

does not adversely affect the Bonneville Power Administration; S. 144, amended, Noxious Weed Control Act of 2003; and S. 1146, Three Affiliated Tribes Health Facility Compensation Act.

FEDERAL ENERGY EFFICIENCY AND RENEWABLE ENERGY R&D PROGRAMS IMPACT

Committee on Science: Subcommittee on Energy held a hearing entitled "The Impact of Federal Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy R&D Programs." Testimony was heard from Peter Smith, Energy Research and Development Authority, State of New York; and public witnesses.

EPA—HOMELAND SECURITY RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT

Committee on Science: Subcommittee on Environment, Technology, and Standards held a hearing entitled "Homeland Security Research and Development at the EPA: Taking Stock and Looking Ahead." Testimony was heard from Paul Gilman, Assistant Administrator, Office of Research and Development, EPA; Penrose C. Albright, Assistant Secretary, Science and Technology Directorate, Department of Homeland Security; and public witnesses.

RED TAPE REDUCTION

Committee on Small Business: Held a hearing entitled "Red Tape Reduction: Improving the Competitiveness of America's Small Manufacturers." Testimony was heard from John Graham, Administrator, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, OMB; and public witnesses.

OVERSIGHT—BIOMETRICS USE TO IMPROVE AVIATION SECURITY

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure: Subcommittee on Aviation held an oversight hearing on The Use of Biometrics to Improve Aviation Security. Testimony was heard from Stewart Verdery, Assistant Secretary for Policy, Border and Transportation Security, Department of Homeland Security; Keith A. Rhodes, Chief Technologist, Applied Research and Methods, GAO; and public witnesses.

VETERANS LEGISLATION

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: Ordered reported the following bills: H.R. 4231, amended, Department of Veterans Affairs Nurse Recruitment and Retention Act of 2004; H.R. 4248, amended, Homeless Veterans Assistance Reauthorization Act of 2004; H.R. 3936, To amend title 38, United States Code, to authorize the principal office of the United States Court of Appeals for Veterans Claims to be at any location in the Washington, D.C., metropolitan area, rather than only in the District of Columbia, and expressing the sense of Congress that a dedicated Veterans Courthouse and Justice Center should be provided for that Court and those it serves and should be located, if feasible, at a site owned by the United States that is part of or proximate to the Pentagon Reservation; H.R. 4345, To amend title 38, United States Code, to increase the maximum amount of home loan guaranty available under the home loan guaranty program of the

Department of Veterans Affairs; H.R. 1716, amended, Veterans Earn and Learn Act of 2004; and H.R. 4175, amended, Veterans' Compensation Cost-of-Living Adjustment Act of 2004, 2 p.m., 334 Cannon.

VA'S ROLE—IN ELECTRONIC-MEDICAL RECORDS SYSTEMS

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations held a hearing on the Department of Veterans Affairs' role in the development of interoperable Electronic-medical records systems in the Federal Government. Testimony was heard from Linda Koontz, Director, Information Management Issues, GAO; Jonathan B. Perlin, M.D., Acting Under Secretary, Health, Veterans Health Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs; James C. Reardon, Chief Information Officer, Military Health System, Department of Defense; and public witnesses.

COMMITTEE BUSINESS—BRIEFING—DOD'S INTELLIGENCE REFORM INITIATIVE

Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence: Met in executive session to consider pending business.

The Committee also met in executive session to receive a briefing on Department of Defense Intelligence Reform Initiative (DoD HUMINT Reform). The Committee was briefed by departmental witnesses.

Joint Meetings

2005 BUDGET

Conferees: On Tuesday, May 18, 2004, agreed to file a conference report on S. Con. Res. 95, setting forth the congressional budget for the United States Government for fiscal year 2005 and including the appropriate budgetary levels for fiscal years 2006 through 2009.

NEW PUBLIC LAWS

(For last listing of Public Laws, see DAILY DIGEST, p. D 468)

S. 2315, to amend the Communications Satellite Act of 1962 to extend the deadline for the INTELSAT initial public offering. Signed on May 18, 2004. (Public Law 108-228)

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR THURSDAY, MAY 20, 2004

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, State, and the Judiciary, to hold hearings to examine intellectual property, 10 a.m., SD-138.

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: to hold an oversight hearing to examine the Extended Custodial Inventory Program, 10 a.m., SD-538.

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: to hold hearings to examine the implementation of the Controlling the Assault of Non-Solicited Pornography and

Marketing Act (CAN-SPAM Act) (P.L. 108-187), 10:15 a.m., SR-253.

