

## OVERSIGHT—DEEPWATER IMPLEMENTATION

*Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure:* Subcommittee on Coast Guard and Maritime Transportation held an oversight hearing on Deepwater Implementation. Testimony was heard from ADM Thomas A. Collins, USCG, Commandant, United States Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security; and Margaret T. Wrightson, Director, Homeland Security and Justice Issues, GAO.

## OVERSIGHT—NATIONAL CEMETERY ADMINISTRATION

*Committee on Veterans' Affairs:* Subcommittee on Disability Assistance and Memorial Affairs an oversight hearing on the National Cemetery Administration. Testimony was heard from Richard Wannemacher, Jr., Acting Under Secretary, Memorial Affairs, National Cemetery Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs; and public witnesses.

## OVERSIGHT—VOCATIONAL REHABILITATION AND EMPLOYMENT PROGRAM

*Committee on Veterans' Affairs:* Subcommittee on Economic Opportunity held an oversight hearing on the Department of Veterans Affairs' Vocational Rehabilitation and Employment Program. Testimony was heard from Cynthia Bascetta, Director, Veterans' Health and Benefits Issues, GAO; Judy Caden, Director, Vocational Rehabilitation and Employment Program, Veterans Benefits Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs; and public witnesses.

## OVERVIEW—TAX-EXEMPT SECTOR

*Committee on Ways and Means:* Held a hearing on an Overview of the Tax-Exempt Sector. Testimony was heard from David M. Walker, Comptroller General, GAO; Douglas Holtz-Eakin, Director, CBO; Sheldon S. Cohen, former Commissioner, IRS, Department of the Treasury; and public witnesses.

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## COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR THURSDAY, APRIL 21, 2005

*(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)*

### Senate

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Transportation, Treasury and General Government, to hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2006 for the Office of Management and Budget, 9:30 a.m., SD-138.

Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, Education, and Related Agencies, to hold hearings to examine an overview of methamphetamine abuse, 10:30 a.m., SD-192.

*Committee on Armed Services:* to hold hearings to examine the nominations of Kenneth J. Krieg, of Virginia, to be Under Secretary of Defense for Acquisition, Technology, and Logistics, and Lieutenant General Michael V. Hayden, United States Air Force, for appointment to the grade of general and to be Principal Deputy Director of National Intelligence, 10 a.m., SD-106.

Subcommittee on Personnel, to hold hearings to examine present and future costs of Department of Defense health care, and national health care trends in the civilian sector, 1:30 p.m., SR-232A.

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: to continue hearings to examine proposals to improve the regulation of Housing Government-Sponsored Enterprises, 10 a.m., SD-538.

*Subcommittee on Housing and Transportation,* to hold hearings to examine the President's proposed budget request for fiscal year 2006 for the Department of Housing and Urban Development, 2:30 p.m., SD-538.

*Committee on the Budget:* to hold hearings to examine structural deficits and budget process reform, 10 a.m., SH-216.

*Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation:* Subcommittee on Surface Transportation and Merchant Marine, to hold hearings to examine reauthorization of Amtrak, 9:30 a.m., SR-253.

*Committee on Finance:* to hold hearings to examine the nomination of Robert J. Portman, of Ohio, to be United States Trade Representative, with the rank of Ambassador, 10 a.m., SD-628.

*Committee on Foreign Relations:* to hold hearings to examine anti-corruption strategies of the African Development Bank, Asian Development Bank and European Bank on Reconstruction and Development, 9:30 a.m., SD-419.

*Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions:* to hold hearings to examine easing costs and expanding access relating to small businesses and health insurance, 10 a.m., SD-430.

*Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs:* Oversight of Government Management, the Federal Workforce, and the District of Columbia, to hold an oversight hearing to examine governmentwide workforce flexibilities available to federal agencies including the implementation, use by agencies, and training and education related to using the new flexibilities, 10:30 a.m., SD-562.

Federal Financial Management, Government Information, and International Security, to hold hearings to examine the President's management agenda, including Federal financial performance, best practices, and program accountability, 2:30 p.m., SD-562.

