

COLUMBIA ACCIDENT INVESTIGATION BOARD REPORT

Committee on Science: Held a hearing on “The Columbia Accident Investigation Board Report.” Testimony was heard from Admiral Harold W. Gehman, Jr., USN (Ret.), Chairman, Columbia Accident Investigation Board.

ECONOMIC GROWTH—RURAL ECONOMY

Committee on Small Business: Held a hearing to discuss attracting economic growth for the rural economy and whether the federal government is adequately supporting a policy of growth in the rural portions of the country. Testimony was heard from Thomas C. Dorr, Under Secretary, Rural Development, USDA; David A. Sampson, Assistant Secretary, Economic Development, Economic Development Administration, Department of Commerce; Bernard L. Ungar, Director, Physical Infrastructure Issues, GAO; Mark R. Drabenscott, Vice President and Director, Center for the Study of Rural America, Federal Reserve Bank of Kansas City, Federal Reserve System; and a public witness.

COMMITTEE BUSINESS

Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence: Met in executive session to consider pending business.

BRIEFING—GLOBAL INTELLIGENCE UPDATE

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

BRIEFING—RECENT COUNTERTERRORISM SUCCESS: HAMBALI

Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence: Subcommittee on Terrorism and Homeland Security met

in executive session to receive a briefing on Recent Counterterrorism Success: Hambali. The Subcommittee was briefed by departmental witnesses.

POWER BLACKOUTS IMPLICATIONS—NATION'S CYBERSECURITY AND CRITICAL INFRASTRUCTURE PROTECTION

Select Committee on Homeland Security: Subcommittee on Cybersecurity, Science, and Research and Development and the Subcommittee on Infrastructure and Border Security held a joint hearing entitled “Implications of Power Blackouts for the Nation's Cybersecurity and Critical Infrastructure Protection: The Electric Grid, Critical Interdependencies, Vulnerabilities, and Readiness.” Testimony was heard from Cofer Black, Coordinator, Counterterrorism, Department of State; Larry A. Mefford, Executive Assistant Director, Counterterrorism, FBI, Department of Justice; and public witnesses.

Hearings continue September 17.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 5, 2003

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

No meetings/hearings scheduled.

House

No committee meetings are scheduled.

Joint Meetings

Joint Economic Committee: to hold hearings to examine the employment situation for August, 9:30 a.m., SD-628.