

Committee Meetings

LABOR, HHS AND EDUCATION APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services and Education approved for full Committee action the Labor, Health and Human Services appropriations for fiscal year 2002.

RETIREMENT SECURITY ADVICE ACT

Committee on Education and the Workforce: Ordered reported, as amended, H.R. 2269, Retirement Security Advice Act of 2001.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Approved, as amended, the following: a measure to amend the Antiterrorism and Effective Death Penalty Act of 1996 with respect to the responsibilities of the Secretary of Health and Human Services regarding biological agents and toxins, and to amend title 18, United States Code, with respect to such agents and toxins; a measure to strengthen security at certain nuclear facilities; and a measure to clarify the application of cable television system privacy requirements to new cable services.

Subsequently, the Committee agreed to a motion to combine the three measures into one bill to be introduced and reported.

AMERICAN SPIRIT FRAUD PREVENTION ACT

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Commerce, Trade, and Consumer Protection approved for full Committee action H.R. 2985, American Spirit Fraud Prevention Act of 2001.

DISMANTLING THE FINANCIAL INFRASTRUCTURE OF GLOBAL TERRORISM

Committee on Financial Services: Held a hearing entitled "Dismantling the Financial Infrastructure of Global Terrorism." Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of the Treasury: Paul H. O'Neill, Secretary; and Jimmy Gurule, Under Secretary, Enforcement; the following officials of the Department of Justice: Michael Chertoff, Assistant Attorney General, Criminal Division; and Dennis Lormel, Chief, Financial Crimes Section, Criminal Investigations Division, FBI; and public witnesses.

DRUG TRADE AND THE TERROR NETWORK

Committee on Government Reform: Subcommittee on Criminal Justice, Drug Policy, and Human Resources held a hearing on "Drug Trade and the Terror Network." Testimony was heard from Asa

Hutchinson, Administrator, DEA, Department of Justice; and Bill Boch, Director, Office of Asia, Africa, Europe, and NIS Programs, Department of State.

AL QAEDA AND THE GLOBAL RESEARCH OF TERRORISM

Committee on International Relations: Held a hearing on Al Qaeda and the Global Research of Terrorism. Testimony was heard from Charles Santos, former Special Assistant to the Under Secretary for Political Military Affairs, United Nations; Oliver Revell, former Associate Director of the FBI, in Charge of Investigative and Counter-Intelligence Operations, Department of Justice; and Vincent Cannistraro, former Chief of Counterterrorism Operations, CIA.

ATOMIC ENERGY AGENCY—SAFEGUARDING AGAINST ACTS OF TERRORISM

Committee on International Relations: Subcommittee on International Operations and Human Rights held a hearing on the Role of the International Atomic Energy Agency in Safeguarding Against Acts of Terrorism. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of State: Richard J. Stratford, Acting Assistant Secretary, Bureau of Nonproliferation; and E. Michael Southwick, Deputy Assistant Secretary, Bureau of International Organization Affairs; Steven K. Black, Assistant Deputy Administrator, Office of Arms Control and Nonproliferation, National Nuclear Security Administration, Department of Energy; and William Travers, Executive Director, Operations, NRC.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on the Judiciary: Ordered reported the following bills: H.R. 2975, as amended, to provide Appropriate Tools Required to Intercept and Obstruct Terrorism (PATRIOT) Act of 2001; H.R. 2336, to make permanent the authority to redact financial disclosure statements of judicial employees and judicial officers; and H.R. 2559, to amend chapter 90 of title 5, United States Code, relating to Federal long-term care insurance.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES; SUBPOENA; OVERSIGHT—ALTERNATIVE ENERGY SOURCES ON PUBLIC LANDS

Committee on Resources: Ordered reported the following bills: H.R. 400, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to establish the Ronald Reagan Boyhood Home National Historic Site; H.R. 980, amended, to establish the Moccasin Bend National Historic Site in the State of Tennessee; H.R. 1576, amended, James Peak Wilderness, Wilderness Study, and Protection Area Act; H.R. 1776, amended, Buffalo Bayou National Heritage Area Study Act; H.R.

