

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S3199–S3218

Measures Introduced: Five bills were introduced, as follows: S. 2241–2245. **Page S3214**

Measures Passed:

School Lunch and Child Nutrition Programs Authorization: Senate passed S. 2241, to reauthorize certain school lunch and child nutrition programs through June 30, 2004. **Page S3217**

Welfare Reauthorization Bill—Agreement: A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that at 1 p.m., on Monday, March 29, 2004, Senate will begin consideration of H.R. 4, to reauthorize and improve the program of block grants to States for temporary assistance for needy families, and improve access to quality child care. **Page S3217**

Executive Reports of Committees: Senate received the following executive report of a committee:

Report to accompany the Protocol Additional to the Agreement Between the United States of America and the International Atomic Energy Agency for the Application of Safeguards in the United States of America, with annexes, signed at Vienna, June 12, 1998 (Treaty Doc. 107–7) (Ex. Rept. 108–12)

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Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

Michele J. Sison, of Maryland, to be Ambassador to the United Arab Emirates.

Thomas Charles Krajeski, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Yemen. **Page S3218**

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Adjournment: Senate convened at 9:30 a.m., and adjourned at 12:07 p.m., until 1 p.m., on Monday, March 29, 2004. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today's Record on pages S3217–18.)

Committee Meetings

No committee meetings were held.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

The House was not in session today. The House will meet at 12:30 p.m. on Monday, March 29, for Morning Hour debate and at 2 p.m. for legislative business.

Committee Meetings

No committee meetings were held.

CONGRESSIONAL PROGRAM AHEAD

Week of March 29 through April 3, 2004

Senate Chamber

On *Monday*, at 1 p.m., Senate will begin consideration of H.R. 4, Welfare Reform Reauthorization.

During the balance of the week, Senate may consider any other cleared legislative and executive business.

Senate Committees

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Committee on Appropriations: March 30, Subcommittee on District of Columbia, to hold hearings to examine the deficiencies at the District of Columbia's Youth Services Administration, 9:30 a.m., SD-192.

March 30, Subcommittee on Military Construction, to hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2005 for Defense-wide and Air Force military construction programs, 10 a.m., SD-138.

March 30, Subcommittee on Homeland Security, to hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2005 for border security and enforcement and immigration services, 10 a.m., SD-124.

March 31, Subcommittee on Energy and Water Development, to hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2005 for the Department of Energy's Office of Environmental Management, Office of Civilian Radioactive Waste Management, and Office of Environment, Safety and Health, 10 a.m., SD-138.

March 31, Subcommittee on Defense, to hold a closed hearing to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2005 for intelligence and world wide threat assessment, 10 a.m., S-407, Capitol.

March 31, Subcommittee on Legislative Branch, to hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2005 for the Senate Sergeant at Arms and the United States Capitol Police, 2 p.m., SD-138.

March 31, Subcommittee on Foreign Operations, to hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2005 for HIV/AIDS treatment and prevention programs, 2:30 p.m., SD-124.

April 1, Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, to hold hearings to examine pro-

posed budget estimates for fiscal year 2005 for the National Institutes of Health, 9:30 a.m., SH-216.

April 1, Subcommittee on Interior, to hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2005 for the Indian Health Service, Department of Health and Human Services, 9:30 a.m., SD-124.

April 1, Subcommittee on VA, HUD, and Independent Agencies, to hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2005 for the Department of Housing and Urban Development, 10 a.m., SD-628.

April 1, Subcommittee on Transportation, to hold hearings to examine future challenges facing the United States Postal Service, 10 a.m., SD-138.

April 1, Subcommittee on Agriculture, Rural Development, and Related Agencies, to hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2005 for programs under its jurisdiction, 1:30 p.m., SD-192.

Committee on Armed Services: March 29, Subcommittee on Emerging Threats and Capabilities, to hold a closed briefing on defense science and technology programs and capabilities, 3 p.m., S-407, Capitol.

March 30, Full Committee, to hold closed hearings to examine the second interim report of the Iraq Survey Group, 9:30 a.m., S-407, Capitol.

March 30, Subcommittee on Airland, to hold hearings to examine the proposed Defense Authorization Request for fiscal year 2005 and the Future Years Defense Program, focusing on Army aviation programs, 2 p.m., SR-232A.

March 30, Full Committee, to receive a closed briefing on operations and intelligence, 4:30 p.m., SR-222.

