

## EMERGENCY WARTIME SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATIONS

*Committee on Rules:* Granted, by voice vote, an open rule on H.R. 1559, making emergency wartime supplemental appropriations for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2003, providing one hour of general debate equally divided and controlled by the chairman and ranking minority member of the Committee on Appropriations. The rule waives all points of order against consideration of the bill. The rule waives all points of order against provisions in the bill for failure to comply with clause 2 of rule XXI (prohibiting unauthorized appropriations or legislative provisions in a general appropriations bill). The rule provides that the bill shall be considered for amendment under the five-minute rule. The rule authorizes the Chair to accord priority in recognition to Members who have pre-printed their amendments in the Congressional Record. Finally, the rule provides one motion to recommit with or without instructions. Testimony was heard from Chairman Young of Florida, Northup, Obey, DeFazio, Waters, Scott, Jackson-Lee of Texas, Delahunt, and Emanuel.

## ENERGY RESEARCH, DEVELOPMENT, DEMONSTRATION, AND COMMERCIAL APPLICATION ACT

*Committee on Science:* Ordered reported, as amended, H.R. 238, Energy Research, Development, and Commercial Application Act of 2003.

## ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ADMINISTRATION REAUTHORIZATION

*Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure:* Subcommittee on Economic Development, Public Buildings and Emergency Management held a hearing on local economic development association issues relating to reauthorization of the Economic Development Administration. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

## FEDERAL HIGHWAY AND TRANSIT PROGRAMS REAUTHORIZATION

*Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure:* Subcommittee on Highways, Transit, and Pipelines continued hearings on Member Policy Initiatives and Project Requests for Reauthorization of Federal Highway and Transit Programs. Testimony was heard from Representatives Sanders, Frank of Massachusetts, Manzuolo, Farr, McKeon, Spratt, Kucinich, Millender-McDonald, Davis of Alabama, Pearce, McGovern, Chocola, Hostettler, Tierney, Brown of South Carolina, DeMint, Terry, Acevedo-Vila, Ryan of Ohio, Eshoo, Grijalva, Edwards, Christensen, Maloney, Musgrave, Coble, and Davis of California.

Hearings continue tomorrow.

## MEDICAL REGULATORY AND CONTRACTING REFORM ACT

*Committee on Ways and Means:* Ordered reported, as amended, H.R. 810, Medical Regulatory and Contracting Reform Act of 2003.

## NATIONAL RECONNAISSANCE PROGRAM

*Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence:* Met in executive session to hold a hearing on National Reconnaissance Program. Testimony was heard from departmental witnesses.

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## COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR THURSDAY, APRIL 3, 2003

*(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)*

### Senate

*Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry:* to hold hearings to examine proposed legislation authorizing funds for child nutrition programs, 10 a.m., SR-328A.

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on VA, HUD, and Independent Agencies, to hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2004 for the National Science Foundation and the Office of Science Technology Policy, 10 a.m., SD-138.

*Committee on Armed Services:* Subcommittee on Airland, 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, 2:30 p.m., SR-232A.

*Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs:* to hold oversight hearings to examine the Federal Reserve Board proposal on check truncation; to be followed by a business meeting to consider the nominations of Thomas Waters Grant, of New York, Noe Hinojosa, Jr., of Texas, Thomas Waters Grant, of New York, and William Robert Timken, Jr., of Ohio, each to be a Director of the Securities Investor Protection Corporation, and Alfred Plamann, of California, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the National Consumer Cooperative Bank, 10 a.m., SD-538.

*Committee on Finance:* to hold hearings to examine health care services, 9:15 a.m., SD-215.

*Committee on Foreign Relations:* to hold hearings to examine the nominations of Lino Gutierrez, of Florida, to be Ambassador to Argentina, James B. Foley, of New York, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Haiti, and Roland W. Bullen, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to the Co-operative Republic of Guyana, 10 a.m., SD-419.

Full Committee, to resume hearings to examine NATO enlargement, focusing on qualifications and contributions, 2:30 p.m., SD-419.

*Committee on the Judiciary:* business meeting to consider S. 731, to prohibit fraud and related activity in connection with authentication features, S. 274, to amend the procedures that apply to consideration of interstate class actions to assure fairer outcomes for class members and defendants, the nominations of Edward C. Prado, of

Texas, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Fifth Circuit, 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, Charles F. Lettow, of Virginia, and Susan G. Braden, of the District of Columbia, each to be a Judge of the United States Court of Federal Claims, Allen Garber, to be United States Marshal for the District of Minnesota, and Raul David Bejarano, to be United States Marshal for the Southern District of California, 9:30 a.m., SD-226.

