

regarding rates of compensation for civilian employees and members of the uniformed services of the United States, in the House equally divided and controlled by the chairman and ranking minority member of the Committee on Government Reform. The rule provides one motion to recommit which may not contain instructions. Testimony was heard from Chairman Davis and Representative Wolf.

TRANSPORTATION EQUITY ACT: A LEGACY FOR USERS

Committee on Rules: Heard testimony from Chairman Young of Alaska and Representatives Petri, Gilchrest, Quinn, Ehlers, Bachus, LaTourette, LoBiondo, Bereuter, Isakson, Graves, Kennedy of Minnesota, Chocoma, Gerlach, Tancredo, Vitter, Flake, Kirk, Bradley of New Hampshire, Oberstar, Lipinski, Menendez, Eddie Bernice Johnson of Texas, Millender-McDonald, Blumenauer, Baird, Carson of Indiana, Davis of Tennessee, Waters, Jackson-Lee of Texas, Turner of Texas, Holt, Lynch and Schiff, but action was deferred on H.R. 3550, Transportation Equity Act: A Legacy for Users.

CONGRESSIONAL MEDAL FOR OUTSTANDING CONTRIBUTIONS IN MATH AND SCIENCE EDUCATION ACT

Committee on Science: Subcommittee on Research approved for full Committee action, as amended, H.R. 4030, Congressional Medal for Outstanding Contributions in Math and Science Education Act.

Prior to this action, the Subcommittee held a hearing on this measure. Testimony was heard from Judith Ramaley, Assistant Director, Education and Human Resources Directorate, NSF; and public witnesses.

OVERSIGHT—INCONSISTENT REGULATION OF WETLANDS AND OTHER WATERS

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure: Subcommittee on Water Resources and Environment held an oversight hearing on Inconsistent Regulation of Wetlands and Other Waters. Testimony was heard from Representative Ose; John Paul Woodley, Jr., Assistant Secretary (Civil Works), Department of the Army; Benjamin H. Grumbles, Acting Assistant Administrator, Water, EPA; and public witnesses.

DVA—PROVIDING CERTAIN VETERANS WITH PRESCRIPTION-ONLY HEALTH CARE BENEFIT

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: Subcommittee on Health held a hearing on the Department of Veterans Affairs providing certain veterans with a prescription-only health care benefit. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Veterans Affairs: Jonathan B. Perlin, M.D., Dep-

uty Under Secretary, Health; Michael A. Valentino, Chief Consultant, Pharmacy Benefits Management; and Barbara J. Manning, Program Analyst, Policy and Forecasting Service; representatives of veterans organizations; and a public witness.

TAX RETURN FILING SEASON AND IRS BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2005

Committee on Ways and Means: Subcommittee on Oversight held a hearing on 2004 Tax Return Filing Season and the IRS Budget for Fiscal Year 2005. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of the Treasury: Mark Everson, Commissioner, IRS; and Nancy Killefer, Chair, IRS Oversight Board; James R. White, Director, Tax Issues, GAO; and public witnesses.

COUNTERTERRORISM BUDGET

Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence: Met in executive session to hold a hearing on Counterterrorism Budget. Testimony was heard from departmental witnesses.

NUCLEAR, BIOLOGICAL, CHEMICAL, RADIOLOGICAL THREATS TO THE HOMELAND

Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence: Subcommittee on Terrorism and Homeland Security met in executive session to hold a hearing on Nuclear, Biological, Chemical, Radiological Threats to the Homeland. Testimony was heard from departmental witnesses.

HOMELAND CYBERSECURITY AND DHS ENTERPRISE ARCHITECTURE BUDGET

Select Committee on Homeland Security: Subcommittee on Cybersecurity, Science and Research and Development held a hearing entitled "Homeland Cybersecurity and DHS Enterprise Architecture Budget Hearing for Fiscal Year 2005." Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Homeland Security: Robert Liscouski, Assistant Secretary, Infrastructure Protection; and Steven Cooper, Chief, Information Officer.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR WEDNESDAY, MARCH 31, 2004

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Energy and Water Development, to hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2005 for the Department of Energy's Office of Environmental Management, Office of Civilian Radioactive Waste Management, and Office of Environment, Safety and Health, 10 a.m., SD-138.

