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#### **BRIEFING—SENSITIVE COUNTERTERRORISM ISSUES**

*Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence:* Met in executive session to receive a briefing on Sensitive Counterterrorism Issues. The Committee was briefed by departmental witnesses.

#### **BRIEFING—GLOBAL INTELLIGENCE UPDATE**

*Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence:* Subcommittee on Intelligence Policy and National Security, executive, briefing on Global Intelligence Update. The Subcommittee was briefed by departmental witnesses.

#### **FASTER AND SMARTER FUNDING FOR FIRST RESPONDERS ACT**

*Select Committee on Homeland Security:* Subcommittee on Emergency Preparedness and Response held a hearing on H.R. 3266, Faster and Smarter Funding

for First Responders Act of 2003. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

#### **PLUGGING THE GAPS IN BORDER SECURITY**

*Select Committee on Homeland Security:* Subcommittee on Infrastructure and Border Security held a hearing entitled “Plugging the Gaps in Border Security: the One Face at the Border Initiative.” Testimony was heard from Robert Bonner, Commissioner, Bureau of Customs and Border Protection, Department of Homeland Security; and public witnesses.

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#### **COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR FRIDAY, OCTOBER 17, 2003**

*(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)*

##### **Senate**

No meetings/hearings scheduled.

##### **House**

*Committee on Government Reform,* hearing entitled “Implementing the SAFETY Act: Advancing New Technologies for Homeland Security,” 10 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

*Next Meeting of the SENATE*

9 a.m., Friday, October 17

*Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES*

9 a.m., Friday, October 17

## Senate Chamber

**Program for Friday:** Senate will continue consideration of S. 1689, Emergency Supplemental Appropriations Act, with a series of votes to occur on certain amendments.

## House Chamber

**Program for Friday:** Further consideration of H.R. 3289, Supplemental Appropriations Act for fiscal year 2004.



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