March 31, Subcommittee on Personnel, to hold hearings to examine the Defense authorization request for fiscal year 2005, focusing on active and Reserve military and civilian personnel programs, 9:30 a.m., SR-232A.

April 1, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine the proposed Defense Authorization Request for fiscal year 2005, focusing on the military strategy and operational requirements of the unified and regional commands; to be followed by a possible closed session in SR-222, 9:30 a.m., SD-106.

April 1, Subcommittee on Readiness and Management Support, to hold hearings to examine the proposed Defense Authorization Request for fiscal year 2005, focusing on military installation programs, 2:30 p.m., SR-232A.

April 2, Subcommittee on Emerging Threats and Capabilities, to hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2005 for the Department of Defense Counternarcotics Program in review of the Defense Authorization Request, 9:30 a.m., SR-222.

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: March 30, business meeting to consider the nomination of Alphonso R. Jackson, of Texas, to be Secretary of Housing and Urban Development, and an original bill, entitled The Flood Insurance Reform Act of 2004, 2 p.m., SD-538.

March 31, Full Committee, to resume hearings to examine the current investigations and regulatory actions

regarding the mutual fund industry focusing on soft-dollar practices, 10 a.m., SD-538.

March 31, Full Committee, to continue hearings to examine the current investigations and regulatory actions regarding the mutual fund industry focusing on fund costs and distribution practices, 2:30 p.m., SD-538.

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: March 30, Subcommittee on Aviation, to hold closed hearings to examine aviation security, 9:30 a.m., SR-253.

March 30, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine the nominations of Theodore William Kassinger, of Maryland, to be Deputy Secretary of Commerce, Deborah Hersman, of Virginia, to be a Member of the National Transportation Safety Board, Thomas Hill Moore, of Florida, to be a Commissioner of the Consumer Product Safety Commission, A. Paul Anderson, of Florida, and Joseph E. Brennan, of Maine, both to be a Federal Maritime Commissioner, and Jack Edwin McGregor, of Connecticut, to be a Member of the Advisory Board of the Saint Lawrence Seaway Development Corporation, 2:30 p.m., SR-253.

April 1, Subcommittee on Science, Technology, and Space, to hold hearings to examine NASA fiscal year 2005 budget request, 2:30 p.m., SR-253.

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: March 30, to hold hearings to examine the implementation of the Energy Employees Occupational Illness Compensation Program Act of 2000, 10 a.m., SD-366.

March 30, Subcommittee on National Parks, to hold oversight hearings to examine National Heritage Areas, including findings and recommendations of the General Accounting Office, the definition of a National Heritage Area, the definition of national significance as it relates to National Heritage Areas, recommendations for establishing National Heritage Areas as units of the National Park System, recommendations for prioritizing proposed studies and designations, and options for developing a National Heritage Area Program within the National Park Service, 2:30 p.m., SD-366.

Committee on Environment and Public Works: March 31, to hold hearings to examine the nominations of Stephen L. Johnson, of Maryland, to be Deputy Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency, Ann R. Klee, of Virginia, to be an Assistant Administrator, Charles Johnson, of Utah, to be Chief Financial Officer, Benjamin Grumbles, of Virginia, to be an Assistant Administrator, all of the Environmental Protection Agency, and Gary Lee Visscher, of Maryland, to be a Member of the Chemical Safety and Hazard Investigation Board, 9:30 a.m., SD-406.

March 31, Subcommittee on Transportation and Infrastructure, to hold hearings to examine the role of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers in meeting the nation's water resource needs in the 21st century, 1:30 p.m., SD-406.

April 1, Subcommittee on Clean Air, Climate Change, and Nuclear Safety, to hold an oversight hearing to examine the implementation of the National Ambient Air Quality Standards for particulate matter and ozone, 9:30 a.m., SD-406.

Committee on Foreign Relations: March 30, to hold hearings to examine the nominations of John J. Danilovich, of California, to be Ambassador to Brazil, and Craig A. Kelly, of California, to be Ambassador to Chile, 10 a.m., SD-419.

March 31, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine the nomination of Paul V. Applegarth, of Connecticut, to be Chief Executive Officer, Millennium Challenge Corporation, Department of State, 9:30 a.m., SD-419.

March 31, Subcommittee on European Affairs, to hold hearings to examine the effects of the Madrid Terrorist Attacks on U.S.-European cooperation in the war on terrorism, 2:30 p.m., SD-1419.

