

received from foreign governments. Vouchers are mailed to awardholders showing payments due. Awardholders sign vouchers certifying that he/she is entitled to payment.

Form: FS Form 5135.

Affected Public: Individuals or Households.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 1,400.

Frequency of Response: Once.

Estimated Total Number of Annual Responses: 1,400.

Estimated Time per Response: 30 minutes.

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 700.

5. *Title:* Resolution Authorizing Execution of Depositary, Financial Agency, and Collateral Agreement; and Depositary, Financial Agency, and Collateral Agreement.

OMB Control Number: 1530-0017.

Type of Review: Extension without change of a currently approved collection.

Description: These forms are used to give authority to financial institutions to become a depositary of the Federal Government. They also execute an agreement from the financial institutions they are authorized to pledge collateral to secure public funds with Federal Reserve Banks or their designees.

Form: FS Form 5902 and FS Form 5903.

Affected Public: Private Sector.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 15.

Frequency of Response: Two per year.

Estimated Total Number of Annual Responses: 30.

Estimated Time per Response: 15 minutes.

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 30.

6. *Title:* Application for Disposition of Retirement Plan/Individual Retirement Bonds Without Admin. of Deceased Owners Estate.

OMB Control Number: 1530-0032.

Type of Review: Extension without change of a currently approved collection.

Description: The information is used to support a request for recognition as a person entitled to United States Retirement Plan and/or Individual Retirement bonds which belonged to a deceased owner when a legal representative has not been appointed for the estate and no such appointment is pending.

Form: FS Form 3565.

Affected Public: Individuals or Households.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 350.

Frequency of Response: Once.

Estimated Total Number of Annual Responses: 350.

Estimated Time per Response: 20 minutes.

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 117.

Authority: 44 U.S.C. 3501 *et seq.*

Dated: January 28, 2019.

Spencer W. Clark,

Treasury PRA Clearance Officer.

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U.S.-CHINA ECONOMIC AND SECURITY REVIEW COMMISSION

Notice of Open Public Hearing

AGENCY: U.S.-China Economic and Security Review Commission.

ACTION: Notice of open public hearing.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given of the following hearing of the U.S.-China Economic and Security Review Commission.

The Commission is mandated by Congress to investigate, assess, and report to Congress annually on “the national security implications of the economic relationship between the United States and the People’s Republic of China.” Pursuant to this mandate, the Commission will hold a public hearing in Washington, DC on February 7, 2019 on “What Keeps Xi Up at Night: Beijing’s Internal and External Challenges.”

DATES: The hearing is scheduled for Thursday, February 7, 2019 from 9:30 a.m. to 3:20 p.m.

ADDRESSES: Dirksen Senate Office Building, Room 106, Washington, DC 20002. A detailed agenda for the hearing will be posted on the Commission’s website at www.uscc.gov. Also, please check the Commission’s website for possible changes to the hearing schedule. *Reservations are not required to attend the hearing.*

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Any member of the public seeking further information concerning the hearing should contact Leslie Tisdale Reagan, 444 North Capitol Street NW, Suite 602, Washington, DC 20001; telephone: 202-624-1496, or via email at ltisdale@uscc.gov. *Reservations are not required to attend the hearing.*

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background: This is the first public hearing the Commission will hold during its 2019 report cycle. This hearing will examine the growing internal and external challenges the

Chinese Communist Party (CCP) faces in its attempts to consolidate power at home and increase its influence abroad. The first panel would be designed to explore the implications of President Xi and the CCP’s tightening control over economic and security policy making. The second panel would examine China’s domestic challenges, considering China’s economic weakness and financial sector risks, the risks and benefits of China’s state-led economic policies, and the country’s reliance on key foreign technologies. The third panel would examine China’s external challenges, focusing on the People Liberation Army’s shortcomings and the limits of Chinese soft, sharp, and hard power. The hearing will be co-chaired by Senator Carte Goodwin and Senator James Talent. Any interested party may file a written statement by February 7, 2019, by mailing to the contact above. A portion of each panel will include a question and answer period between the Commissioners and the witnesses.

Authority: Congress created the U.S.-China Economic and Security Review Commission in 2000 in the National Defense Authorization Act (Pub. L. 106-398), as amended by Division P of the Consolidated Appropriations Resolution, 2003 (Pub. L. 108-7), as amended by Public Law 109-108 (November 22, 2005), as amended by Public Law 113-291 (December 19, 2014).

Dated: January 28, 2019.

Daniel W. Peck,

Executive Director, U.S.-China Economic and Security Review Commission.

