-215

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

9:30 a.m.
 Environment and Public Works
 To hold oversight hearings to examine issues relating to military encroachment.
 SD-406

Foreign Relations
 To resume hearings to examine foreign assistance oversight.
 SD-419

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

Appropriations
 District of Columbia Subcommittee
 To hold hearings to examine the status of foster care in the District of Columbia.
 SD-138

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

Governmental Affairs
 To hold hearings to examine the nominations of Clay Johnson III, of Texas, to be Deputy Director for Management, Office of Management and Budget, Albert Casey, of Texas, to be a Governor of the United States Postal Service, and James C. Miller III, of Virginia, to be a Governor of the United States Postal Service.
 SD-342

Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions
 Business meeting to consider S. 231, to authorize the use of certain grant funds to establish an information clearinghouse that provides information to increase public access to defibrillation in schools, proposed legislation entitled "Genetics Information Nondiscrimination Act of 2003", "Smallpox Emergency Personnel Protection Act of 2003", "The Improved Vaccine Affordability and Availability Act", "Caring for Children Act of 2003", and pending nominations.
 SD-430

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	Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions To hold hearings to examine the Mammography Quality Standards Act. SD-430	1:30 p.m. Appropriations Legislative Branch Subcommittee To hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2004 for the Library of Congress and the Open World Leadership Center. SD-116
APRIL 3	2:30 p.m. Foreign Relations International Economic Policy, Export and Trade Promotion Subcommittee To hold hearings to examine global energy security issues. SD-419	MAY 1
10 a.m. Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry To hold hearings to examine proposed legislation authorizing funds for child nutrition programs. SR-328A	APRIL 9	10 a.m. Appropriations Legislative Branch Subcommittee To hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2004 for the U.S. Capitol Police Board and the Sergeant-at-Arms. SD-124
Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs To hold oversight hearings to examine the Federal Reserve Board proposal on check truncation. SD-538	10 a.m. Energy and Natural Resources Business meeting to consider comprehensive energy legislation. SD-366	MAY 8
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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 10	POSTPONEMENTS
APRIL 8	9:30 a.m. Governmental Affairs To hold hearings to examine the nomination of Peter Eide, of Maryland, to be General Counsel of the Federal Labor Relations Authority. SD-342	MARCH 31
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	2 p.m. Armed Services Emerging Threats and Capabilities Subcommittee To hold hearings to examine proposed legislation authorizing funds for fiscal year 2004 for the Department of Defense, focusing on the science and technology program and the role of Department of Defense laboratories. SR-222
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