

Numerous amendments that would have made this bill more balanced were rejected by the House Judiciary Committee. These include amendments that would have closed loopholes for millionaires, protected service members and veterans from means testing in bankruptcy, discouraged predatory lending practices, exempted debtors from means testing if their financial situations were caused by identity theft, limited the amount of interest that can be charged on any extension of credit to 30 percent, and, among several others, exempted debtors whose financial problems were caused by serious medical problems from means testing.

We must do something to curb the number of personal bankruptcies that strain our banks, credit unions, and responsible financial institutions. But we must not do so at the expense of children receiving court-ordered child support, our veterans, and college students and others lured by easy, high-interest credit.

laboratories. In Florida, we will be commemorating the "Medical Laboratory Week" from April 25 to April 29 of 2005.

These professionals include laboratory technicians, medical technologists, cytotechnologists, histotechnologists, pathologists, and phlebotomists. They are well educated and highly trained professionals who are an integral part of our healthcare system and vital for the provision of medical testing.

These professionals serve our communities with great dedication and perform an invaluable work that is essential for the diagnosis of medical conditions and monitoring of treatment. Their work is a great contribution to our society and serves to improve the quality of care that our patients receive and deserve.

Please join me in recognizing the professionals who work in laboratory medicine, who have an honorable profession and help to provide exceptional patient care in Florida and in our Nation.

into their hearts and reached their wallets in an effort to help alleviate suffering in Thailand, Indonesia, Sri Lanka, and other affected nations. The employees of CH2M Hill were no exception, quickly responding to the disaster not just with funds, but with critical know how and badly needed technical assistance.

CH2M Hill was one of the first companies on the scene, and one of the most active in providing critical services to victims. They partnered with other companies to provide clean drinking water to people in Indonesia, setting up a mobile water treatment unit that is providing safe drinking water to the bulk of the population in Banda Aceh. The quality of the water is equivalent to bottled water, and is currently being provided throughout the area, including to the U.N. compound and more than 10 refugee camps. It was the first privately donated system up and running in the region, purifying water at the rate of 600 gallons per minute, producing 864,000 gallons of purified water daily. This will help nearly a quarter-of-a-million people every day.

Mr. Speaker, I am proud of CEO Ralph Peterson and the employees of CH2M Hill. Their efforts are to be commended, and help demonstrate that the strength of America's compassion are always best measured by the efforts of individual citizens and private companies, not the number of government programs we create or the amount of federal money we appropriate.

IN SUPPORT OF THE MEDICAL LABORATORY WEEK IN FLORIDA

HON. ILEANA ROS-LEHTINEN

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, April 25, 2005

Ms. ROS-LEHTINEN. Mr. Speaker, I wish to commend and recognize the work of the health professionals who practice in medical

TRIBUTE TO CH2M HILL

HON. THOMAS G. TANCREDO

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, April 25, 2005

Mr. TANCREDO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to a local Colorado company, CH2M Hill. Since the December 26 Asian tsunami disaster, many Americans have looked

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 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, April 26, 2005 may be found in the Daily Digest of today's RECORD.

MEETINGS SCHEDULED

APRIL 27

9:30 a.m.
Indian Affairs
To hold oversight hearings to examine regulation of Indian gaming. SR-485

Judiciary
To hold hearings to examine the nomination of Paul D. Clement, of Virginia, to be Solicitor General of the United States, Department of Justice. SD-226

Rules and Administration
Business meeting to markup S. 271, to amend the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971 to clarify when organizations described in section 527 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 must register as political committees. SR-301

Intelligence
To resume hearings to examine the USA Patriot Act. SH-216

10 a.m.
Appropriations
Defense Subcommittee
To hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2006 for the Department of Defense. SD-192

Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions
Business meeting to consider S. 655, to amend the Public Health Service Act with respect to the National Foundation for the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, proposed Patient Navigator Outreach and Chronic Disease Prevention Act of 2005, and S. 518, to provide for the establishment of a controlled substance monitoring program in each State. SD-430

Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs
To hold hearings to examine how vulnerable the U.S. is to chemical attack. SD-562

Aging
To hold hearings to examine redefining retirement in the 21st century workplace. SD-G50

10:30 a.m.
Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry
To hold hearings to examine the nominations of Thomas C. Dorr, of Iowa, to be Under Secretary of Agriculture for Rural Development, and to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Commodity Credit Corporation. SR-328A

11 a.m.
Appropriations
Legislative Branch Subcommittee
To hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2006 for the Sergeant at Arms, the U.S. Capitol Police Board, and the Capitol Guide Service. SD-124

APRIL 28

9:30 a.m.
Armed Services
To hold hearings to examine defense intelligence in review of the Defense Authorization Request for fiscal year 2006; to be followed by a closed hearing in SR-222. SD-106

Judiciary
Business meeting to consider pending calendar business. SD-226

10 a.m.
Commerce, Science, and Transportation
To hold hearings to examine a bill relating to the use of Video News Releases (VNRs) by government agencies. SR-253

Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions
To hold hearings to examine access and accountability relating to providing quality post-secondary education. SD-430

Joint Economic Committee
To hold hearings to examine medical liability reform. 2226 RHOB

10:30 a.m.
Appropriations
Homeland Security Subcommittee
To hold hearings for an overview of Bio-terrorism and BioShield. SD-192

Finance
Social Security and Family Policy Subcommittee
To hold hearings to examine building assets for low-income families. SD-628

2 p.m.
Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs
Oversight of Government Management, the Federal Workforce, and the District of Columbia Subcommittee
To hold hearings to examine Department of Defense business practices, focusing on business transformation. SD-562

2:30 p.m.
Energy and Natural Resources
National Parks Subcommittee
To hold hearings to examine S. 242, to establish 4 memorials to the Space Shuttle *Columbia* in the State of Texas, S. 262, to authorize appropriations to the Secretary of the Interior for the restoration of the Angel Island Immigration Station in the State of California, S. 336, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to carry out a study of the feasibility of designating the Captain John Smith Chesapeake National Historic Watertrail as a national historic trail,

S. 670, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to conduct a special resource study of sites associated with the life of Cesar Estrada Chavez and the farm labor movement, S. 777, to designate Catoctin Mountain Park in the State of Maryland as the "Catoctin Mountain National Recreation Area", and H.R. 126, to amend Public Law 89-366 to allow for an adjustment in the number of free roaming horses permitted in Cape Lookout National Seashore. SD-366

Intelligence
To hold closed hearings to examine certain intelligence matters. SH-219

3 p.m.
Judiciary
Immigration, Border Security and Citizenship Subcommittee
Terrorism, Technology and Homeland Security Subcommittee
To hold joint hearings to examine the use of technology to protect the borders relating to strengthening border security between the ports of entry. SD-138

MAY 10

2:30 p.m.
Energy and Natural Resources
National Parks Subcommittee
To hold hearings to examine the National Park Service's funding needs for administration and management of the national park system. SD-366

MAY 11

9:30 a.m.
Indian Affairs
To hold an oversight hearing to examine Federal recognition of Indian tribes. SR-485

Judiciary
To hold an oversight hearing to examine the Federal Bureau of Investigation's translation program. SD-226

SEPTEMBER 20

10 a.m.
Veterans' Affairs
To hold joint hearings with the House Committee on Veterans Affairs to examine the legislative presentation of the American Legion. 345 CHOB

CANCELLATIONS

APRIL 28

10 a.m.
Foreign Relations
To hold hearings to examine U.S. Assistance to Sudan and the Darfur Crisis. SH-216

POSTPONEMENTS

3 p.m.
Finance
Taxation and IRS Oversight Subcommittee
To hold hearings to examine encouraging savings and investment. SD-628