April 1, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine Convention on International Interests in Mobile Equipment and Protocol to Convention on International Interests in Mobile Equipment on Matters Specific to Aircraft Equipment, concluded at Cape Town, South Africa, on November 16, 2001 (Treaty Doc. 108-10), Additional Protocol Between the Government of the United States of America and the Government of Romania Concerning the Reciprocal Encouragement and Protection of Investment of May 28, 1992, signed at Brussels on September 22, 2003 (Treaty Doc. 108-13), Additional Protocol Between the United States of America and the Republic of Bulgaria Amending the Treaty Between the United States of America and the Republic of Bulgaria Concerning the Encouragement and Reciprocal Protection of Investment of September 23, 1992, signed at Brussels on September 22, 2003 (Treaty Doc. 108-15), Protocol Between the Government of the United States of America and the Government of the Republic of Estonia to the Treaty for the Encouragement and Reciprocal Protection of Investment of April 19, 1994, signed at Brussels on October 24, 2003 (Treaty Doc. 108-17), Additional Protocol Between the United States of America and the Czech Republic to the Treaty Between the United States of America and the Czech and Slovak Federal Republic Concerning the Reciprocal Encouragement and Protection of Investment of October 22, 1991, signed at Brussels on December 10, 2003 (Treaty Doc. 108-18), Additional Protocol Between the United States of America and the Slovak Republic to the Treaty Between the United States of America and the Czech and Slovak Federal Republic Concerning the Reciprocal Encouragement and Protection of Investment of October 22, 1991, signed at Brussels on September 22, 2003 (Treaty Doc. 108-19), Additional Protocol Between the Government of the United States of America and the Government of the Republic of Latvia to the Treaty for the Encouragement and Reciprocal Protection of Investment of January 13, 1995, signed at Brussels on September 22, 2003 (Treaty Doc. 108-20), Additional Protocol Between the Government of the United States of America and the Government of the Republic of Lithuania to the Treaty for the Encouragement and Reciprocal Protection of Investment of January 14, 1998, signed at Brussels on September 22, 2003 (Treaty Doc. 108-21), and Additional Protocol Between the United States of America and the Republic of Poland to the Treaty Between the United States of America and the

Republic of Poland Concerning Business and Economic Relations of March 21, 1990, signed at Brussels on January 12, 2004 (Treaty Doc.108-22), 9:30 a.m., SD-419.

Committee on Governmental Affairs: March 30, Financial Management, the Budget, and International Security, to hold hearings to examine the Federal government's role in empowering Americans to make informed financial decisions, 2:30 p.m., SD-342.

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: March 31, business meeting to consider pending nominations, 10 a.m., SD-430.

Committee on Indian Affairs: March 30, to hold oversight hearings to examine Inter-Tribal Timber Council's Indian Forest Management Assessment Team report, 9 a.m., SR-485.

March 30, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine S. 868, to amend the Coos, Lower Umpqua, and Siuslaw Restoration Act to provide for the cultural restoration and economic self-sufficiency of the Confederation Tribes of Coos, Lower Umpqua, and Siuslaw Indians of Oregon, 10 a.m., SR-485.

Committee on the Judiciary: April 1, Subcommittee on Immigration, Border Security and Citizenship, to hold hearings to examine securing our borders under a temporary guest worker program, 2:30 p.m., SD-226.

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

March 31, Full Committee, closed business meeting to consider pending intelligence matters, 2:30 p.m., SH-219.

House Chamber

Program to be announced.

House Committees

Committee on Appropriations, March 30, Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, State, Judiciary and Related Agencies, on NOAA, 10 a.m., and on Members of Congress, 2 p.m., H-309 Capitol.

March 30, Subcommittee on Defense, on U.S. Air Force, 10 a.m., 2212 Rayburn and executive, on U.S. Air Force Acquisition, 1:30 p.m., H-140 Capitol.

March 30, Subcommittee on Homeland Security, on Science and Technology, 10 a.m., 2362A Rayburn.

March 30, Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, Education and Related Agencies, to continue appropriation hearings, 10 a.m., 2358 Rayburn.

March 31, Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, State, Judiciary and Related Agencies on FCC, 10 a.m., and on SEC, 2 p.m., H-309 Capitol.

March 31, Subcommittee on Defense, executive, on Missile Defense, 10 a.m., H-140 Capitol.