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DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

Health Services Research and Development Service, Scientific Merit Review Board; Notice of Meetings

The Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) gives notice under the Federal Advisory Committee Act that the Health Services Research and Development Service Scientific Merit Review Board will conduct in-person and teleconference meetings of its thirteen Health Services Research (HSR) subcommittees on the dates below from 8:00 a.m. to approximately 4:30 p.m. (unless otherwise listed) at the 20 F Street Conference Center, 20 F Street NW, Washington, DC 20001 (unless otherwise listed):

- HSR1—Health Care and Clinical Management on March 5–6, 2019;

- HSR2—Behavioral, Social, and Cultural Determinants of Health and Care on March 7–8, 2019;
- HSR3—Healthcare Informatics on March 5, 2019;
- HSR4—Mental and Behavioral Health on March 7–8, 2019;
- HSR5—Health Care System Organization and Delivery on March 7, 2019;
- HSR6—Long-Term Care, Aging and Support Services on March 5, 2019;
- HSR7—Opioid and Pain Management Special Emphasis on March 6, 2019;
- HSR9—Learning Health Care System Initiative on March 8, 2019;
- MRA0—Mentored Research on March 5–6, 2019;
- HS8A—Randomized Program Evaluations on March 7–8, 2019;
- HQ6, HQ7, HQ8—QUERI on March 7–8, 2019;
- HSRN1—Innovation (Access, LTSS) on March 5, 2019 at 1100 1st St. NE, Washington, DC 20002;
- HSRN2—Innovation (Suicide Prevention, Non-Opioid Pain) on March 6, 2019

The purpose of the Board is to review health services research and development applications involving: The measurement and evaluation of health care services; the testing of new methods of health care delivery and management; and mentored research. Applications are reviewed for scientific and technical merit, mission relevance, and the protection of human and animal subjects. Recommendations regarding funding are submitted to the Chief Research and Development Officer.

Each subcommittee meeting of the Board will be open to the public the first day for approximately one half-hour from 8:00 a.m. to 8:30 a.m. at the start of the meeting on March 5 (MRA0, HSR1, HSR3, HSR6, HSRN1), March 6 (MRA0, HSR1, HSR7, HSRN2), March 7 (HSR2, HSR4, HSR5, HS8A, HQ6/HQ7/HQ8), and March 8 (HSR2, HSR4, HSR9, HS8A, HQ6/HQ7/HQ8), to cover administrative matters and to discuss the general status of the program. Members of the public who wish to attend the open portion of the subcommittee meetings may dial 1–800–767–1750, participant code 10443.

The remaining portion of each subcommittee meeting will be closed for the discussion, examination, reference to, and oral review of the intramural research proposals and critiques. During the closed portion of each subcommittee

meeting, discussion and recommendations will include qualifications of the personnel conducting the studies (the disclosure of which would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy), as well as research information (the premature disclosure of which would likely compromise significantly the implementation of proposed agency action regarding such research projects). As provided by subsection 10(d) of Public Law 92–463, as amended by Public Law 94–409, closing the meeting is in accordance with 5 U.S.C. 552b(c)(6) and (9)(B).

No oral or written comments will be accepted from the public for either portion of the meetings. Those who plan to participate during the open portion of a subcommittee meeting should contact Ms. Shannon Jordan, SMRB Program Manager, Department of Veterans Affairs, Health Services Research and Development Service (10P9H), 810 Vermont Avenue NW, Washington, DC 20420, or by email at Shannon.Jordan2@va.gov. For further information, please call Ms. Jordan at (202) 443–5744.

Dated: January 28, 2019.

LaTonya L. Small,

Federal Advisory Committee Management Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

Reimbursement for Caskets and Urns for Burial of Unclaimed Remains in a National Cemetery or a VA-Funded State or Tribal Veterans' Cemetery

AGENCY: Department of Veterans Affairs.
ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) is updating the monetary reimbursement rates for caskets and urns purchased for the interment in a VA national cemetery or a VA-funded state or tribal veterans' cemetery of Veterans who die with no known next of kin and where there are insufficient resources for furnishing a burial container. The purpose of this notice is to notify interested parties of the rates that will apply to reimbursement claims that occur during calendar year (CY) 2019.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Jane Kang, Program Analyst, National

Cemetery Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs, 810 Vermont Avenue NW, Washington, DC 20420. Telephone: (202) 461–6216 (this is not a toll-free number).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Section 2306(f) of title 38, U.S.C., authorizes VA National Cemetery Administration (NCA) to furnish a casket or urn for interment in a VA national cemetery or a VA-funded state or tribal veterans' cemetery of the unclaimed remains of Veterans for whom VA cannot identify a next of kin and determines that sufficient financial resources for the furnishing of a casket or urn for burial are not available. VA implemented regulations to administer this authority as a reimbursement benefit in section 38.628 of title 38, Code of Federal Regulations.

Reimbursement for a claim received in any CY will not exceed the average cost of a 20-gauge metal casket or a durable plastic urn during the fiscal year (FY) preceding the CY of the claim. Average costs are determined by market analysis for 20-gauge metal caskets, designed to contain human remains, with a gasketed seal, and external rails or handles. The same analysis is completed for durable plastic urns, designed to contain human remains, which include a secure closure to contain the cremated remains.

Using this method of computation, in FY 2018, the average costs for caskets were determined to be \$2,681 for caskets and \$162 for urns. Accordingly, the maximum reimbursement rates payable for qualifying interments occurring during CY 2019 are \$2,681 for caskets and \$162 for urns.

Signing Authority

The Secretary of Veterans Affairs, or designee, approved this document and authorized the undersigned to sign and submit the document to the Office of the Federal Register for publication electronically as an official document of the Department of Veterans Affairs. Robert L. Wilkie, Secretary, Department of Veterans Affairs, approved this document on January 2, 2019, for publication.

Dated: January 2, 2019.

Jeffrey M. Martin,

Assistant Director, Office of Regulation Policy & Management, Office of the Secretary, Department of Veterans Affairs.

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