

Options for Extending the Life of the Hubble Space Telescope, National Academy of Sciences; and public witnesses.

COMMITTEE ORGANIZATION

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure: Met for organizational purposes.

COMMITTEE ORGANIZATION; OVERSIGHT PLAN

Committee on Ways and Means: Met for organizational purposes.

The Committee approved an Oversight Plan for the 109th Congress.

NATIONAL SECURITY—EMERGING THREATS

Select Committee on Intelligence: Held a hearing on emerging threats to national security. Testimony was heard from the following former officials of the Department of Defense: Richard Perle, Assistant Secretary, International Security Policy; and Kurt Campbell, Deputy Assistant Secretary, Policy; R. James Woolsey, former Director, CIA; and public witnesses.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 3, 2005

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry: to hold hearings to examine the effects of Bovine Spongiform

Encephalopathy (BSE) on United States imports and exports of cattle and beef, 11 a.m., SD-106.

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, State, and the Judiciary, to hold hearings to examine the Federal Bureau of Investigation's Information Technology Modernization Program, Trilogy, 2 p.m., SD-192.

Committee on Armed Services: to hold hearings to examine U.S. military operations and stabilization activities in Iraq and Afghanistan, 10 a.m., SH-216.

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: to hold hearings to examine global energy trends and their potential impact on U.S. energy needs, security and policy, focusing on the 2005 annual energy outlook, perspectives on emerging world energy trends, including key factors affecting energy supply (such as OPEC and Russia) and energy demand (such as Asia), 10 a.m., SD-366.

Committee on the Judiciary: business meeting to consider S. 5, to amend the procedures that apply to consideration of interstate class actions to assure fairer outcomes for class members and defendants, and S. 256, to amend title 11 of the United States Code, 9:30 a.m., SD-226.

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: to hold hearings to examine benefits for survivors of those killed in the line of duty, 10 a.m., SR-418.

Special Committee on Aging: to hold hearings to examine current and future social security issues, 2 p.m., SD-628.

House

No committee meetings are scheduled.

Next Meeting of the SENATE

9 a.m., Thursday, February 3

Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

2 p.m., Tuesday, February 8

Senate Chamber

Program for Thursday: After the transaction of any morning business (not to extend beyond 2 hours), Senate will continue consideration of the nomination of Alberto R. Gonzales, of Texas, to be Attorney General, with up to 8 hours for debate equally divided, and that following the use or yielding back of time, Senate will proceed to a vote on confirmation of the nomination.

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