

water to be used directly for irrigation and commercial purposes that are normally supplied by potable water. Using reclaimed water to meet non-potable demand will off set the demands for potable water.

Amount: \$1,000,000

Requesting Member: Congressman JERRY LEWIS.

Project Name: Seven Oaks Water Quality and Conservation

Account: Army Corps of Engineers, Construction

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: San Bernardino Valley Municipal Water District

Address of Requesting Entity: 300 East Vanderbilt Way, San Bernardino, California 92408

Description of Request: The rains of the winter of 2005 demonstrated beyond question that water conservation at Seven Oaks Dam can provide a major supplemental source of water for an increasingly water starved region. Unfortunately, by holding water behind the dam the water is degraded so far as to be unusable. Work is being done to determine the appropriate method to improve water quality while continuing to conserve behind the dam.

Amount: \$1,500,000

Requesting Member: Congressman JERRY LEWIS.

Project Name: Santa Ana River and Tributaries

Account: Army Corps of Engineers, General Investigations

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: City of Yucaipa

Address of Requesting Entity: 34272 Yucaipa Boulevard, Yucaipa, California 92399

Description of Request: This project will study the feasibility of a flood control project in Yucaipa, California. This community is located just north of Interstate-10, a major transportation hub that is threatened by 100-year level flooding. The study will look at the viability of detention basins, flood channels, and habitat to reduce the threat downstream.

Amount: \$268,000

Requesting Member: Congressman JERRY LEWIS

H.R. 1105 The Omnibus Appropriations for Fiscal Year 2009

Project Name: Space Radiation Health Research Program

Account: National Aeronautics and Space Administration

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Loma Linda University Medical Center

Address of Requesting Entity: 11175 Campos Street, Loma Linda, CA 92354

Description of Request: Provide \$2,800,000.00 to conduct investigations that clarify the space environment and how it will affect personnel and equipment. Funding will continue the implementation of the radioisotope laboratory for handling radioisotopes and tagging selected molecules for PET scanning and molecular imaging. This project will also enhance on-going core research activities including radiation protection, radioprotectants, and other site specific protection, immune interactions, nanodosimetry to explore radiation interactions on the DNA level, and other on-going joint research initiatives. This research will give support for on-going core activities in both the histology laboratory and in the imaging laboratories.

THE SENIORS' TAX SIMPLIFICATION ACT

HON. ADAM H. PUTNAM

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, February 23, 2009

Mr. PUTNAM. Madam Speaker, on January 27, 2009, I introduced H.R. 728, the Seniors' Tax Simplification Act, legislation that would allow our nation's senior citizens to file their federal income taxes on a new and simplified Form 1040S. This new form would capture sources of income commonly reported by seniors, including social security benefits, distributions from qualified retirement plans, annuities or other deferred payment arrangements, interest and dividends, and capital gains and losses.

Currently, individuals who are age 65 or over are prohibited from using Form 1040EZ. Seniors that do not qualify for the shorter Form 1040A, fill out a longer, more complicated Form 1040 that deals with schedules, and includes much that is simply not pertinent to seniors' taxable situations.

In 2004, the House of Representatives unanimously passed legislation by a recorded vote to create Form 1040S. However, the Senate failed to consider the legislation and the IRS has since halted their efforts to develop such a form even though their estimates showed that as many as 11 million seniors could benefit from such a simplified tax form in the first year it is made available.

The U.S. Census Bureau projects in 2030, when all of the baby boomers will be 65 and over, that nearly one in five U.S. residents is expected to be 65 and older. This age group is projected to increase to 88.5 million in 2050, more than doubling the number in 2008, which was 38.7 million.

Further, in Florida alone, the 65 and over population represent over 3.3 million residents—that's 17.4 percent of the state's total population. Recent estimates by the U.S. Census Bureau project this population will only continue to grow. By 2025, Florida's 65 and over population is projected to reach close to 5.5 million residents. This represents a 107.3 percent increase from 1995 to 2025.

The 60 Plus Association has also endorsed this important legislation stating the "senior-friendly proposal would dramatically simplify the federal income tax filing process for millions of our nation's senior citizens."

It is clear that millions stand to benefit from the Seniors' Tax Simplification Act, and countless hours of time and energy could be saved not fretting over complex and often confusing tax forms. I encourage my colleagues to support our nation's seniors and cosponsor this long overdue legislation.

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, February 24, 2009 may be found in the Daily Digest of today's RECORD.

MEETINGS SCHEDULED

FEBRUARY 25

9:30 a.m.

