

Act; H.R. 798, Methamphetamine Remediation Research Act of 2005; and H.R. 250, amended, Manufacturing Technology Competitiveness Act of 2005.

### OVERSIGHT—LASERS

*Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure:* Subcommittee on Aviation held an oversight hearing on Lasers: A Hazard to Aviation Safety and Security? Testimony was heard from Nicholas A. Sabatini, Associate Administrator, Aviation Safety, FAA, Department of Transportation; and public witnesses.

### MEASURING PHYSICIAN QUALITY AND EFFICIENCY OF CARE IN MEDICARE

*Committee on Ways and Means:* Subcommittee on Health held a hearing on Measuring Physician Quality and Efficiency of Care in Medicare. Testimony was heard from Herb Kuhn, Director, Center for Medicare Management, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, Department of Health and Human Services; and public witnesses.

### PERSONAL RESPONSIBILITY, WORK, AND FAMILY PROTECTION ACT OF 2005

*Committee on Ways and Means:* Subcommittee on Human Resources approved for full Committee action, as amended, H.R. 240, Personal Responsibility, Work, and Family Protection Act of 2005.

### BUDGET HEARING

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

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## COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR WEDNESDAY, MARCH 16, 2005

*(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)*

### Senate

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Defense, to hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2006 for the Navy, 10 a.m., SD-192.

Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, to hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2006 for the Department of Health and Human Services, 10:30 a.m., SD-138.

Subcommittee on Military Construction, to hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2006 for the Army and Air Force, 2 p.m., SD-138.

*Committee on Armed Services:* Subcommittee on Airland, to hold hearings to examine Army Transformation and the Future Combat System in review of the Defense Authorization Request for fiscal year 2006, 9:30 a.m., SR-232A.

Subcommittee on Strategic Forces, to hold hearings to examine national security space policy and programs in review of the Defense Authorization request for fiscal year 2006, 3 p.m., SR-232A.

Full Committee, to receive a closed briefing regarding Improvised Explosive Devices (IED), focusing on the evolving IED threat and the Department of Defense's approach to addressing this issue, 4:30 p.m., SR-222.

*Committee on Energy and Natural Resources:* business meeting to consider pending calendar business, 11:30 a.m., SD-366.

*Committee on Environment and Public Works:* business meeting to consider The Reliable Fuels Act, and The Safe, Accountable, Flexible, and Efficient Transportation Equity Act of 2005, 9:15 a.m., SD-406.

*Committee on Finance:* to hold hearings to examine expiring tax provisions, 10 a.m., SD-628.

*Committee on Foreign Relations:* to hold hearings to examine the lifting of the European Union arms embargo on China, 2:30 p.m., SD-419.

*Committee on the Judiciary:* Subcommittee on Constitution, Civil Rights and Property Rights, to hold hearings to examine obscenity prosecution and the constitution, 3 p.m., SD-226.

Select Committee on Intelligence: to hold a closed briefing on intelligence matters, 2:30 p.m., SH-219.

### House

*Committee on Agriculture,* hearing to Review United States Agricultural Trade with Cuba, 10 a.m., 1300 Longworth.

*Committee on Appropriations,* Subcommittee on Agricultural, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies, on Under Secretary for Marketing and Regulatory Programs, 2 p.m., 2362A Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Energy and Water Development, and Related Agencies, on Department of Energy-Nuclear Waste Disposal and Environmental Management, and on Department of Energy-Fossil Energy, 2 p.m., 2362A Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Science, The Departments of State, Justice, and Commerce, and Related Agencies, on DEA, 2 p.m., H-309 Capitol.

*Committee on Armed Services,* to continue hearings on the Fiscal Year 2006 National Defense Authorization budget request, 10 a.m., 2118 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Military Personnel, hearing on Recruiting, Retention and Military Personnel Policy, and Benefits and Compensation Overview, 2 p.m., 2212 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Tactical Air and Land Forces, hearing on the Fiscal Year 2006 National Defense Authorization budget request—Future Combat Systems, Modularity, and Force Protection Initiatives, 2:30 p.m., 2118 Rayburn.

*Committee on Education and the Workforce,* to mark up H.R. 525, Small Business Health Fairness Act of 2005, 10:30 a.m., 2175 Rayburn.

