

System Cedar Keys Unit P25 on Otherwise Protected Area P25P. Testimony was heard from Representatives Paul, Bachus, McIntyre and Case; Clint Riley, Special Assistant to the Director, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Department of the Interior; and public witnesses.

#### **WATER SUPPLY, RELIABILITY, AND ENVIRONMENTAL IMPROVEMENT ACT**

*Committee on Resources:* Subcommittee on Water and Power approved for full Committee action H.R. 2828, Water Supply, Reliability, and Environmental Improvement Act.

#### **KEEPING THE LIGHTS ON: REMOVING BARRIERS TO TECHNOLOGY TO PREVENT BLACKOUTS**

*Committee on Science:* Subcommittee on Energy held a hearing on Keeping the Lights on: Removing Barriers to Technology to Prevent Blackouts. Testimony was heard from James W. Glotfelty, Director, Office of Electric Transmission and Distribution, Department of Energy; and public witnesses.

#### **FUTURE OF RURAL TELECOMMUNICATIONS**

*Committee on Small Business:* Subcommittee on Rural Enterprises, Agriculture and Technology held a hearing entitled "The Future of Rural Telecommunications: Is the Universal Service Fund Sustainable?" Testimony was heard from Kathleen Abernathy, Commissioner, FCC; and public witnesses.

#### **VA'S LIFE INSURANCE PROGRAM**

*Committee on Veterans' Affairs:* Subcommittee on Benefits held a hearing on the Department of Veterans Affairs' Life Insurance Program. Testimony was heard from Thomas M. Lastowka, Director, VA Regional Office and Insurance Center, Veterans Benefits Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs; Col. Virginia S. Penrod, USAF, Director, Compensation, Military Personnel Policy, Department of Defense; and representatives of veterans organizations.

#### **SSA'S MANAGEMENT—OFFICE OF HEARINGS AND APPEALS**

*Committee on Ways and Means:* Subcommittee on Social Security held a hearing on the SSA's Manage-

ment of the Office of Hearings and Appeals. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the SSA: Jo Anne B. Barnhart, Commissioner; and James G. Huse, Jr., Inspector General; Syl Scheiber, member, Social Security Advisory Board; and public witnesses.

#### **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.

#### **INFORMATION ANALYSIS AND INFRASTRUCTURE PROTECTION AND THE TERRORIST THREAT INTEGRATION CENTER**

*Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence:* Subcommittee on Terrorism and Homeland Security met in executive session to hold a hearing on Information Analysis and Infrastructure Protection and the Terrorist Threat Integration Center. Testimony was heard from departmental witnesses.

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#### **NEW PUBLIC LAWS**

(For last listing of Public Laws, see DAILY DIGEST, p. D1023)

H.R. 13, to reauthorize the Museum and Library Services Act. Signed on September 25, 2003. (Public Law 108-81).

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#### **COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 26, 2003**

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

##### **Senate**

No meetings/hearings scheduled.

##### **House**

No Committee meetings are scheduled.