Subcommittee on Defense, to hold a closed hearing to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2005 for intelligence and world wide threat assessment, 10 a.m., S-407, Capitol.

Subcommittee on Legislative Branch, to hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2005 for the Senate Sergeant at Arms and the United States Capitol Police, 2 p.m., SD-138.

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Personnel, to hold hearings to examine the Defense authorization request for fiscal year 2005, focusing on active and Reserve military and civilian personnel programs, 9:30 a.m., SR-232A.

Full Committee, to hold a closed briefing on the acquisition of the Boeing KC-767A tanker aircraft, 4 p.m., SR-222.

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

Full Committee, to continue hearings to examine the current investigations and regulatory actions regarding the mutual fund industry focusing on fund costs and distribution practices, 2:30 p.m., SD-538.

Committee on Environment and Public Works: to hold hearings to examine the nominations of Stephen L. Johnson, of Maryland, to be Deputy Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency, Ann R. Klee, of Virginia, to be an Assistant Administrator, Charles Johnson, of Utah, to be Chief Financial Officer, Benjamin Grumbles, of Virginia, to be an Assistant Administrator, all of the Environmental Protection Agency, and Gary Lee Visscher, of Maryland, to be a Member of the Chemical Safety and Hazard Investigation Board, 9:30 a.m., SD-406.

Subcommittee on Transportation and Infrastructure, to hold hearings to examine the role of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers in meeting the nation's water resource needs in the 21st century, 1:30 p.m., SD-406.

Committee on Foreign Relations: to hold hearings to examine the nomination of Paul V. Applegarth, of Connecticut, to be Chief Executive Officer, Millennium Challenge Corporation, Department of State, 9:30 a.m., SD-419.

Subcommittee on European Affairs, to hold hearings to examine the effects of the Madrid Terrorist Attacks on U.S. European cooperation in the war on terrorism, 2:30 p.m., SD-106.

Select Committee on Intelligence: closed business meeting to consider pending intelligence matters, 2:30 p.m., SH-219.

House

Committee on Appropriations, Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, State, Judiciary and Related Agencies, on FCC, 10 a.m., and on SEC, 2 p.m., H-309 Capitol.

Subcommittee on Defense, executive, on Missile Defense, 10 a.m., H-140 Capitol.

Subcommittee on Energy and Water Development, on Contributions of the Army Corps of Engineers in the Restoration of Iraq and Afghanistan, 9:30 a.m., 2362B Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Homeland Security, on U.S. Coast Guard, 10 a.m., 2360 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, Education and Related Agencies, on Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, 10:15 a.m., 2358 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Military Construction, on Pacific Command, 1:30 p.m., B-300 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on VA, HUD and Independent Agencies, on Department of Veterans Affairs, 10 a.m., and 1 p.m., 2359 Rayburn.

Committee on Armed Services, hearing on the Fiscal Year 2005 National Defense Authorization budget request of the Department of Defense, 10 a.m., 2118 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Terrorism, Unconventional Threats and Capabilities, hearing on the Fiscal Year 2005 National Defense Authorization budget request—Department of Defense's Business Transformation Efforts, 1:30 p.m., 2118 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Total Force, hearing on the Fiscal Year 2005 National Defense Authorization budget request on Reserve Component Transformation and Relieving the Stress on the Reserve Component, 1 p.m., 2212 Rayburn.

Committee on Energy and Commerce, Subcommittee on Commerce, Trade, and Consumer Protection, hearing entitled "U.S.-China Trade: Preparations for the Joint Commission on Commerce and Trade, 10 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations, hearing entitled "A Review to Assess Progress with the Bureau of Customs and Border Protection's Targeting Program for Sea Cargo," 10 a.m., 2322 Rayburn.

