

heard from Adm. Thomas H. Collins, USCG, Commandant, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security.

WATER: IS IT THE “OIL” OF THE 21ST CENTURY?

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure: Subcommittee on Water Resources and Environment held a hearing on Water: Is it the “Oil” of the 21st Century? Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

Hearings continue June 4.

VA—LONG-TERM CARE PROGRAMS

Committee on Veterans’ Affairs: Subcommittee on Health held a hearing on long-term care programs in the Department of Veterans Affairs. Testimony was heard from Cynthia A. Bascetta, Director, Veterans’ Health and Benefits Issues, GAO; and Robert H. Roswell, M.D., Under Secretary, Health, Department of Veterans Affairs.

FBI NATIONAL SECURITY PROGRAMS BUDGET

Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence: Met in executive session to hold a hearing on the FBI National Security Programs Budget. Testimony was heard from departmental witnesses.

BRIEFING GLOBAL INTELLIGENCE UPDATE

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

PROGRESS REPORT ON DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

Select Committee on Homeland Security: Concluded hearings entitled “How is America Safer? A Progress Re-

port on the Department of Homeland Security.” Testimony was heard from Tom Ridge, Secretary of Homeland Security.

Joint Meetings

KEEPING CHILDREN AND FAMILIES SAFE ACT

Conferees: agreed to file a conference report on the differences between the Senate and House passed versions of S. 342, to amend the Child Abuse Prevention and Treatment Act to make improvements to and reauthorize programs under that Act.

JOBS AND GROWTH RECONCILIATION TAX ACT

Conferees: agreed to file a conference report on the differences between the Senate and House passed versions of H.R. 2, to provide for reconciliation pursuant to section 201 of the concurrent resolution on the budget for fiscal year 2004.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR FRIDAY, MAY 23, 2003

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Armed Services: to hold closed hearings to examine current United States policy and military operations in Afghanistan and Iraq, 9:30 a.m., S-407, Capitol.

House

No committee meetings are scheduled.