

Testimony was heard from Joseph A. Christoff, Director, International Affairs and Trade Team, GAO; Matthew S. Borman, Deputy Assistant Secretary, Export Administration, Department of Commerce; Robert W. Maggi, Deputy Assistant Secretary, Directorate Defense Trade Controls, Department of State; the following officials of the Department of Defense: Lt. Gen. Tome H. Walters, Jr., USAF, Defense Security Cooperation Agency; and Lisa Bronson, Deputy Under Secretary, Technology Security Policy and Counterproliferation; Andrew Feickert, Specialist, National Defense, Congressional Research Service, Library of Congress; and a public witness.

#### OVERSIGHT—DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

*Committee on the Judiciary:* Subcommittee on Commercial and Administrative Law held an oversight hearing on the Department of Justice: Executive Office for United States Attorneys, Civil Division, Environment and Natural Resources Division, Executive Office for United States Trustees, and Office of the Solicitor General. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Justice: Thomas Sansonetti, Assistant Attorney General, Environment and Natural Resources Division; Peter Keisler, Assistant Attorney General, Civil Division; Guy Lewis, Director, Executive Office for United States Attorneys; and Lawrence Friedman, Director, Executive Office for United States Trustees.

#### PERSONAL RESPONSIBILITY IN FOOD CONSUMPTION ACT

*Committee on Rules:* Granted, by voice vote, a modified open rule providing one hour of general debate on H.R. 339, Personal Responsibility in Food Consumption Act, equally divided and controlled by the chairman and ranking minority member of the Committee on the Judiciary. The rule provides that the amendment in the nature of a substitute recommended by the Committee on the Judiciary now printed in the bill shall be considered as an original bill for the purpose of amendment, and shall be considered as read. The rule waives all points of order against the committee amendment in the nature of a substitute. The rule makes in order only those amendments to the committee amendment that are pre-printed in the Congressional Record or are pro-forma amendments for the purpose of debate. The rule provides that each amendment printed in the Congressional Record may be offered only by the Member who caused it to be printed or a designee, and that each amendment shall be considered as read. Finally, the rule provides one motion to recommit with or without instructions. Testimony was heard from Representatives KELLER and WATT.

#### UNINSURED

*Committee on Ways and Means:* Subcommittee on Health held a hearing on the Uninsured. Testimony was heard from Douglas Holtz-Eakin, Director, CBO; and public witnesses.

### Joint Meetings

#### PENSION FUNDING EQUITY ACT

*Conferees* met to resolve the differences between the Senate and House passed versions of H.R. 3108, to amend the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 and the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to temporarily replace the 30-year Treasury rate with a rate based on long-term corporate bonds for certain pension plan funding requirements and other provisions, but did not complete action thereon, and recessed subject to the call.

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#### COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR WEDNESDAY, MARCH 10, 2004

*(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)*

##### Senate

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Defense, to hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2005 for Navy and Marine Corps programs, 10 a.m., SD-192.

*Committee on Armed Services:* Subcommittee on Emerging Threats and Capabilities, to hold hearings to examine the defense nuclear nonproliferation programs of the Department of Energy and the Cooperative Threat Reduction programs of the Department of Defense in review of the defense authorization request for fiscal year 2005; to be followed by closed hearings in SR-232A, 9:30 a.m., SR-222.

Subcommittee on Seapower, to hold hearings to examine the posture of the U.S. Transportation Command in review of the defense authorization request for fiscal year 2005 and the future years defense program, 2 p.m., SR-232A.

*Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs:* to resume hearings to examine current investigations and regulatory actions regarding the mutual fund industry relating to the regulatory landscape, 10 a.m., SD-538.

Subcommittee on International Trade and Finance, to hold hearings to examine Argentina's financial crisis, 1 p.m., SD-538.

*Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation:* to hold hearings to examine the use and effects of steroids, 10 a.m., SR-253.

Subcommittee on Science, Technology, and Space, to hold hearings to examine NASA/Mars exploration program, 2:30 p.m., SR-253.

*Committee on Energy and Natural Resources:* business meeting to consider pending calendar business, 11:30 a.m., SD-366.

Subcommittee on Public Lands and Forests, to hold hearings to examine S. 1354, to resolve certain conveyances and provide for alternative land selections under the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act related to Cape Fox Corporation and Sealaska Corporation, S. 1575 and H.R. 1092, both to direct the Secretary of Agriculture to sell certain parcels of Federal land in Carson City and Douglas County, Nevada, S. 1778, to authorize a land conveyance between the United States and the City of Craig, Alaska, S. 1819 and H.R. 272, both to direct the Secretary of Agriculture to convey certain land to Lander County, Nevada, and the Secretary of the Interior to convey certain land to Eureka County, Nevada, for continued use as cemeteries, and H.R. 3249, to extend the term of the Forest Counties Payments Committee, 2:30 p.m., SD-366.

*Committee on Environment and Public Works:* business meeting to consider S. 1904, to designate the United States courthouse located at 400 North Miami Avenue in Miami, Florida, as the "Wilkie D. Ferguson, Jr. United States Courthouse", S. 2022, to designate the Federal building located at 250 West Cherry Street in Carbondale, Illinois the "Senator Paul Simon Federal Building", and S. 2043, to designate a Federal building in Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, as the "Ronald Reagan Federal Building"; to be followed by a hearing to examine the President's proposed fiscal year 2005 budget for the Environmental Protection Agency, 9:25 a.m., SD-406.

*Committee on Finance:* to hold hearings to examine United States economic and trade policy in the Middle East, 2 p.m., SD-215.

*Committee on Foreign Relations:* to hold hearings to examine nonproliferation and arms control issues, focusing on strategic choices, 9:30 a.m., SD-419.