March 31, Subcommittee on Energy and Water Development, on Contributions of the Army Corps of Engineers in the Restoration of Iraq and Afghanistan, 9:30 a.m., 2362B Rayburn.

March 31, Subcommittee on Homeland Security, on U.S. Coast Guard, 10 a.m., 2360 Rayburn.

March 31, Subcommittee on Interior, on Smithsonian, 10 a.m., B-308 Rayburn.

March 31, Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, Education and Related Agencies, on Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, 10:15 a.m., 2358 Rayburn.

March 31, Subcommittee on Military Construction, on Pacific Command, 1:30 p.m., B-300 Rayburn.

March 31, Subcommittee on VA, HUD and Independent Agencies, on Department of Veterans Affairs, 10 a.m., and 1 p.m., 2359 Rayburn.

April 1, Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, State, Judiciary and Related Agencies, on Broadcasting Board of Governors, 10 a.m., and on International Organizations, 2 p.m., H-309 Capitol.

April 1, Subcommittee on District of Columbia, on Public Defender Services; Court Services, and Offender Supervision, 10 a.m., 2362A Rayburn.

April 1, Subcommittee on Foreign Operations, Export Financing and Related Programs, on U.S. Agency for International Development, 10 a.m., 2359 Rayburn.

April 1, Subcommittee on Homeland Security, on Information Analysis and Infrastructure Protection, 10 a.m., 2362B Rayburn.

April 1, Subcommittee on Interior, on National Endowment for the Arts, 10 a.m., and on National Endowment for the Humanities, 11 a.m., B-308 Rayburn.

April 1, Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, Education and Related Agencies, on Workforce Preparation and Training, 10 a.m., 2358 Rayburn.

April 1, Subcommittee on Transportation, Treasury, Independent Agencies, on Executive Office of the President, 10 a.m., 2358 Rayburn.

April 1, Subcommittee on VA, HUD and Independent Agencies, on NSF, 2 p.m., 2358 Rayburn.

April 2, Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, State, Judiciary and Related Agencies, on Legal Services Corporation, 10 a.m., H-309 Capitol.

Committee on Armed Services, March 30, Subcommittee on Projection Forces, hearing on Navy Force Structure and Ship Construction, 1 p.m., 2212 Rayburn.

March 30, Subcommittee on Readiness, hearing on Logistics: Lessons from OPERATION IRAQI FREEDOM and Logistics Transformation, 2 p.m., 2118 Rayburn.

March 31, full Committee, hearing on the Fiscal Year 2005 National Defense Authorization budget request of the Department of Defense, 10 a.m., 2118 Rayburn.

March 31, Subcommittee on Terrorism, Unconventional Threats and Capabilities, hearing on the Fiscal Year 2005 National Defense Authorization budget request—Department of Defense's Business Transformation Efforts, 1:30 p.m., 2118 Rayburn.

March 31, Subcommittee on Total Force, hearing on the Fiscal Year 2005 National Defense Authorization budget request on Reserve Component Transformation and Relieving the Stress on the Reserve Component, 1 p.m., 2212 Rayburn.

April 1, Subcommittee on Tactical Air and Land Forces, hearing on the Fiscal Year 2005 National Defense Authorization budget request—Future Combat System and Force Protection Initiatives, 1 p.m., 2118 Rayburn.

April 1, Subcommittee on Terrorism, Unconventional Threats and Capabilities, hearing on the Fiscal Year 2005

National Defense Authorization budget request—Destructions of the U.S. Chemical Weapons Stockpile—Program and Status, 10 a.m., 2118 Rayburn.

Committee on Energy and Commerce, March 31, Subcommittee on Commerce, Trade, and Consumer Protection, hearing entitled “U.S.-China Trade: Preparations for the Joint Commission on Commerce and Trade,” 10 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

March 31, Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations, hearing entitled “A Review to Assess Progress with the Bureau of Customs and Border Protection’s Targeting Program for Sea Cargo,” 10 a.m., 2322 Rayburn.

April 1, full Committee, hearing entitled “FY 2005 Budget Priorities for the Department of Energy,” 9:30 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

April 1, Subcommittee on Health, to continue hearings entitled “Inter-governmental Transfers: Violations of the Federal-State Medicaid Partnership or Legitimate State Budget Tool?” 2322 Rayburn.

April 1, Subcommittee on Telecommunications and the Internet, hearing entitled Legislative Hearing on the Reauthorization of the Satellite Home Viewer Improvement Act, 2 p.m., 2123 Rayburn.

