

PUBLIC SERVANT RETIREMENT PROTECTION ACT

Committee on Ways and Means: Subcommittee on Social Security held a hearing on H.R. 4391, Public Servant Retirement Protection Act. Testimony was heard from Martin H. Gerry, Commissioner, Disability and Income Security Programs, SSA; and public witnesses.

BRIEFING—RED CROSS INTERNATIONAL COMMITTEE—REVIEW DOCUMENTS ON DETAINEE INTERROGATION

Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence: Met in executive session to receive a briefing to Review the International Committee of the Red Cross Documents on Detainee Interrogation. The Committee was briefed by departmental witnesses.

ROLE OF BIOMETRICS IN COUNTERTERRORISM AND HOMELAND SECURITY EFFORTS

Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence: Subcommittee on Terrorism and Homeland Security met in executive session to hold a hearing on the Role of Biometrics in Counterterrorism and Homeland Security Efforts. Testimony was heard from departmental witnesses.

Joint Meetings

DEMOCRACY IN ALBANIA

Commission on Security and Cooperation in Europe (Helsinki Commission): Commission concluded a hearing to examine the prospects for advancing democracy in Albania, after receiving testimony from Osmo Lipponen, Organization For Security and Co-operation In Europe, Erion Veliaj, MJAFT! (“Enough!”)/Balkans Youth Link, Kreshnik Spahiu, Albanian Coalition Against Corruption, and Fatmir Mediu, Albanian Republican Party, all of Tirana, Albania; Nicholas C. Pano, Western Illinois University, Macomb, Illinois; Fatos Tarifa, Republic of Albania Ambassador, Washington, D.C.; Edward Selami, Former Member Albanian Parliament, Virginia Beach, Virginia.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR WEDNESDAY, JULY 21, 2004

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Armed Services: to hold hearings to examine the nominations of Vice Admiral Timothy J. Keating, USN, for appointment to the grade of admiral and to be Commander, United States Northern Command/Commander, North American Aerospace Defense Command;

Lieutenant General Bantz J. Craddock, USA, for appointment to the grade of general and to be Commander, United States Southern Command; Peter Cyril Wyche Flory, of Virginia, to be an Assistant Secretary of Defense for International Security Policy, and Valerie Lynn Baldwin, of Kansas, to be an Assistant Secretary of the Army, 9:30 a.m., SR-222.

Subcommittee on Personnel, with the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions, Subcommittee on Children and Families, to hold joint hearings to examine how states have responded to military families' unique challenges during military deployments and what the Federal Government can do to support states in this important work, 2 p.m., SD-430.

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: to hold hearings to examine regulation NMS and developments in market structure, 10 a.m., SD-538.

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Subcommittee on Public Lands and Forests, to hold hearings to examine S. 738, to designate certain public lands in Humboldt, Del Norte, Mendocino, Lake, Napa, and Yolo Counties in the State of California as wilderness, to designate certain segments of the Black Butte River in Mendocino County, California as a wild or scenic river, S. 1614, to designate a portion of White Salmon River as a component of the National Wild and Scenic Rivers System, S. 2221, to authorize the Secretary of Agriculture to sell or exchange certain National Forest System land in the State of Oregon, S. 2253, to permit young adults to perform projects to prevent fire and suppress fires, and provide disaster relief, on public land through a Healthy Forest Youth Conservation Corps, S. 2334, to designate certain National Forest System land in the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico as components of the National Wilderness Preservation System, S. 2408, to adjust the boundaries of the Helena, Lolo, and Beaverhead-Deerlodge National Forests in the State of Montana, and S. 2622, to provide for the exchange of certain Federal land in the Santa Fe National Forest and certain non-Federal land in the Pecos National Historical Park in the State of New Mexico, 2:30 p.m., SD-366.

Committee on Finance: to hold hearings to examine bridging the tax gap, 10 a.m., SD-215.

Committee on Foreign Relations: to hold hearings to examine combating multilateral development bank corruption, focusing on the U.S. Treasury's role and internal efforts, 9:30 a.m., SD-419.

Committee on Governmental Affairs: business meeting to consider pending calendar business, 10 a.m., SD-342.

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: Subcommittee on Children and Families, with the Committee on Armed Services, Subcommittee on Personnel, to hold joint hearings to examine how states have responded to military families' unique challenges during military deployments and what the Federal Government can do to support states in this important work, 2 p.m., SD-430.

Committee on Indian Affairs: business meeting to consider pending calendar business; to be followed by a hearing to examine S. 519, to establish a Native American-

owned financial entity to provide financial services to Indian tribes, Native American organizations, and Native Americans, 10 a.m., SR-485.

Full Committee, to hold an oversight hearing to examine the proposed reauthorization of the Indian Health Care Improvement Act, 2 p.m., SR-485.

Committee on the Judiciary: to hold an oversight hearing to examine the Radiation Exposure Compensation Program, 10 a.m., SD-226.

House

Committee on Agriculture, Subcommittee on General Farm Commodities and Risk Management, hearing to review the Federal Crop Insurance System, 10 a.m., 1300 Longworth.

Committee on Armed Services, to continue hearings on Army Transformation: Implications for the Future, II, 10 a.m., 2118 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Tactical Air and Land Forces, hearing on Small Business Innovation and Technology, 3 p.m., 2118 Rayburn.

Committee on Education and the Workforce, to mark up H.R. 4496, Vocational and Technical Education for the Future Act, 10:30 a.m., 2175 Rayburn.