*Committee on Energy and Commerce,* Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations, hearing on Problems with the E-rate Program: GAO Review of FCC Management and Oversight, 2 p.m., 2123 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Telecommunications and the Internet, hearing entitled "How Internet Protocol-Enabled

Services are Changing the Face of Communications: A Look at the Voice Marketplace,” 10 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

*Committee on Financial Services*, to consider the following measures: H.R. 458, Military Personnel Financial Services Protection Act; H.R. 749, Expanded Access to Financial Services Act of 2005; H.R. 280, Brownfields Redevelopment Enhancement Act; H.R. 804, To exclude from consideration as income certain payments under the national flood insurance program; H.R. 1057, True American Heroes Act; and H.R. 902, Presidential \$1 Coin Act, 10 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.

*Committee on Government Reform*, to consider the following: an Oversight Plan for the 109th Congress; H. Res. 142, Supporting the goals and ideals of a “Rotary International Day” and celebrating and honoring Rotary International on the occasion of its centennial anniversary; and H. Res. 148, Supporting the goals and ideals of Financial Literacy Month; followed by a hearing entitled “Service Oriented Streamlining: Rethinking the Way GSA Does Business,” 10 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Energy and Resources, oversight hearing entitled “Energy Demands in the 21st Century: Are Congress and the Executive Branch Meeting the Challenge?” 2 p.m., 2203 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Government Management, Finance, and Accountability, hearing entitled “Strengthening Travel Reimbursement Procedures for Army National Guard Soldiers,” 2 p.m., 2247 Rayburn.

*Committee on House Administration*, to continue consideration of funding requests for the Committees of the House, 1:15 p.m., 1310 Longworth.

*Committee on International Relations*, hearing on Libya: Progress on the Path Toward Cautious Reengagement, 10:30 a.m., 2172 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Africa, Global Human Rights and International Operations, oversight hearing on Northern Ireland Human Rights: Update on the Cory Collusion Inquiry Reports, 2 p.m., 2172 Rayburn.

*Committee on the Judiciary*, to mark up the following measures: S. 256, Bankruptcy Abuse Prevention and Consumer Protection Act of 2005; and H. Res. 136, Directing the Attorney General and the Secretary of Homeland

Security to transmit to the House of Representatives not later than 14 days after the date of the adoption of this resolution documents in the possession of those officials relating to the security investigations and background checks relating to granting access to the White House of James D. Guckert (also known as Jeff Gannon), 10 a.m., 2141 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on the Constitution, hearing on H.R. 1151, to amend title 28, United States Code, to provide the protections of habeas corpus for certain incapacitated individuals whose life is in jeopardy, 2 p.m., 2141 Rayburn.

*Committee on Resources*, Subcommittee on Energy and Mineral Resources, oversight hearing on U.S. Energy and Mineral Needs Security and Policy: Impacts of Sustained Increases in Global Energy and Mineral Consumption by Emerging Economics Such as China and India, 10 a.m., 1324 Longworth.

Subcommittee on Forests and Forest Health, hearing on the following bills: H.R. 410, Northern Arizona Land Exchange and Verde River Basin Partnership act of 2005; H.R. 599, Federal Lands Restoration Enhancement, Public Education, and Information Resources Act of 2005, and H.R. 975, Trail Responsibility and Accountability for the Improvement of Lands Act, 2:30 p.m., 1324 Longworth.

*Committee on Science*, Subcommittee on Space and Aeronautics, hearing on the Future of Aeronautics at NASA, 10 a.m., 2318 Rayburn.

*Committee on Small Business*, hearing entitled “The RFA at 25: Needed Improvements for Small Business Regulatory Relief,” 2 p.m., 311 Cannon.

*Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure*, Subcommittee on Water Resources and Environment, oversight hearing on Member Project Requests for the Water Resources Development Act of 2005, 10 a.m., 2167 Rayburn.

*Committee on Ways and Means*, hearing on the President’s Fiscal Year 2006 Budget for the Department of Labor, 10:30 a.m., 1100 Longworth.

*Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence*, executive, hearing on the Budget, 1:30 p.m., H-405 Capitol.