

## SPECIES PROTECTION AND CONSERVATION OF THE ENVIRONMENT ACT

*Committee on Resources:* Subcommittee on Fisheries Conservation, Wildlife and Oceans, the Subcommittee on National Parks, Recreation and Public Lands and the Subcommittee on Forests and Forest Health held a joint hearing on H.R. 3558, Species Protection and Conservation of the Environment Act. Testimony was heard from James Tate, Jr., Science Advisor to the Secretary, Department of the Interior; Janette Kaiser, Acting Associate Deputy Chief, National Forest System, Forest Service, USDA; and public witnesses.

## NATIONAL SEA GRANT COLLEGE PROGRAM ACT AMENDMENTS; TECHNOLOGY ADMINISTRATION REVIEW AND REAUTHORIZATION

*Committee on Science:* Subcommittee on Environment, Technology, and Standards approved for full Committee action, as amended, H.R. 3389, National Sea Grant College Program Act Amendments of 2002.

The Subcommittee also held a hearing on Technology Administration: Review and Reauthorization. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Commerce: Phillip J. Bond, Under Secretary, Technology and Chief of Staff to the Secretary; and Arden L. Bement, Director, National Institute of Standards and Technology; and public witnesses.

## OVERSIGHT—NATIONAL TRANSPORTATION SAFETY BOARD REAUTHORIZATION

*Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure:* Subcommittee on Aviation and the Subcommittee on Railroads held a joint oversight hearing on Reauthorization of the National Transportation Safety Board. Testimony was heard from Marion C. Blakey, Chairman, National Transportation Safety Board.

## OVERSIGHT—PORT SECURITY FINANCIAL RESPONSIBILITY

*Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure:* Subcommittee on Coast Guard and Maritime Transportation held an oversight hearing on Financial Responsibility for Port Security. Testimony was heard from William G. Schubert, Administrator, Maritime Administration, Department of Transportation; and public witnesses.

## EMPLOYEE RETIREMENT SAVINGS BILL OF RIGHTS

*Committee on Ways and Means:* Ordered reported, as amended, H.R. 3669, Employee Retirement Savings Bill of Rights.

## RATIONALIZING MEDICARE SUPPLEMENTAL INSURANCE

*Committee on Ways and Means:* Subcommittee on Health held a hearing on Rationalizing Medicare Supplemental Insurance. Testimony was heard from Bobby Jindal, Assistant Secretary, Planning and Evaluation, Department of Health and Human Services; William Scanlon, Director, Health Financing and System Issues, GAO; and public witnesses.

## MISCELLANEOUS MEETINGS

*Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence:* Met in executive session to hold meetings with Richard Betts, member, of the former National Commission on Terrorism and with the British House of Commons Northern Ireland Affairs Committee.

## Joint Meetings

### VETERANS PROGRAMS

*Joint Hearing:* Senate Committee on Veterans' Affairs concluded joint hearings with the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs to examine the legislative presentations of certain veterans organizations, after receiving testimony from Rachel Clinkscale, Gold Star Wives of America, Inc., Arlington, Virginia; Charles L. Calkins, Fleet Reserve Association, Alexandria, Virginia; Com. Sgt. Michael Parente, USAF, (Ret.), Air Force Sergeants Association, Suitland, Maryland; and Sr. Mast. Sgt. Vincent B. Niski, USAF, (Ret.), The Retired Enlisted Association, Colorado Springs, Colorado.

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## COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR FRIDAY, MARCH 15, 2002

*(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)*

### Senate

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Energy and Water Development, to hold hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2003 for the Department of Energy, 1:30 p.m., SD-138.

*Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions:* to hold hearings to examine child care improvement issues, 9:30 a.m., SD-430.

### House

No committee meetings are scheduled.