Committee on Energy and Commerce, Subcommittee on Energy and Air Quality, hearing entitled "Methyl Bromide: Update on Achieving the Requirements of the Clean Air Act and Montreal Protocol," 11 a.m., 2322 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Telecommunications and the Internet, hearing entitled "The Digital Television Transition: What We Can Learn from Berlin," 10 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

Committee on Financial Services, hearing on Monetary Policy and the State of the Economy, 10 a.m., followed by a hearing entitled "Shell Games: Corporate Governance and Accounting for Oil and Gas Reserves," 2 p.m., 2128 Rayburn.

Committee on Government Reform, to consider the following measures: H.R. 2449, Civil War Sesquicentennial Commission Act; H.R. 2528, Hudson-Fulton-Champlain 400th Commemoration Commission Act of 2003; H.R. 4324, To amend title 5, United States Code, to eliminate the provisions limiting certain election opportunities available to individuals participating in the Thrift Savings Plan; H.R. 4556, To designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 1115 South Clinton Avenue in Dunn, North Carolina, as the "General William Carey Lee Post Office Building"; H.R. 4618, To designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 10 West Prospect Street in Nanuet, New York, as the "Anthony I. Lombardi Memorial Post Office Building"; H.R. 4632, To designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 19504 Linden Boulevard in St. Albans, New York, as the "Archie Spigner Post Office Building"; H.R. 4657, District of Columbia Retirement Protection Improvement Act of 2004; S. 2415, To designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 4141 Postmark Drive, Anchorage, Alaska as the "Robert J. Opinsky Post Office Building"; H. Res. 695, Expressing the condolences of the House of Representatives to the family and friends of

Mattie Stepanek on his passing, and honoring the life of Mattie Stepanek for his braveness, generosity of spirit, and efforts to raise awareness of muscular dystrophy; and H. Res. 717, Honoring former President William Jefferson Clinton on the occasion of his 58th birthday, 10 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Technology, Information Policy, Intergovernmental Relations and the Census, hearing entitled "Where's the CIO? The Role, Responsibility and Challenge for Federal Chief Information Officers in IT Investment Oversight and Information Management," 2:30 p.m., 2154 Rayburn.

Committee on International Relations, Subcommittee on Asia and the Pacific, hearing on HIV/AIDS in Asia, 1:30 p.m., 2172 Rayburn.

Committee on the Judiciary, to mark up the following measures: H. Res. 700, Directing the Attorney General to transmit to the House of Representatives documents in the possession of the Attorney General relating to the treatment of prisoners and detainees in Iraq, Afghanistan, and Guantanamo Bay; H.R. 4646, To amend title 28, United States Code, to provide for the holding of Federal district court in Plattsburgh, New York; H.R. 112, To amend title 28, United States Code, to provide for an additional place of holding court in the District of Columbia; and H.R. 4586, Family Movie Act of 2004, 10 a.m., 2141 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Commercial and Administrative Law, oversight hearing on the Administration of Large Business Bankruptcy Reorganizations: Has Competition for Big Cases Corrupted the Bankruptcy System? 3 p.m., 2141 Rayburn.

Committee on Resources, to mark up the following bills: H.R. 1662, Sound Science for Endangered Species Act Planning Act of 2003; and H.R. 2933, Critical Habitat Reform Act of 2003; 10 a.m., followed by an oversight hearing on the Guam War Claims Commission Report, 12 noon, 1324 Longworth.

Committee on Rules, to consider H.R. 3313, Marriage Protection Act, 4 p.m., Capitol.

Committee on Science, hearing on Cybersecurity Education—Meeting the Needs of Technology Workers and Employers; followed by a markup of H.R. 4107, Assistance to Firefighters Grant Reauthorization Act of 2004, 10 a.m., 2318 Rayburn.

Committee on Small Business, Subcommittee on Rural Enterprises, Agriculture and Technology, hearing entitled "Tax Incentives for Homeland Security Related Expenses," 10 a.m., 2360 Rayburn.

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, to mark up the following: GSA's Fiscal Year 2005 Capital Investment and Leasing Program Resolutions; U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Survey Resolution; H.R. 784, amended, Water Quality Investment Act of 2003; H.R. 4470, To amend the Federal Water Pollution Act to extend the authorization of appropriations for the Lake Pontchartrain Basin Restoration Program; H.R. 4688, To amend the Federal Water Pollution Control Act to reauthorize the Chesapeake Bay Program; H.R. 4731, To amend the Federal Water Pollution Control Act to reauthorize the National Estuary Program; and H.R. 4794, To amend the

Tijuana River Valley Estuary and Beach Sewage Cleanup Act to extend the authorization of appropriations, 11 a.m., 2167 Rayburn.

Committee on Veterans' Affairs, to mark up the following bills: H.R. 4768, Veterans Medical Facilities Management Act of 2004; H.R. 4658, Servicemembers Legal Protection Act of 2004; H.R. 1318, To name the Department of Veterans Affairs outpatient clinic in Sunnyside, Queens, New York, as the "Thomas P. Noonan, Jr., Department of Veterans Affairs Outpatient Clinic;" and H.R. 4836, to name the Department of Veterans Affairs medical center in Amarillo, Texas, as the "Thomas E. Creek Department of Veterans Affairs Medical Center," 1 p.m., 334 Cannon.

Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations, hearing on the VA's progress in its third party collections pro-

gram and implementation of the Patient Financial Services System, 10 a.m., 334 Cannon.

Committee on Ways and Means, to mark up H.R. 2971, Social Security Number Privacy and Identity Theft Prevention Act of 2004, 10:30 a.m., 1100 Longworth.

Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence, Subcommittee on Human Intelligence, Analysis and Counterintelligence, executive, Briefing: Counternarcotics: Latin America and Southeast Asia, 10 a.m., H-405 Capitol.

Joint Meetings

Commission on Security and Cooperation in Europe: to receive a briefing on the current state of religious freedom in the Caucasus due to recent events in Azerbaijan, Armenia and Georgia, 11 a.m., 340 CHOB.