2488, amended, to designate certain lands in the Pilot Range in the State of Utah as wilderness; H.R. 2924, amended, to provide authority to the Federal Power Marketing Administration to reduce vandalism and destruction of property; H.R. 2925, amended, to amend the Reclamation Recreation Management Act of 1992 in order to provide for the security of dams, facilities, and resources under the jurisdiction of the Bureau of Reclamation; and H.R. 2976, Healing Opportunities in Parks and the Environment Pass Act.

The Committee also agreed to a motion authorizing the Chairman to issue a Subpoena to Mr. Craig Rosebraugh to testify before the Subcommittee on Forests and Forest Health.

The Committee also held an oversight hearing on Potential Alternative Energy Sources Available on National Public Lands. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Energy: Mary Hutzler, Acting Administrator, Energy Information Agency; and David Garman, Assistant Secretary; J. Steven Griles, Deputy Secretary, Department of the Interior; and public witnesses.

INTELLIGENCE AUTHORIZATION ACT

Committee on Rules: Granted, by voice vote, a modified open rule, providing 1 hour of debate on H.R. 2883, Intelligence Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2001. The rule waives points of order against consideration of the bill for failure to comply with clause 3(c) of rule XIII (requiring the inclusion of a statement of general performance goals and objectives). The rule provides that it shall be in order to consider as an original bill for the purpose of amendment the amendment in the nature of a substitute recommended by the Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence now printed in the bill. The rule provides that the amendment in the nature of a substitute shall be considered for amendment by title and that each title shall be considered as read. The rule waives points of order against the committee amendment in the nature of a substitute for failure to comply with clause 7 of rule XVI (prohibiting nongermane amendments). The rule provides for the consideration of only pro-forma amendments for the purpose of debate and those amendments printed in the Congressional Record prior to their consideration, which may be offered only by the Member who caused it to be printed or his designee and shall be considered as read. Finally, the rule provides one motion to recommit with or without instructions. Testimony was heard from Chairman Goss and Representatives LaHood, Wolf, Simmons and Pelosi.

EPA—DEPUTY ADMINISTRATOR FOR SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

Committee on Science: Ordered reported, as amended, H.R. 64, to provide for the establishment of the position of Deputy Administrator for Science and Technology of the Environmental Protection Agency.

WETLANDS PERMITTING PROCESS

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure: Subcommittee on Water Resources and Environment held a hearing on the Wetlands Permitting Process: Is it Working Fairly? Testimony was heard from Col. Michael J. Walsh, USA, Executive Director, Directorate of Civil Works, Corps of Engineers, Department of the Army; and public witnesses.

FINANCIAL INTELLIGENCE ISSUES BRIEFING

Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence: Subcommittee on Intelligence Policy and National Security met in executive session to hold a briefing on Financial Intelligence Issues. The Subcommittee was briefed by departmental witnesses.

PROTECTING THE HOMELAND FROM ASYMMETRIC/UNCONVENTIONAL THREATS

Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence: Subcommittee on Terrorism and Homeland Security held a hearing on "Protecting The Homeland from Asymmetric/Unconventional Threats." Testimony was heard from J.T. Caruso, Deputy Assistant Director, Counterterrorism Division, FBI, Department of Justice; and the following officials of the Defense Science Board, Office of the Secretary of Defense: William Schneider, Jr., Chairman; Roger Hagengruber, Chairman, Task Force on Unconventional Nuclear Warfare Defense; Larry Wright, Chairman, Task Force on Defensive Information Warfare; George Whitesides, Chairman, Task Force on Defense Against Chemical Weapons; Tara O'Toole, Senior Representative, Task Force on Defense Against Biological Weapons; and Peter Merino, Co-Chairman, Task Force on Intelligence Needs for Civil Support.

