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pile up, we realized what a drastic mistake we had made. The next year, President Reagan signed a tax increase.

George Santayana, whose writings and wisdom I have found to serve those in politics, counsels us: Those who cannot remember the past are condemned to repeat it. We must learn from the mistakes that fostered soaring inflation, and led us right into recession.

In closing, I would remind my colleagues that we have been down this road before. This is not the correct path. Fiscal restraint should guide us, not the irresponsibility we saw in the 1980s. I would ask my colleagues to reject this rascality and vote no on this bill.

ELIMINATE PENALTY FOR CITIZENSHIP

HON. PATSY T. MINK

OF HAWAII

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, March 12, 2001

Mrs. MINK of Hawaii. Mr. Speaker, on January 3, 2001, I introduced H.R. 133 to correct an unintended consequence where a petitioner seeking a visa for her children to come to the United States loses her place in line if she changes her status from legal resident to U.S. citizen.

This problem primarily affects Filipinos because of the huge backlog in the quota for unmarried sons or daughters of American citizens from the Philippines. It is longer than that of unmarried sons and daughters of lawful permanent residents.

Such a consequence penalizes people for becoming a citizen.

Imagine how devastating it is for a petitioner to become an American citizen, only to find that this significantly delays your child's entry date to enter the United States. It is heart-breaking to have to inform constituents of this sad consequence of their becoming a U.S. citizen.

I am forced to advise petitioners not to apply for citizenship to avoid this penalty.

As a legal resident, remember they could lose many benefits such as Medicaid. To be reunified with their children, the law, unless changed, forces them to risk much.

Please join me in changing this inequitable outcome by the enactment of H.R. 133.

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

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

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 13, 2001 may be found in the Daily Digest of today's RECORD.

MEETINGS SCHEDULED

MARCH 14

9:30 a.m.

Rules and Administration

To hold hearings on election reform issues.

SR-301

Commerce, Science, and Transportation

To hold hearings on whether Congress should allow states to require all remote sellers to collect and remit sales taxes on deliveries into that state, provided that states and localities dramatically simplify their sales and use tax systems.

SR-253

Indian Affairs

Business meeting to consider committee's budgetary views and estimates on the President's fiscal year 2002 budget request for Indian programs; to be followed by hearings on S. 211, to amend the Education Amendments of 1978 and the Tribally Controlled Schools Act of 1988 to improve education for Indians, Native Hawaiians, and Alaskan Natives.

SR-485

Energy and Natural Resources

Business meeting to consider their fiscal year 2002 budgetary views and estimates on programs which fall within the jurisdiction of the committee and agree on recommendations it will make thereon to the Committee on the Budget.

SD-628

10 a.m.

Veterans' Affairs

To hold joint hearings with the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs to examine the legislative recommendations of the Disabled American Veterans.

345 Cannon Building

Budget

To resume hearings to examine the President's proposed budget request for fiscal year 2002.

SD-608

Finance

To hold hearings on issues relating to encouraging charitable giving.

SD-215

Appropriations

Interior Subcommittee

To hold joint hearings with the House Committee on Appropriations' Subcommittee on the Interior on issues dealing with the wildfire program.

R-2359

Appropriations

Defense Subcommittee

To hold closed hearings to review intelligence programs.

S-407 Capitol

Judiciary

To hold hearings to examine drug treatment, education, and prevention programs.

SD-226

10:30 a.m.

Foreign Relations

Business meeting to consider S. 244, to provide for United States policy toward

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Libya; S. 494, to provide for a transition to democracy and to promote economic recovery in Zimbabwe; S. Res. 22, urging the appropriate representative of the United States to the United Nations Commission on Human Rights to introduce at the annual meeting of the Commission a resolution calling upon the Peoples Republic of China to end its human rights violations in China and Tibet; S. Res. 27, to express the sense of the Senate regarding the 1944 deportation of the Chechen people to central Asia; S. Con. Res. 7, expressing the sense of Congress that the United States should establish an international education policy to enhance national security and significantly further United States foreign policy and global competitiveness; proposed legislation to amend United States drug certification procedures; and proposed legislation urging the immediate release of Kosovar Albanians wrongfully imprisoned in Serbia.

SD-419

2 p.m.

Intelligence

To hold closed hearings on intelligence matters.

SH-219

MARCH 15

Time to be announced

Judiciary

Business meeting to consider pending calendar business.

Room to be announced

9 a.m.

Energy and Natural Resources

To hold hearings on S. 26, to amend the Department of Energy Authorization Act to authorize the Secretary of Energy to impose interim limitations on the cost of electric energy to protect consumers from unjust and unreasonable prices in the electric energy market; S. 80, to require the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission to order refunds of unjust, unreasonable, unduly discriminatory or preferential rates or charges for electricity, to establish cost-based rates for electricity sold at wholesale in the Western Systems Coordinating Council; and S. 287, to direct the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission to impose cost-of-service based rates on sales by public utilities of electric energy at wholesale in the western energy market, and amendment No. 12 to S. 287.

