

Committee Meetings

COMMERCE, JUSTICE, STATE, JUDICIARY AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations, Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, State, Judiciary and Related Agencies held a hearing on FBI Transformation. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the FBI, Department of Justice: Robert S. Mueller, III, Director; Maureen Baginski, Executive Assistant Director, Intelligence; and John Pistole, Executive Assistant Director, Counterterrorism and Counterintelligence; Laurie E. Ekstrand, Director, Homeland Security and Justice Issues, GAO; the following officials of the Congressional Research Service, Library of Congress: Alfred Cumming, Specialist, Intelligence and National Security Foreign Affairs, Defense and Trade Division; and Todd Masse, Specialist, Domestic Intelligence and Counterterrorism, Domestic Social Policy; and a public witness.

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on the District of Columbia held a hearing on the District of Columbia Budget. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the District of Columbia: Anthony A. Williams, Mayor; Linda W. Cropp, Chairwoman, Council; and Natwar M. Gandhi, Chief Financial Officer.

HOMELAND SECURITY APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Homeland Security approved for full Committee action the Department of Homeland Security appropriations for fiscal year 2005.

INTERIOR AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Interior and Related Agencies approved for full Committee action the Department of the Interior and Related Agencies appropriations for fiscal year 2005.

ARMED FORCES—SEXUAL ASSAULT PREVENTION AND RESPONSE

Committee on Armed Services: Held a hearing on sexual assault prevention and response in the armed forces. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Defense: David S. C. Chu, Under Secretary, Personnel and Readiness; Ellen Embrey, Deputy Assistant, Force Health Protection and Readiness; Reginald J. Brown, Assistant Secretary of the Army, Manpower and Reserve Affairs; Michael Dominguez, Assistant Secretary of the Air Force, Manpower and Reserve Affairs; and William Navas, Assistant Secretary of the Navy, Manpower and Reserve Affairs; the following officials of the Department of Veterans Affairs: Frances Murphy, M.D.,

Deputy Under Secretary, Health Policy Coordination; Carol O'Brien, Director, Center for Sexual Trauma Services, DVA Medical Center, Bay Pines, Florida; and Lori Katz, Staff Psychologist, Military Sexual Trauma Coordinator, DVA Women's Health Clinic, Long Beach, California; and public witnesses.

FASTER AND SMARTER FUNDING FOR FIRST RESPONDERS ACT; SATELLITE HOME VIEWER EXTENSION AND REAUTHORIZATION ACT

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Ordered reported, as amended, the following: H.R. 3266, Faster and Smarter Funding for First Responders Act of 2003; and the Satellite Home Viewer Extension and Reauthorization Act.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Financial Services: Ordered reported the following bills: H.R. 4363, amended, Helping Hands for Homeownership Act of 2004; H.R. 3916, amended, Presidential \$1 Coin Act of 2004; H.R. 3755, amended, Zero Downpayment Act of 2004; and H.R. 4471, Home Ownership Opportunities for Native Americans Act of 2004.

The Committee began markup of H.R. 3574, Stock Option Accounting Reform Act.

The Committee recessed subject to call.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES; SUPERSIZING OF AMERICA—COMBATING OBESITY AND PROMOTING HEALTHY LIVING

Committee on Government Reform: Ordered reported the following measures: H.R. 3826, amended, Program Assessment and Results Act; H.R. 4222, To designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 550 Nebraska Avenue in Kansas City, Kansas, as the "Newell George Post Office Building;" H. Con. Res. 257, Expressing the sense of Congress that the President should posthumously award the Presidential Medal of Freedom to Harry W. Colmery; and H. Res. 653, Honoring former President George Herbert Walker Bush on the occasion of his 80th birthday.

The Committee also held a hearing entitled "The Supersizing of America: The Federal Government's Role in Combating Obesity and Promoting Healthy Living." Testimony was heard from Lester M. Crawford, M.D., Acting Commissioner, FDA, Department of Health and Human Services; Eric Hentges, M.D., Director, Center for Nutrition Policy and Promotion, USDA; Lynn Swann, Chair, President's Council on Physical Fitness and Sports; and public witnesses.

OVERSIGHT—OPERATIONS OF THE U.S. COPYRIGHT OFFICE

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Courts, the Internet, and Intellectual Property held an oversight hearing on the Operations of the U.S. Copyright Office. Testimony was heard from Marybeth Peters, Register of Copyrights, Library of Congress.

ACCESS TO RURAL PHYSICIANS IMPROVEMENT ACT

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Immigration, Border Security, and Claims, approved for full Committee action H.R. 4453, Access to Rural Physicians Improvement Act of 2004.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Resources: Subcommittee on Fisheries Conservation, Wildlife and Oceans approved for full Committee action the following bills: S. 1814, To transfer federal lands between the Secretary of Agriculture and the Secretary of the Interior; H.R. 3479, Brown Tree Snake Control and Eradication Act of 2003; and H.R. 4027, amended, To authorize the Secretary of Commerce to make available to the University of Miami property under the administrative jurisdiction of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration on Virginia Key, Florida, for use by the University for a Marine Life Science Center.

AIRLINE INDUSTRY—FINANCIAL CONDITION

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure: Subcommittee on Aviation held an oversight hearing on The Financial Condition of the Airline Industry. Testimony was heard from JayEtta Z. Hecker, Director, Physical Infrastructure Team, GAO; Michael Kestenbaum, Executive Director, Air Transportation Stabilization Board; and public witnesses.

COUNTERINTELLIGENCE: IRAN

Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence: Subcommittee on Human Intelligence, Analysis and Counterintelligence met in executive session to hold

a hearing on Counterintelligence: Iran. Testimony was heard from departmental witnesses.

BRIEFING—GLOBAL TERRORISM UPDATE

Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence: Subcommittee on Terrorism and Homeland Security met in executive session to receive a briefing on Global Terrorism Update. The Subcommittee was briefed by departmental witnesses.

NATIONAL BIODEFENSE STRATEGY

Select Committee on Homeland Security: Held a hearing entitled "Towards A National Biodefense Strategy." Testimony was heard from Penrose Albright, Assistant Secretary, Science and Technology, Department of Homeland Security; from the following officials of the Department of Health and Human Services: Anthony Fauci, M.D., Director, National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases, and William F. Raub, M.D., Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary, Public Health Emergency Preparedness; MG Lester Martinez-Lopez, USA, Commanding General, U.S. Army Medical Research and Materiel Command; and public witnesses.

**COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR FRIDAY,
JUNE 4, 2004**

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on the Judiciary: to hold hearings to examine the nomination of Michael H. Watson, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of Ohio, 10 a.m., SD-226.

House

No committee meetings are scheduled.

Joint Meetings

Joint Economic Committee: to hold hearings to examine the employment situation for May, 9:30 a.m., 1334 LHOB.