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Subcommittee on National Parks, to hold hearings to examine S. 1672, to expand the Timucuan Ecological and Historic Preserve, Florida, S. 1789 and H.R. 1616, bills to authorize the exchange of certain lands within the Martin Luther King, Junior, National Historic Site for lands owned by the City of Atlanta, Georgia, S. 1808, to provide for the preservation and restoration of historic buildings at historically women's public colleges or universities, S. 2167, to establish the Lewis and Clark National Historical Park in the States of Washington and Oregon, and S. 2173, to further the purposes of the Sand Creek Massacre National Historic Site Establishment Act of 2000, 2:30 p.m., SD-366.

Committee on Environment and Public Works: Subcommittee on Clean Air, Climate Change, and Nuclear Safety, to hold an oversight hearing to examine the Nuclear Regulatory Commission, 10:30 a.m., SD-406.

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: to hold hearings to examine prescription drug reimportation, 10 a.m., SD-106.

Committee on Indian Affairs: to hold hearings to examine S. 2382, to establish grant programs for the development of telecommunications capacities in Indian country, 10 a.m., SR-485.

Committee on the Judiciary: business meeting to consider pending calendar business; to be followed by oversight hearings to examine the FBI, terrorism, and other related topics, 10:30 a.m., SD-226.

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: business meeting to consider the nomination of Pamela M. Iovino, of the District of Columbia, to be an Assistant Secretary of Veterans Affairs for Congressional Affairs, Time to be announced, S-216, Capitol.

Select Committee on Intelligence: closed business meeting to consider certain intelligence matters, 10 a.m., SH-219.

House

Committee on Agriculture, Subcommittee on General Farm Commodities and Risk Management, hearing to review the Farm Security and Rural Investment Act of 2002, 9:30 a.m., 1300 Longworth.

Committee on Appropriations, Subcommittee on Foreign Operations, Export Financing and Related Programs, on Department of the Treasury (International Affairs), 10 a.m., 2359 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Transportation, Treasury, and Independent Agencies, on Secretary of the Treasury, 10 a.m., 2358 Rayburn.

Committee on Energy and Commerce, Subcommittee on Environment and Hazardous Materials, hearing entitled

"EPA's Resource Conservation Challenge," 1:30 p.m., 2322 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Health, hearing entitled "Medicare Prescription Drug Discount Cards: Immediate Savings for Seniors," 10 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

Committee on Financial Services, oversight hearing of the Department of Housing and Urban Development, including the Department's budget request for fiscal year 2005, 10 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.

Committee on Government Reform, hearing entitled "Redundancy and Duplication in Federal Child Welfare Programs: A Case Study on the Need for Executive Reorganization Authority," 10 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Criminal Justice, Drug Policy and Human Resources, hearing entitled "Historic Preservation of the Peopling of America," 2 p.m., 2154 Rayburn.

Committee on House Administration, oversight hearing on the Federal Election Commission and the 527 Rule-making Process, 4 p.m., 1310 Longworth.

Committee on the Judiciary, Subcommittee on Commercial and Administrative Law, oversight hearing entitled "Reauthorization of the Administrative Conference of the United States," 2 p.m., 2141 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Courts, Internet, and Intellectual Property, oversight hearing entitled "Derivative Rights, Moral Rights, and Movie Filtering Technology," 10 a.m., 2141 Rayburn.

Committee on Resources, oversight hearing on the "Draft Report of the U.S. Commission on Ocean Policy," 2 p.m., 1324 Longworth.

Committee on Science, Subcommittee on Energy, hearing on An Examination of H.R. 3890, to reauthorize the Steel and Aluminum Energy Conservation and Technology Competitiveness Act of 1988, 10 a.m., 2318 Rayburn.

Committee on Small Business, Subcommittee on Regulatory Reform and Oversight, hearing on Reforming Regulation to Keep America's Small Businesses Competitive, 10:30 a.m., 311 Cannon.

Subcommittee on Workforce, Empowerment, and Government Programs, hearing on the Department of Labor's Overtime Regulations' Effect on Small Business, 2 p.m., 311 Cannon.

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, Subcommittee on Water Resources and Environment, oversight hearing on Great Lakes Water Quality and Restoration Efforts, 10 a.m., 2167 Rayburn.

Committee on Ways and Means, Subcommittee on Human Resources, hearing on the SSI program, 10 a.m., B-318 Rayburn.