SH-216

9:30 a.m.

Rules and Administration

To continue hearings on election reform issues.

SR-301

Governmental Affairs

To hold hearings to examine high performance computer export controls.

SD-342

Environment and Public Works

Transportation and Infrastructure Subcommittee

To hold hearings to examine the Army Corps of Engineers management reforms.

SD-406

Commerce, Science, and Transportation

Business meeting to consider pending calendar business.

SR-253

- 10 a.m.
Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs
Business meeting to markup S. 149, to provide authority to control exports.
SD-538
- Appropriations
Transportation Subcommittee
To hold oversight hearings on competition and mobility issues in the freight rail industry.
SD-124
- Finance
Taxation and IRS Oversight Subcommittee
To hold hearings to examine the preservation and protection of family business legacies.
SD-215
- 10:30 a.m.
Appropriations
District of Columbia Subcommittee
To hold hearings on the District of Columbia's child and family services receivership.
SD-192
- Foreign Relations
To hold hearings on the nomination of Richard Lee Armitage, of Virginia, to be Deputy Secretary of State.
SD-419
- 2 p.m.
Foreign Relations
European Affairs Subcommittee
To hold hearings to examine certification of the United States assistance to Serbia.
SD-419
- 2:30 p.m.
Finance
To resume hearings on issues relative to living without health insurance focusing on solutions including individual tax credits, employer tax credits, increased flexibility in Medicaid and the State Children's Health Insurance Program, program expansions, and ways to improve outreach.
SD-215
- MARCH 16
- 9:30 a.m.
Finance
To hold hearings to examine issues relating to international trade and the American economy.
SD-215
- MARCH 19
- 1 p.m.
Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs
Housing and Transportation Subcommittee
To hold hearings to examine the current state of Department of Housing and Urban Development's Federal Housing Administration Insurance Fund.
SD-538
- MARCH 21
- 9:30 a.m.
Energy and Natural Resources
To hold oversight hearings to review current United States energy trends and recent changes in U.S. energy markets.
SD-106
- 2 p.m.
Energy and Natural Resources
Water and Power Subcommittee
To hold oversight hearings on the Klamath Project in Oregon, including implementation of PL 106-498 and how the project might operate in what is projected to be a short water year.
SD-628
- MARCH 22
- 10 a.m.
Veterans' Affairs
To hold joint hearings with the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs to examine the legislative recommendations of the AMVETS, American Ex-Prisoners of War, Vietnam Veterans of America, Retired Officers Association, and the National Association of State Directors of Veterans Affairs.
345 Cannon Building
- 2:30 p.m.
Energy and Natural Resources
National Parks, Historic Preservation, and Recreation Subcommittee
To hold oversight hearings to review the National Park Service's implementation of management policies and procedures to comply with the provisions of Title IV of the National Parks Omnibus Management Act of 1998.
SD-192
- MARCH 27
- 10:30 a.m.
Appropriations
Energy and Water Development Subcommittee
To hold oversight hearings on issues relating to Yucca Mountain.
SD-124
- APRIL 3
- 10 a.m.
Appropriations
Energy and Water Development Subcommittee
To hold oversight hearings to examine issues surrounding nuclear power.
SD-124
- Judiciary
To hold hearings to examine online entertainment and related copyright law.
SD-226
- APRIL 24
- 10 a.m.
Appropriations
Energy and Water Development Subcommittee
To hold hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2002 for the Bureau of Reclamation, of the Department of the Interior, and Army Corps of Engineers.
SD-124
- APRIL 25
- 10 a.m.
Judiciary
To hold hearings to examine the legal issues surrounding faith based solutions.
SD-226
- APRIL 26
- 2 p.m.
Appropriations
Energy and Water Development Subcommittee
To hold hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2002 for the National Nuclear Security Administration, Department of Energy.
SD-124
- MAY 1
- 10 a.m.
Appropriations
Energy and Water Development Subcommittee
To hold hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2002 for certain Department of Energy programs relating to Energy Efficiency Renewable Energy, science, and nuclear issues.
SD-124
- Judiciary
To hold hearings to examine high technology patents, relating to business methods and the internet.
SD-226
- MAY 3
- 2 p.m.
Appropriations
Energy and Water Development Subcommittee
To hold hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2002 for Department of Energy environmental management and the Office of Civilian Radio Active Waste Management.
SD-124
- MAY 8
- 10 a.m.
Judiciary
To hold hearings to examine high technology patents, relating to genetics and biotechnology.
SD-226