Committee on Financial Services, Subcommittee on Capital Markets, Insurance, and Government Sponsored Enterprises, hearing entitled "Working with State Regulators to Increase Insurance Choices for Consumers," 10 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.

Committee on Government Reform, Subcommittee on Government Efficiency and Financial Management, oversight hearing entitled "10 Years of GPRA—Results, Demonstrated," 2 p.m., 2247 Rayburn.

Committee on International Relations, to mark up the following: H.R. 3978, Designation of Foreign Terrorist Organizations Reform Act; H.R. 4011, North Korea Human Rights Act of 2004; H.R. 2760, Resolution of the Ethiopia-Eritrea Border Dispute Act of 2003; the Peace Crops Safety and Security Act of 2004; the Assistance for Orphaned and Vulnerable Children in Developing Countries Act of 2004; the United States International Leadership Act of 2003; H. Res. 402, Expressing the sense of the House of Representatives regarding the urgent need for freedom, democratic reform, and international monitoring of elections, human rights, and religious liberty in the Lao People's Democratic Republic; H. Res. 535, Expressing the concern and support of the House of Representatives for local elected officials under threat of assassination, kidnapping, forcible displacement, and coercion by terrorist organizations in the Republic of Colombia; H. Res. 563, Expressing the sense of the House of Representatives regarding the one-year anniversary of the human rights crackdown in Cuba; H. Res.

576, Urging the Government of the People's Republic of China to improve its protection of intellectual property rights; H. Con. Res. 326, Expressing the sense of Congress regarding the arbitrary detention of Dr. Wang Bingzhang by the Government of the People's Republic of China and urging his immediate release; H. Con. Res. 336, Expressing the sense of Congress that the continued participation of the Russian Federation in the Group of 8 nations should be conditioned on the Russian Government voluntarily accepting and adhering to the norms and standards of democracy; H. Con. Res. 352, Recognizing the contributions of people of Indian origin to the United States and the benefits of working together with India towards promoting peace, prosperity, and freedom among all countries of the world; H. Con. Res. 378, Calling on the Government of the Socialist Republic of Vietnam to immediately and unconditionally release Father Thaddeus Nguyen Van Ly; and a resolution expressing the concern of Congress over Iran's development of the means to produce nuclear weapons, 10:30 a.m., 2172 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Europe, hearing on Belarus and Its Future: Democracy or Soviet-Style Dictatorship? 1:30 p.m., 2200 Rayburn.

Committee on the Judiciary, to mark up H.R. 3866, Anabolic Steroid Control Act of 2004, 10 a.m., 2141 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Commercial and Administrative Law, oversight hearing on the Legal Services Corporation: Inquiry into the Activities of the California Rural Legal As-

sistance Program and Testimony Relating to the Merits of Client Co-Pay, 1 p.m., 2141 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Courts, the Internet, and Intellectual Property, to mark up the following: the Piracy Deterrence and Education Act of 2004; H.R. 3632, Anti-Counterfeiting Amendments of 2003; H.R. 3754, Fraudulent Online Sanctions Act; and the Authorization Satellite Home Viewer Extension Act, 4 p.m., 2141 Rayburn.

Committee on Resources, oversight hearing on the Federal recognition and acknowledgment process by the Bureau of Indian Affairs, 10 a.m., 1324 Longworth.

Committee on Science, to mark up the following measures: H.R. 3980, National Windstorm Impact Reduction Act of 2004; H.R. 3970, Green Chemistry Research and Development Act of 2004; and H.R. 4030, Congressional Medal for Outstanding Contributions in Math and Science Education Act of 2004, 10 a.m., 2318 Rayburn.

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, Subcommittee on Railroads, hearing on the Status of Railroad Economic Regulation, 10 a.m., 2167 Rayburn.

Committee on Veterans' Affairs, Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations, hearing on current Department of Veterans Affairs employment practices with regard to procedures for background checks and credentialing, 10 a.m., 334 Cannon.

Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence, executive, briefing on Iraq Weapons of Mass Destruction Update, 9 a.m., and executive, hearing on Counterintelligence Budget, 2 p.m., H-405 Capitol.