

Facilities Act to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to participate in the Brownsville Public Utility Board water recycling and desalinization project; and H.R. 2991, to amend the Reclamation Wastewater and Groundwater Study and Facilities Act to authorize the Secretary of Interior to participate in the Inland Empire regional recycling project in the Cucamonga County Water District recycling project. Testimony was heard from Representatives Dreier, Gary G. Miller of California; Loretta Sanchez of California, and Ortiz; William Rinne, Deputy Commissioner, Operations, Bureau of Reclamation, Department of the Interior; and public witnesses.

COLUMBIA REPORT—NASA'S RESPONSE

Committee on Science: Held a hearing on NASA's Response to the Columbia Report. Testimony was heard from Sean O'Keefe, Administrator, NASA; and Adm. Harold W. Gehman, Jr., USN (Ret.), Chairman, Columbia Accident Investigation Board.

WTO'S CHALLENGE TO FSC/ETI RULES

Committee on Small Business: Held a hearing on the WTO's Challenge to the FSC/ETI Rules and the Effect on America's Small Businesses. Testimony was heard from Senator Levin; Representative Crane; and public witnesses.

OVERSIGHT—JFK CENTER FOR PERFORMING ARTS REAUTHORIZATION

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure: Subcommittee on Economic Development, Public Buildings and Emergency Management held an oversight hearing on Reauthorization of the John F. Kennedy Center for Performing Arts. Testimony was heard from Mark Goldstein, Acting Director, Physical Infrastructure Team, GAO; and Michael Kaiser, President, John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts.

PERSPECTIVES ON 9-11

Select Committee on Homeland Security: Held a hearing entitled "Perspectives on 9-11: Building Effectively on Hard Lessons." Testimony was heard from James Gilmore III, former Governor, State of Virginia, and Chairman, Advisory Panel to Assess Domestic Response Capabilities for Terrorism Involving Weapons of Mass Destruction; and Eleanor Hill, Staff Director, Joint Intelligence Committee Inquiry.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 11, 2003

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Armed Services: to hold a closed briefing on lessons learned regarding Operation Iraqi Freedom, 3 p.m., SR-222.

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Subcommittee on Public Lands and Forests, to hold hearings to examine S. 849, to provide for a land exchange in the State of Arizona between the Secretary of Agriculture and Yavapai Ranch Limited Partnership, S. 511, to provide permanent funding for the Payment In Lieu of Taxes program, S. 432, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior and the Secretary of Agriculture to conduct and support research into alternative treatments for timber produced from public lands and lands withdrawn from the public domain for the National Forest System, and S. 1582, to amend the Valles Preservation Act to improve the preservation of the Valles Caldera, 2:30 p.m., SD-366.

Committee on Foreign Relations: to hold hearings to examine U.S.-China relations, 9:30 a.m., SD-419.

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: to hold hearings to examine the Department of Veterans Affairs' Capital Asset Realignment for Enhanced Services (CARES) Initiative, 2 p.m., SR-418.

Select Committee on Intelligence: to hold closed hearings to examine certain intelligence matters, 2:30 p.m., SH-219.

House

Committee on Education and the Workforce, Subcommittee on 21st Century Competitiveness, hearing on "The Expanding Opportunities in Higher Education Act of 2003," 9:30 a.m., 2175 Rayburn.

Committee on Energy and Commerce, Subcommittee on Telecommunications and the Internet, hearing on H.R. 2898, E-911 Implementation Act of 2003, 9:30 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

Committee on the Judiciary, Subcommittee on Immigration, Border Security, and Claims, to mark up H.R. 2359, Basic Pilot Extension Act of 2003; followed by an oversight hearing on "Should There Be a Social Security Totalization Agreement with Mexico?" 11 a.m., 2237 Rayburn.

Committee on Resources, Subcommittee on Fisheries Conservation, Wildlife and Oceans, hearing on H. Con. Res. 268, expressing the sense of the Congress regarding the imposition of sanctions on nations that are undermining the effectiveness of conservation and management measures for Atlantic highly migratory species, including marlin, adopted by the International Commission for the Conservation of Atlantic Tunas and that are threatening the continued viability of United States commercial and recreational fisheries, 10 a.m., 1324 Longworth.