*Committee on the Judiciary:* business meeting to consider S. 378, to make it a criminal act to willfully use a weapon with the intent to cause death or serious bodily injury to any person while on board a passenger vessel, S. 629, to amend chapter 97 of title 18, United States Code, relating to protecting against attacks on railroads and other mass transportation systems, S. 339, to reaffirm the authority of States to regulate certain hunting and fishing activities, S. 852, to create a fair and efficient system to

resolve claims of victims for bodily injury caused by asbestos exposure, and the nominations of Priscilla Richman Owen, of Texas, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Fifth Circuit, Terrence W. Boyle, of North Carolina, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Fourth Circuit, Janice R. Brown, of California, to be United States Circuit Judge for the District of Columbia Circuit, William H. Pryor, Jr., of Alabama, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Eleventh Circuit, and certain committee matters, 9:30 a.m., SD-226.

Subcommittee on Intellectual Property, to hold hearings to examine the patent system today and tomorrow, 2:30 p.m., SD-226.

*Committee on Veterans' Affairs*: to hold joint hearings with the House Committee on Veterans Affairs to examine the legislative presentations of the Fleet Reserve Association, the Air Force Sergeants Association, the Retired Enlisted Association, and the Gold Star Wives of America, 10 a.m., 345 CHOB.

*Select Committee on Intelligence*: to hold closed hearings to examine certain intelligence matters, 2:30 p.m., SH-219.

### House

*Committee on Agriculture*, hearing to review Implementation of the Secure Rural Schools Act of 2000: A Continuing Commitment to Rural Education and Sustainable Forestry, 10 a.m., 1300 Longworth.

*Committee on Appropriations*, Subcommittee on the Department of Labor, Health and Human Services, Education, and Related Agencies, on public witnesses, 10 a.m., 2358 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on the Departments of Transportation, Treasury, and Housing and Urban Development, the Judiciary, District of Columbia, and Independent Agencies, on the Department of the Treasury, 10 a.m., 2358 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Science, the Departments of State, Justice, and Commerce, and Related Agencies, on Department of State, International Organizations, 10 a.m., H-309 Capitol.

*Committee on Education and the Workforce*, Subcommittee on Education Reform, hearing on Early Childhood Education: Improvement Through Integration, 10 a.m., 2175 Rayburn.

*Committee on Energy and Commerce*, Subcommittee on Energy and Air Quality, hearing entitled "A Hearing on the Administration's Clear Skies Initiative and EPA's Recent Clean Air Act Regulations," 10 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

*Committee on Financial Services*, hearing entitled "The Impact of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act," 10 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.

*Committee on Government Reform*, hearing entitled "OMB Management Watch List: \$65 Billion Reasons to Ensure the Federal Government is Effectively Managing Information Technology Investments," 10 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

*Committee on Homeland Security*, to mark up H.R. 1544, Faster and Smarter Funding for First Responders Act of 2005, 10 a.m., 2118 Rayburn.

*Committee on House Administration*, to mark up the Omnibus Committee Funding Resolution for the 109th Congress, 5 p.m., H-144 Capitol.

*Committee on International Relations*, hearing on Redefining Boundaries: Political Liberalization in the Arab World, 10:30 a.m., 2172 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Africa, Global Human Rights and International Operations, hearing on Zimbabwe: Prospects for Democracy after the March 2005 Elections, 2 p.m., 2172 Rayburn.

*Committee on the Judiciary*, Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism, and Homeland Security, oversight hearing on the Implementation of the USA PATRIOT Act: Sections of the Act that Address—Crime, Terrorism, and the Age of Technology, 10 a.m., 2141 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Immigration, Border Security, and Claims, oversight hearing entitled "October, 2005 deadline for Visa Waiver Program Countries to produce Secure Passports: Why it matters to Homeland Security," 1 p.m., 2141 Rayburn.

*Committee on Resources*, Subcommittee on National Parks, oversight hearing on the National Historic Preservation Act, 10 a.m., 1324 Longworth.

*Committee on Small Business*, Subcommittee on Workforce, Empowerment, and Government Programs, hearing entitled "Removing Obstacles to Job Creation: How Can the Federal Government Help Small Businesses Revitalize the Economy?" 10 a.m., 311 Cannon.

*Committee on Ways and Means*, hearing on Implementation of the Dominican Republic-Central America Free Trade Agreement (DR-CAFTA), 10 a.m., 1100 Longworth.

### Joint Meetings

*Joint Meetings*: Senate Committee on Veterans' Affairs, to hold joint hearings with the House Committee on Veterans Affairs to examine the legislative presentations of the Fleet Reserve Association, the Air Force Sergeants Association, the Retired Enlisted Association, and the Gold Star Wives of America, 10 a.m., 345 CHOB.

*Joint Committee on Printing*: business meeting to consider organizational matters, 2 p.m., S-219, Capitol.