

HOMELAND SECURITY ACT

Committee on Government Reform: Began consideration of recommendations on H.R. 5005, Homeland Security Act of 2002, to be submitted to the Select Committee on Homeland Security.

MIDDLE EAST PEACE COMMITMENTS ACT; ARAFAT ACCOUNTABILITY ACT

Committee on International Relations: Subcommittee on the Middle East and South Asia held a hearing on the following bills: H.R. 1795, Middle East Peace Commitments Act of 2001; and H.R. 4693, Arafat Accountability Act. Testimony was heard from Representative Blunt; and David Satterfield, Deputy Assistant Secretary, Bureau of Near Eastern Affairs, Department of State.

PARTIAL-BIRTH ABORTION BAN ACT

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on the Constitution approved for full Committee action H.R. 4965, Partial-Birth Abortion Ban Act of 2002.

OVERSIGHT—CRISIS FACING WILDLIFE SPECIES—BUSHMEAT CONSUMPTION

Committee on Resources: Subcommittee on Fisheries Conservation, Wildlife and Oceans held an oversight hearing on the Developing Crisis Facing Wildlife Species due to Bushmeat Consumption. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of State: Jeffrey M. Burnam, Deputy Assistant Secretary, Environment, Bureau of Oceans and International Environmental and Scientific Affairs; and James A. Graham, Project Manager, Central African Regional Program, Environment, Bureau for Africa, AID; Kenneth Stansell, Assistant Director, International Affairs, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Department of the Interior; and public witnesses.

OVERSIGHT—WILDFIRES—NATIONAL FORESTS

Committee on Resources: Subcommittee on Forests and Forest Health held an oversight hearing on Wildfires on the National Forests: An Update on the 2002 Wildland Fire Season. Testimony was heard from Sally Collins, Associate Deputy Chief, National Forest System, Forest Service, USDA; Tim Hartzell, Director, Office of Wildlife Fire Coordination, Department of the Interior; and public witnesses.

SMALL BUSINESS HEALTH MARKET

Committee on Small Business: Subcommittee on Regulatory Reform and Oversight held a hearing on the

Small Business Health Market: Bad Reforms Higher Prices and Fewer Choices.

Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

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Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure: Approved recommendations, as amended, on H.R. 5005, Homeland Security Act of 2002, to be submitted to the Select Committee on Homeland Security.

SOCIAL SECURITY DISABILITY PROGRAMS' CHALLENGERS AND OPPORTUNITIES

Committee on Ways and Means: Subcommittee on Social Security continued hearings on Social Security Disability Programs' Challengers and Opportunities. Testimony was heard from Martin Gerry, Deputy Commissioner, Disability and Income Security Programs, SSA; Robert Robertson, Director, Education, Workforce and Income Security Issues, GAO; and public witnesses.

TRANSFORMING FEDERAL GOVERNMENT TO PROTECT AMERICA FROM TERRORISM

Select Committee on Homeland Security: Held a hearing entitled "Transforming the Federal Government to Protect America from Terrorism." Testimony was heard from Colin L. Powell, Secretary of State; Paul O'Neill, Secretary of the Treasury; Paul D. Wolfowitz, Deputy Secretary, Department of Defense; and John Ashcroft, The Attorney General.

**COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR FRIDAY,
JULY 12, 2002**

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

No meetings/hearings scheduled.

House

Committee on Veterans' Affairs, Subcommittee on Health, to mark up H.R. 3645, Veterans Health-Care Items Procurement Reform and Improvement Act of 2002, 10:30 a.m., 334 Cannon.

Joint Meetings

Conference: meeting of conferees on H.R. 4775, making supplemental appropriations for further recovery from and response to terrorist attacks on the United States for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2002, 10 a.m., HC-5, Capitol.