

a Member designated in the report, shall be considered as read, shall be debatable for the time specified in the report equally divided and controlled by the proponent and an opponent, shall not be subject to amendment, and shall not be subject to a demand for division of the question in the House or in the Committee of the Whole. The rule waives all points of order against the amendments printed in the report. Finally, the rule provides one motion to recommend with or without instructions. Testimony was heard from Chairman Oxley, and Representatives Leach, Kelly, Gillmor, Frank of Massachusetts, Waters, Jackson-Lee of Texas and Weiner.

#### GREEN CHEMISTRY RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT ACT

*Committee on Science:* Held a hearing on H.R. 3970, Green Chemistry Research and Development Act of 2004. Testimony was heard from Arden Bement, Director, National Institute of Standards and Technology, Department of Commerce and Acting Director, NSF; Paul Gilman, Assistant Administrator, Research and Development, EPA; and public witnesses.

#### COMPUTER-ASSISTED PASSENGER PRESCREENING SYSTEM STATUS

*Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure:* Subcommittee on Aviation held an oversight hearing on the Status of the Computer-Assisted Passenger Prescreening System (CAPPS II). Testimony was heard from David M. Stone, Acting Administrator, Transportation Security Administration, Department of Homeland Security; Norman J. Rabkin, Managing Director, Homeland Security and Justice Division, GAO; and public witnesses.

#### DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS— INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY PROGRAM

*Committee on Veterans' Affairs:* Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations held a hearing to examine the Department of Veterans Affairs Information Technology program. Testimony was heard from Linda Koontz Director, Information Management Issues, GAO; James C. Reardon, Chief Information Officer, Military Health System, Office of the Assistant Secretary (Health Affairs), Department of Defense; Robert N. McFarland, Assistant Secretary, Information and Technology; Department of Veterans Affairs; and public witnesses.

#### HIGHWAY REAUTHORIZATION TAX ACT

*Committee on Ways and Means:* Ordered reported, as amended, H.R. 3971, Highway Reauthorization Tax Act of 2004.

#### NATIONAL GEO-SPATIAL AGENCY PROGRAM BUDGET; COMMITTEE BUSINESS

*Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence:* Met in executive session to hold a hearing on National Geo-spatial Agency Program Budget. Testimony was heard from departmental witnesses.

The Committee also met in executive session to consider Committee business.

#### BORDER AND TRANSPORTATION SECURITY BUDGET PROPOSAL

*Select Committee on Homeland Security:* Subcommittee on Infrastructure and Border Security held a hearing entitled "The Department of Homeland Security's Border and Transportation Security (BTS) Budget Proposal." Testimony was heard from Asa Hutchinson, Under Secretary, Border and Transportation Security, Department of Homeland Security.

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#### COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR THURSDAY, MARCH 18, 2004

*(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)*

##### Senate

*Committee on Veterans' Affairs:* to hold joint hearings with the House Committee on Veterans Affairs to examine the legislative presentations of the Air Force Sergeants Association, the Retired Enlisted Association, Gold Star Wives of America, and the Fleet Reserve Association, 10 a.m., 345 CHOB.

##### House

*Committee on Appropriations,* Subcommittee on Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Agency and Related Agencies, on Food Safety and Inspection Service, 9:30 a.m., 2362A Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, State, Judiciary and Related Agencies, on Patent and Trademark Office, 10 a.m., and on State and Local Law Enforcement Assistance, 2 p.m., H-309 Capitol.

Subcommittee on Foreign Operations, Export Financing and Related Programs, on International HIV/AIDS Assistance Request, 10 a.m., 2359 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Homeland Security, on Office of Domestic Preparedness, 10 a.m., 2358 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Interior, on Oversight: Presidio Trust, 10 a.m., B-308 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, Education and Related Agencies, on Department of Education, 10 a.m., 2358 Rayburn.