Subcommittee on Western Hemisphere, Peace Corps and Narcotics Affairs, to hold hearings to examine the future of U.S.-Haitian relations, 2:30 p.m., SD-419.

*Committee on Indian Affairs:* to hold oversight hearings to examine proposed reorganization of major agencies and functions related to Indian trust reform matters within the Department of the Interior, 9:30 a.m., SR-485.

*Committee on the Judiciary:* to hold hearings to examine S.J. Res. 4, proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States authorizing Congress to prohibit the physical desecration of the flag of the United States, 10 a.m., SD-106.

Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine the nominations of Peter W. Hall, of Vermont, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Second Circuit, Jane J. Boyle, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of Texas, Marcia G. Cooke, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of Florida, and Walter D. Kelley, Jr., to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Virginia, 2:30 p.m., SD-226.

*Committee on Rules and Administration:* to hold hearings to examine the scope and operation of certain tax-exempt organizations registered under Section 527 of the Internal Revenue Code, focusing on their impact on campaign finance laws and federal elections, 9:30 a.m., SR-301.

*Committee on Veterans' Affairs:* to hold joint hearings with the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs to exam-

ine the legislative presentation of the Veterans of Foreign Wars, 10 a.m., SH-216.

## House

*Committee on Appropriations,* Subcommittee on Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies, on Research, Education and Extension, 9:30 a.m., 2362A Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, State, Judiciary and Related Agencies, on Department of State, Administration of Foreign Affairs, 2 p.m., H-309 Capitol.

Subcommittee on Defense, on Army Budget Overview, 10 a.m., 2212 Rayburn and, executive, on Army Acquisition Programs, 1:30 p.m., H-140 Capitol.

Subcommittee on Energy and Water Development, on U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, 1 p.m., 2362B Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Foreign Operations, Export Financing and Related Programs, on the Secretary of State, 10 a.m., 2359 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Interior and Related Agencies, on Indian Health Services, 10 a.m., B-308 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, Education and Related Agencies, on Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, 10:15 a.m., and on Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality, 11:20 a.m., 2358 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Military Construction, on Budget Overview, 1 p.m., B-300 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Transportation, Treasury and Independent Agencies, on GSA, 10 a.m., 2358 Rayburn.

*Committee on Armed Services,* Subcommittee on Total Force, hearing on the Fiscal Year 2005 National Defense Authorization Budget Request on the Adequacy of the Total Force, 2 p.m., 2118 Rayburn.

*Committee on Education and the Workforce,* to mark up H.R. 3873, Child Nutrition Improvement and Integrity Act, 10:30 a.m., 2175 Rayburn.

*Committee on Energy and Commerce,* hearing entitled "A Review of the Administration's FY 2005 Health Care Priorities," 2 p.m., 2123 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Telecommunications and the Internet, hearing entitled "Oversight of the Satellite Home Viewer Improvement Act," 10 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

*Committee on Financial Services,* Subcommittee on Domestic and International Monetary Policy, Trade, and Technology, hearing and markup of the following measures: H.R. 1914, Jamestown 400th Anniversary Commemorative Coin Act of 2003; H.R. 2131, to award a congressional gold medal to President Jose Maria Aznar of Spain; H.R. 2768, John Marshall Commemorative Coin Act; and H.R. 3277, Marine Corps 230th Anniversary Commemorative Coin Act, 10 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.

*Committee on Government Reform,* Subcommittee on Government Efficiency and Financial Management, oversight hearing entitled "Making Financial Management a Priority at DHS," 2 p.m., 2247 Rayburn.

*Committee on International Relations,* hearing on Weapons of Mass Destruction, Terrorism, Human Rights and the Future of U.S.-Libyan Relations, 10:30 a.m., and to hold a hearing on Human Rights Practices Around the World:

A Review of the State Department's 2003 Annual Report, 1:30 p.m., 2172 Rayburn.

*Committee on Resources*, Subcommittee on Forests and Forest Health, oversight hearing on the Fiscal Year 2005 President's Budget for the Forest Service, 10 a.m., 1334 Longworth.

*Committee on Rules*, to consider H.R. 3717, Broadcast Decency Enforcement Act of 2004, 4 p.m., H-313 Capitol.

*Committee on Science*, hearing on Perspectives on the President's Vision for Space Exploration, 10 a.m., 2318 Rayburn.

*Committee on Small Business*, hearing entitled "Spike in Metal Prices: What Does it Mean for Small Manufacturers?" 10 a.m., 2360 Rayburn.

*Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure*, Subcommittee on Coast Guard and Maritime Transportation, to mark up H.R. 3879, Coast Guard Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2005, 11:30 a.m., 2167 Rayburn.

*Committee on Ways and Means*, Subcommittee on Oversight and the Subcommittee on Social Security, joint hearing on Social Security Number and Individual Tax-

payer Identification Number Mismatches and Misuse, 10 a.m., 1100 Longworth.

*Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence*, executive, hearing on Intelligence Community Budget overview, 2 p.m., H-405 Capitol.

Subcommittee on Terrorism and Homeland Security, executive hearing on Intelligence Community-Military Coordination in Iraq and Afghanistan, 10 a.m., H-405 Capitol.

*Select Committee on Homeland Security*, Subcommittee on Intelligence and Counterterrorism, hearing entitled "The Department of Homeland Security Proposed Information Analysis Budget for Fiscal Year 2005," 10:30 a.m., 2141 Rayburn.

### Joint Meetings

*Joint Meetings*: Senate Committee on Veterans' Affairs, to hold joint hearings with the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs to examine the legislative presentation of the Veterans of Foreign Wars, 10 a.m., SH-216.

*Joint Economic Committee*: to hold hearings to examine issues relative to helping Americans save, 10 a.m., SD-628.