Committee on Financial Services, March 30, Subcommittee on Financial Institutions and Consumer Credit and the Subcommittee on Housing and Community Opportunity, joint hearing entitled “Subprime Lending: Defining the Market and Its Customers,” 10 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.

March 31, Subcommittee on Capital Markets, Insurance, and Government Sponsored Enterprises, hearing entitled “Working with State Regulators to Increase Insurance Choices for Consumers,” 10 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.

April 1, full Committee, hearing entitled “Oversight of the Office of the Comptroller of the Currency,” 10 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.

Committee on Government Reform, March 30, Subcommittee on Civil Service and Agency Organization, hearing entitled “A System Rued: Inspecting Food,” 3 p.m., 2203 Rayburn.

March 30, Subcommittee on Criminal Justice, Drug Policy and Human Resources, hearing entitled “Measuring the Effectiveness of Drug Addiction Treatment,” 2 p.m., 2247 Rayburn.

March 30, Subcommittee on National Security, Emerging Threats and International Relations, hearing entitled “Does the ‘Total Force’ Add Up? The Impact of Health Protection Programs on Guard and Reserve Units,” 10 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

March 30, Subcommittee on Technology, Information Policy, Intergovernmental Relations and the Census, hearing entitled “Telecommunication and SCADA: Secure Links or Open Portals to the Security of the Nation’s Critical Infrastructure,” 2 p.m., 2154 Rayburn.

March 31, Subcommittee on Government Efficiency and Financial Management, oversight hearing entitled “10 Years of GPRA—Results, Demonstrated,” 2 p.m., 2247 Rayburn.

April 1, Subcommittee on Criminal Justice, Drug Policy and Human Resources, hearing entitled “Marijuana and Medicine: The Need For a Science-Based Approach,” 2 p.m., 2154 Rayburn.

Committee on International Relations, March 30, hearing on the Bush Administration and Nonproliferation: A New Strategy Emerges, 11 a.m., 2172 Rayburn.

March 31, to mark up the following: H.R. 3978, Designation of Foreign Terrorist Organizations Reform Act; the North Korea Human Rights Act of 2004; H.R. 2760, Resolution of the Ethiopia-Eritrea Border Dispute Act of 2003; H. Res. 402, Expressing the sense of the House of Representatives regarding the urgent need for freedom, democratic reform, and international monitoring of elections, human rights, and religious liberty in the Lao People’s Democratic Republic; H. Res. 563, Expressing the sense of the House of Representatives regarding the one-year anniversary of the human rights crackdown in Cuba; H. Res. 576, Urging the Government of the People’s Republic of China to improve its protection of intellectual property rights; H. Con. Res. 326, Expressing the sense of Congress regarding the arbitrary detention of Dr. Wang Bingzhang by the Government of the People’s Republic of China and urging his immediate release; H. Con. Res. 336, Expressing the sense of Congress that the continued participation of the Russian Federation in the Group of 8 nations should be conditioned on the Russian Government voluntarily accepting and adhering to the norms and standards of democracy; H. Con. Res. 352, Recognizing the contributions of people of Indian origin to the United States and the benefits of working together with India towards promoting peace, prosperity, and freedom among all countries of the world; H. Con. Res. 378, Calling on the Government of the Socialist Republic of Vietnam to immediately and unconditionally release Father Thaddeus Nguyen Van Ly; and a resolution expressing the concern of Congress over Iran’s development of the means to produce nuclear weapons, 10:30 a.m., 2172 Rayburn.

March 31, Subcommittee on Europe, hearing on Belarus and Its future: Democracy or Soviet-Style Dictatorship? 1:30 p.m., 2200 Rayburn.

April 1, Subcommittee on Africa, hearing on Fighting Terrorism in Africa, 2 p.m., 2172 Rayburn.

April 1, Subcommittee on International Terrorism, Nonproliferation and Human Rights, hearing on Al-Qaeda: The Threat to the United States and its Allies, 9:30 a.m., 2172 Rayburn.

Committee on the Judiciary, March 30, Subcommittee on the Constitution, oversight hearing on The Defense of Marriage Act, 10 a.m., 2141 Rayburn.

March 30, Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism, and Homeland Security, hearing on S. 1743, Private Security Officer Employment Authorization Act of 2003, 1 p.m., 2141 Rayburn.