Joint Meetings

ORGANIZATION FOR SECURITY AND COOPERATION IN EUROPE

Commission on Security and Cooperation in Europe (Helsinki Commission): Commission concluded hearings to examine United States policy toward the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe (OSCE), reviewing U. S. priorities in the 55-nation region,

focusing on human rights and democratic development, after receiving testimony from A. Elizabeth Jones, Assistant Secretary of State for the Bureau of European and Eurasian Affairs; Lorne W. Craner, Assistant Secretary of State for the Bureau of Democracy, Human Rights, and Labor; Robert L. Barry, former Head of OSCE Mission to Bosnia-Herzegovina; and P. Terrence Hopmann, Brown University Department of Political Science/Thomas J. Watson, Jr. Institute for International Studies, Providence, Rhode Island.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR THURSDAY, OCTOBER 4, 2001

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Armed Services: to hold hearings to examine the Department of Defense's Quadrennial Defense Review, 11 a.m., SH-216.

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: business meeting to mark up the proposed International Money Laundering Abatement and Anti-Terrorist Financing Act of 2001, 10 a.m., SD-538.

Subcommittee on Housing and Transportation, to hold hearings to examine current transit safety issues, 2:30 p.m., SD-538.

Committee on Finance: to hold hearings on the nomination of Jo Anne Barnhart, of Delaware, to be Commissioner of Social Security, 10 a.m., SD-215.

Committee on Foreign Relations: business meeting to consider S.1465, to authorize the President to provide assistance to Pakistan and India through September 30, 2003; and the nomination of Patrick Francis Kennedy, of Illinois, to be Alternate Representative of the United States of America to the Sessions of the General Assembly of the United Nations during his tenure of service as Representative of the United States of America to the United Nations for U.N. Management and Reform, 11:30 a.m., SD-419.

Committee on Governmental Affairs: to resume hearings to examine the security of critical governmental infrastructure, 9:30 a.m., SD-342.

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: to hold hearings to examine current job training issues relative to a fragile economy, 10 a.m., SD-430.

Committee on the Judiciary: business meeting to mark up pending calendar business, 10 a.m., SD-226.

Full Committee, to hold hearings on pending nominations, 2 p.m., SD-226.

House

Committee on Education and the Workforce, hearing on Over Identification Issues within the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act and the Need for Reform, 9:30 a.m., 2175 Rayburn.

Committee on Energy and Commerce, Subcommittee on Energy and Air Quality, to mark up the following measures: H.R. 2983, Price-Anderson Reauthorization Act of 2001; and H. Res. 250, urging the Secretary of Energy to fill the Strategic Petroleum Reserve, 9:30 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Health, to mark up H.R. 2887, Best Pharmaceuticals for Children Act, 1 p.m., 2123 Rayburn.

Committee on Government Reform, Subcommittee on Technology and Procurement Policy, hearing on "Transforming the IT and Acquisition Workforces: Using Market-Based Pay, Recruiting Strategies to Make the Federal Government an Employer of Choice for IT and Acquisition Employees," 2 p.m., 2154 Rayburn.

Committee on International Relations, Subcommittee on the Middle East and South Asia, hearing on U.S. Policy Toward Iraq, 1 p.m., 2172 Rayburn.

Committee on Resources, Subcommittee on National Parks, Recreation and Public Lands, hearing on the following bills: H.R. 38, Homestead National Monument of America Additions Act; and H.R. 1925, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to study the suitability and feasibility of designating the Waco Mammoth Site Area in Waco, Texas, as a unity of the National Park System, 10 a.m., 1334 Longworth.

Committee on Science, Subcommittee on Environment, Technology, and Standards, hearing on Arsenic in Drinking Water: An Update on the Science, Benefits and Cost, 10 a.m., 2318 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Space and Aeronautics, hearing on Space Planes and X-Vehicles, 2 p.m., 2318 Rayburn.

Committee on Veterans' Affairs, Subcommittee on Health, to mark up the following bills: H.R. 2716, Homeless Veterans Assistance Act of 2001; H.R. 936, Heather French Henry Homeless Veterans Assistance Act; and H.R. 2792, Disabled Veterans Service Dog and Health Care Improvement Act of 2001, 2 p.m., 334 Cannon.

Committee on Ways and Means, Subcommittee on Health, to mark up H.R. 2768, Medicare Regulatory and Contracting Reform Act of 2001, 10 a.m., 1100 Longworth.