Armed Services

To hold closed hearings on Afghanistan and Pakistan, receiving testimony from officials of the intelligence community.

SVC-217

10 a.m.

Environment and Public Works

To hold hearings to examine an update on the latest global warming science.

SD-406

Finance

To hold hearings to examine scoring health care reform, focusing on Congressional Budget Office's (CBO) budget options.

SD-215

Judiciary

To hold hearings to examine ensuring television carriage in the digital age.

SD-226

10:30 a.m.

Aging

Business meeting to consider committee's rules of procedure for the 111th Congress; to be followed by a hearing to examine securing retirement in a volatile economy.

SD-106

2 p.m.

Judiciary

To hold hearings to examine the nominations of David S. Kris, of Maryland, and Dawn Elizabeth Johnsen, of Indiana, both to be an Assistant Attorney General, Department of Justice.

SD-226

2:30 p.m.

Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry

To hold hearings to examine the nominations of Gary Gensler, of Maryland, to be Chairman and Commissioner of the Commodity Futures Trading Commission.

SD-106

FEBRUARY 26

9:30 a.m.

Armed Services

To hold hearings to examine strategic options for the way ahead in Afghanistan and Pakistan.

SH-216

10 a.m.

Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs

To hold hearings to examine the Administration's Homeowner Affordability and Stability Plan.

SD-538

Commerce, Science, and Transportation

To hold hearings to examine consumer protection and the credit crisis.

SR-253

Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions

To hold hearings to examine integrative care, focusing on a pathway to a healthier nation.

SD-430

<p>Indian Affairs To hold an oversight hearing to examine youth suicide in Indian country. SD-628</p>	<p>Department of Energy (DOE) programs and through other innovative federal energy efficiency policies and programs. SD-366</p>	<p>MARCH 5 9:30 a.m. Veterans' Affairs To hold joint hearings to examine the legislative presentations of veterans' service organizations. SD-106</p>
<p>Judiciary Organizational business meeting to consider committee's rules of procedure for the 111th Congress; S. 386, to improve enforcement of mortgage fraud, securities fraud, financial institution fraud, and other frauds related to federal assistance and relief programs, for the recovery of funds lost to these frauds, S. 49, to help Federal prosecutors and investigators combat public corruption by strengthening and clarifying the law, S. 146, to amend the Federal antitrust laws to provide expanded coverage and to eliminate exemptions from such laws that are contrary to the public interest with respect to railroads, and the nominations of David W. Ogden, of Virginia, to be Deputy Attorney General, Elena Kagan, of Massachusetts, to be Solicitor General of the United States, and Thomas John Perrelli, of Virginia, to be Associate Attorney General, all of the Department of Justice. SD-226</p>	<p>Foreign Relations To hold hearings to examine engaging with Muslim communities around the world. SD-419 Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs Oversight of Government Management, the Federal Workforce, and the District of Columbia Subcommittee To hold hearings to examine protecting public and animal health, focusing on homeland security and the federal veterinarian workforce. SD-342 Intelligence To hold closed hearings to examine certain intelligence matters from officials of the intelligence community. SH-219</p>	<p>MARCH 10 9:30 a.m. Veterans' Affairs To hold an oversight hearing to examine budget for veterans programs for fiscal year 2010. SR-418 MARCH 12 9:30 a.m. Veterans' Affairs To hold joint hearings to examine legislative presentations of veterans' service organizations. SD-106</p>
<p>Veterans' Affairs To hold an oversight hearing to examine caring for veterans in rural areas. SR-418</p>	<p>MARCH 3 9:30 a.m. Armed Services To hold hearings to examine acquisition of major weapons systems by the Department of Defense. SH-216</p>	<p>MARCH 18 9:30 a.m. Veterans' Affairs To hold joint hearings to examine the legislative presentation of the Veterans of Foreign Wars. 334, Cannon Building</p>
<p>Joint Economic Committee To hold hearings to examine restoring the economy, focusing on strategy for short-term and long-term change. SD-106 2:30 p.m. Energy and Natural Resources To hold hearings to examine recommendations for reducing energy consumption in buildings through improved implementation of authorized</p>	<p>MARCH 4 2:30 p.m. Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs Investigations Subcommittee To hold hearings to examine tax haven banks and United States tax compliance, focusing on obtaining names of United States clients with Swiss Accounts. SD-342</p>	<p>MARCH 25 9:30 a.m. Veterans' Affairs To hold hearings to examine State-of-the-Art information technology (IT) solutions for Veterans' Affairs benefits delivery. SR-418</p>