

and down the coast, views of tide pools and offshore rocks, sweeping views of GGNRA ridges to the east, as well as additional access to the Pacific Ocean.

Mr. Speaker, throughout my service in Congress, I have had a strong interest in preserving the unique natural areas of the Peninsula. In the early 1980's, I fought for the inclusion in GGNRA of Sweeney Ridge, which includes the site from which Spanish explorers first sighted the San Francisco Bay in the 18th century. The ridge affords a unique panorama of the entire Bay. In 1984, in the face of a long and hard battle waged by myself and former Congressmen Leo Ryan and Phil Burton, the Reagan Administration acquiesced, and Sweeney Ridge became a part of our protected natural heritage.

In the early 1990's, I authored and secured passage of legislation to add the Phleger Estate to the GGNRA. The Phleger Estate includes over a thousand acres of pristine second-growth redwoods and evergreen forests adjacent to the Crystal Springs watershed in the mid-Peninsula. The Federal Government paid one-half of the cost of acquiring the Phleger Estate. The other half of the cost was paid for through private contributions raised by the Peninsula Open Space Trust (POST). Our distinguished colleague, Congresswoman ANNA ESHOO, played a key role in winning congressional approval of the Federal Government's share of the purchase. The Phleger Estate is now part of the GGNRA and it has become an important hiking and recreation area on the Peninsula.

Mr. Speaker, preserving our country's unique natural areas must be one of our highest national priorities, and it is one of my highest priorities as a Member of Congress. We must preserve and protect these areas for our children and our grandchildren today or they will be lost forever. Adding these new lands in and around Pacifica to the GGNRA will allow us to protect these fragile areas from development or other inappropriate uses which would destroy the scenic beauty and natural character of this key part of the Bay Area. I urge my colleagues to support passage of H.R. 168, the Golden Gate National Recreation Area Boundary Adjustment Act.

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.

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Meetings scheduled for Thursday, January 21, 1999 may be found in the Daily Digest of today's RECORD.

MEETINGS SCHEDULED

JANUARY 22

9:30 a.m.
Budget
To resume hearings on certain Social Security issues in the 21st Century. SD-608

10 a.m.
Finance
To hold an organizational meeting; and to consider the proposed Miscellaneous Trade and Technical Corrections Act of 1999 and pending nominations. SD-215

JANUARY 25

10 a.m.
Budget
To hold hearings on national defense budget issues. SD-608

JANUARY 26

Time to be announced
Finance
To hold hearings on U.S. trade policy issues, focusing on international economic and export promotion programs. SD-215

9:30 a.m.
Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions
To hold hearings to examine opportunities to improve education. SD-430

JANUARY 27

Time to be announced
Finance
To continue hearings on U.S. trade policy issues, focusing on agricultural, service and manufacturing programs and the U.S. steel industry during the global financial crisis. SD-215

8:30 a.m.
Judiciary
Antitrust, Business Rights, and Competition Subcommittee
To hold hearings to examine the Echostar/MCI satellite-cable competition deal. SD-226

9:30 a.m.
Budget
Governmental Affairs
To hold hearings on S. 92, to provide for biennial budget process and a biennial appropriations process and to enhance oversight and the performance of the Federal Government; and S. 93, to improve and strengthen the budget process. SD-106

Energy and Natural Resources
To hold oversight hearings on the impacts of outer continental shelf activity on coastal states and communities. SH-216

JANUARY 28

Time to be announced
Finance
To continue hearings on U.S. trade policy issues, focusing on labor and environmental standards. SD-215

9 a.m.
Energy and Natural Resources
To hold oversight hearings on the state of the petroleum industry. SH-216

FEBRUARY 10

8:30 a.m.
Judiciary
Antitrust, Business Rights, and Competition Subcommittee
To hold hearings to review competition and antitrust issues relating to the Telecom Act. SD-226