*Committee on Armed Services,* hearing on H.R. 1741, To redesignate the position of the Secretary of the Navy as the Secretary of the Navy and the Marine Corps, 8 a.m., 2118 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Readiness and the Subcommittee on Terrorism, Unconventional Threats and Capabilities, joint hearing on the Fiscal Year 2005 National Defense Authorization budget request—Training Transformation—

Examination of the Joint National Training Capability, 1 p.m., 2118 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Strategic Forces, hearing on the Department of Energy's Atomic Energy Defense Activities Budget, 10 a.m., 2216 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Total Force, hearing on the Fiscal Year 2005 National Defense Authorization Budget Request on Defense Health Programs—Current and Future Issues, 9 a.m., 2212 Rayburn.

*Committee on Education and the Workforce*, Subcommittee on Employer-Employee Relations, hearing entitled "Reforming and Strengthening Defined Benefit Plans: Examining the Health of the Multiemployer Pension System," 10:30 a.m., 2175 Rayburn.

*Committee on Energy and Commerce*, Subcommittee on Commerce, Trade and Consumer Protection, hearing entitled "Reauthorization of the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration," 10 a.m., 2322 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Health, hearing entitled "Inter-governmental Transfers: Violations of the Federal-State Medicaid Partnership or Legitimate State Budget Tool?" 9:30 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

*Committee on Financial Services*, Subcommittee on Housing and Community Opportunity, hearing entitled "Successful Homeownership and Renting through Housing Counseling," 10 a.m., 1310 Longworth.

Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations, hearing entitled "The Hunt for Saddam's Money: U.S. and Foreign Efforts to Recover Iraq's Stolen Money," 10 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.

*Committee on Government Reform*, to consider the following; H.R. 3917, To designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 695 Marconi Boulevard in Copiague, New York, as the "Maxine S. Postal United States Post Office;" and pending Committee business; followed by a hearing on A Prescription for Safety: The need for H.R. 3880, Internet Pharmacy Consumer Protection Act, 10 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

*Committee on International Relations*, hearing on U.S.-Russia Relations in Putin's Second Term, 10:30 a.m., 2172 Rayburn.

*Committee on the Judiciary*, Subcommittee on Immigration, Border Security and Claims, oversight hearing on US VISIT: A Down Payment on Homeland Security, 10 a.m., 2141 Rayburn.

*Committee on Resources*, Subcommittee on Fisheries Conservation, Wildlife and Oceans, hearing on H.R. 3883, To reauthorize the Atlantic Striped Bass Conservation Act, 2 p.m., 1324 Longworth.

*Committee on Science*, hearing on The Presidential Awardees for Excellence in Math and Science Teaching: A Lesson Plan for Success, 10 a.m., 2318 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Space and Aeronautics, hearing on NASA-Department of Defense Cooperation in Space Transportation, 1 p.m., 2318 Rayburn.

*Committee on Small Business*, Subcommittee on Workforce, Empowerment and Government Programs, hearing entitled "The Benefits of Health Savings Accounts," 10:30 a.m., 311 Cannon.

*Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure*, Subcommittee on Economic Development, Public Buildings and Emergency Management, hearing on the Fiscal Year 2005 Budget Request for the Department of Homeland Security's Emergency Preparedness and Response Directorate, the Office of Domestic Preparedness, and First Responder Funding, 1 p.m., 2167 Rayburn.

*Committee on Ways and Means*, Subcommittee on Health, hearing on Health Quality Initiatives, 10 a.m., 1100 Longworth.

Subcommittee on Social Security, hearing on the SSA's Management of the Ticket to Work Program, 10 a.m., B-318 Rayburn.

*Select Committee on Homeland Security*, to mark up H.R. 3266, Faster and Smarter Funding for First Responders Act of 2003, 10:30 a.m., 1300 Longworth.

### Joint Meetings

*Joint Meetings*: Senate Committee on Veterans' Affairs, to hold joint hearings with the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs to examine the legislative presentations of the Air Force Sergeants Association, the Retired Enlisted Association, Gold Star Wives of America, and the Fleet Reserve Association, 10 a.m., 345 CHOB.