### House

*Committee on Appropriations*, Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, and State, the Judiciary and Related Agencies, on State Department Management, 10 a.m., H-309 Capitol.

Subcommittee on Homeland Security, on Border Protection and Customs and Immigration Enforcement, 10 a.m., H-140 Capitol.

Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, Education and Related Agencies, on Center for Medicare and Medicaid Services, 10:15 a.m., and on Agency for Healthcare Research Quality, 11:15 a.m., 2358 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Transportation and Treasury, and Independent Agencies, on Transportation Safety, 10 a.m., 2358 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on VA, HUD, and Independent Agencies, on Congressional Witnesses, 9:30 a.m., H-143 Capitol.

*Committee on Armed Services*, Subcommittee on Projection Forces, hearing on the Department of the Navy fiscal year 2004 research and development program in support of naval transformation and future naval capabilities, 12 p.m., 2212 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Terrorism, Unconventional Threats and Capabilities, hearing on the fiscal year 2004 national defense authorization budget request for Department of Defense Information Technology Programs, 3 p.m., 2212 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Total Force, hearing on Views from the Field—Perspectives of Mobilized Reservists, 2 p.m., 2118 Rayburn.

*Committee on Education and the Workforce*, Subcommittee on Workforce Protections, to mark up H.R. 1119, Family Time Flexibility Act, 10:30 a.m., 2175 Rayburn.

*Committee on Financial Services*, Subcommittee on Financial Institutions and Consumer Credit and the Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations, joint hearing entitled “Fighting Fraud: Improving Information Security,” 10 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.

*Committee on Government Reform*, hearing entitled “Toward a Logical Governing Structure: Restoring Executive Reorganization Authority,” 10 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Human Rights and Wellness, hearing entitled “International Prescription Drug Parity: Are

Americans Being Protected or Gouged?” 2 p.m., 2247 Rayburn.

*Committee on International Relations*, Subcommittee on Africa, hearing on Democratic Republic of Congo: Key to the Crisis in the Great Lakes Region, 2 p.m., 2172 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Europe, to mark up the following: H. Res. 165, expressing support for a renewed effort to find a peaceful, just, and lasting settlement to the Cyprus problem; H.R. 854, Belarus Democracy Act of 2003; H. Res. 154, commending the Prime Minister of Great Britain for his stalwart leadership and unwavering support of the United States in the effort to disarm Saddam Hussein of weapons of mass destruction and free the Iraqi people of the scourge of brutal dictatorship; and H. Con. Res. 129, expressing appreciation for the longstanding support and friendship of the people and Government of the United Kingdom, 11 a.m., 2172 Rayburn.

*Committee on the Judiciary*, to mark up H.R. 1036, Protection of Lawful Commerce in Arms Act, 10 a.m., 2141 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Courts, the Internet, and Intellectual Property, hearing on H.R. 1561, United States Patent and Trademark Fee Modernization Act of 2003, 3 p.m., 2141 Rayburn.

*Committee on Resources*, Subcommittee on Water and Power, to mark up the following bills: H.R. 901, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to construct a bridge on Federal land west of an adjacent to Folsom Dam in California; and H.R. 1284, to amend the Reclamation Projects Authorization and Adjustment Act of 1992 to increase the Federal share of the costs of the San Gabriel Basin Demonstration project; H.R. 135, Twenty-First Century Water Commission Act of 2003; and H.R. 495, Zuni Indian Tribe Water Rights Settlement Act of 2003, 10 a.m., 1324 Longworth.

*Committee on Small Business*, Subcommittee on Tax, Finance, and Exports, hearing on Small Business Expensing, Section 179 of the IRS Code, 10 a.m., 2360 Rayburn.

*Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure*, Subcommittee on Highways, Transit, and Pipelines, to continue hearings on Member Policy Initiatives and Project Requests for Reauthorization of Federal Highway and Transit Programs, 10 a.m., 2167 Rayburn.

*Committee on Veterans' Affairs*, to mark up the following bills: H.R. 100, Servicemembers Civil Relief Act; and H.R. 1297, Columbia Orbiter Memorial Act, 9:30 a.m., 334 Cannon.

*Committee on Ways and Means*, to mark up the following bills: H.R. 1531, Energy Tax Policy Act of 2003; and H.R. 1528, Taxpayer Protection and IRS Accountability Act of 2003, 10 a.m., 1100 Longworth.

*Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence*, executive, hearing on Joint Military Intelligence Program/Tactical Intelligence and Related Programs, 1 p.m., H-405 Capitol.