March 31, Subcommittee on Immigration, Border Security and Claims, hearing on H.R. 3191, to prescribe the oath of renunciation and allegiance for purposes of the Immigration and Nationality Act, 2 p.m., 2141 Rayburn.

Committee on Resources, March 30, Subcommittee on Energy and Mineral Resources, hearing on the following bills: H.R. 3796, Abandoned Mine Lands Reclamation Reform Act of 2004; and H.R. 3778, Abandoned Mine Reclamation Program Extension and Reform Act of 2004, 10 a.m., 1324 Longworth.

March 31, full Committee, oversight hearing on the Federal recognition and acknowledgment process by the Bureau of Indian Affairs, 10 a.m., 1324 Longworth.

April 1, hearing on H.R. 898, Lumbee Recognition Act, 10 a.m., 1324 Longworth.

Committee on Rules, to consider H.R. 3966, ROTC and Military Recruiter Equal Access to Campus Act of 2004, 5 p.m., H-313 Capitol.

Committee on Science, March 30, Subcommittee on Research, hearing and markup of The Business of Math and Science: H.R. 4030, Congressional Medal for Outstanding Contributions in Math and Science Education Act, 10 a.m., 2318 Rayburn.

March 31, full Committee, to mark up the following measures: H.R. 3980, National Windstorm Impact Reduction Act of 2004; H.R. 3970, Green Chemistry Research and Development Act of 2004; and H.R. 4030, Congressional Medal for Outstanding Contributions in Math and Science Education Act of 2004, 10 a.m., 2318 Rayburn.

April 1, Subcommittee on Space, hearing on Lunar Science and Resources: Future Options, 10 a.m., 2318 Rayburn.

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, March 30, Subcommittee on Water Resources and Environment, oversight hearing on Inconsistent Regulation of Wetlands and Other Waters, 10 a.m., 2167 Rayburn.

March 31, Subcommittee on Railroads, hearing on the Status of Railroad Economic Regulation, 10 a.m., 2167 Rayburn.

April 1, Subcommittee on Aviation, oversight hearing on Airport Deregulation, 10 a.m., 2167 Rayburn.

Committee on Veterans' Affairs, March 30, Subcommittee on Health, hearing on the Department of Veterans Affairs providing certain veterans with a prescription-only health care benefit, 10 a.m., 334 Cannon.

March 31, Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations, hearing on current Department of Veterans Affairs employment practices with regard to procedures for background checks and credentialing, 10 a.m., 334 Cannon.

April 1, Subcommittee on Benefits, oversight hearing to receive the report of the VA Vocational Rehabilitation and Employment Service Task Force, 10 a.m., 334 Cannon.

Committee on Ways and Means, March 30, Subcommittee on Oversight, hearing on 2004 Tax Return Filing Season and the IRS Budget for Fiscal Year 2005, 3 p.m., 1100 Longworth.

April 1, Subcommittee on Health, hearing on The Medicare Discount Drug Card, 10 a.m., 1100 Longworth.

Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence, March 30, executive, hearing on Counterterrorism Budget, 2 p.m., H-405 Capitol.

March 30, Subcommittee on Terrorism and Homeland Security, executive, hearing on Nuclear, Biological, Chemical, Radiological Threats to the Homeland, 11 a.m., H-405 Capitol.

March 31, full Committee, executive, briefing on Iraq Weapons of Mass Destruction Update, 9 a.m., and executive, hearing on Counterintelligence Budget, 2 p.m., H-405 Capitol.

April 1, executive, hearing on Counternarcotics Budget, 9 a.m., H-405 Capitol.

April 1, Subcommittee on Intelligence Policy and National Security, executive, hearing on Intelligence Community Language Capabilities, 1 p.m., H-405 Capitol.

April 2, full Committee, executive, hearing on Special Programs Budget, 9 a.m., H-405 Capitol.

Select Committee on Homeland Security, March 30, Subcommittee on Cybersecurity, Science and Research and Development, hearing entitled "Homeland Cybersecurity and DHS Enterprise Architecture Budget Hearing for Fiscal Year 2005," 10 a.m., 2325 Rayburn.

Next Meeting of the SENATE

1 p.m., Monday, March 29

Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

12:30 p.m., Monday, March 29

Senate Chamber

Program for Monday: Senate will begin consideration of H.R. 4, Welfare Reform Reauthorization.

House Chamber

Program for Monday: To be announced.

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