

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.

Next Meeting of the SENATE

9:30 a.m., Thursday, April 21

Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

10 a.m., Thursday, April 21

Senate Chamber

Program for Thursday: After the transaction of any routine morning business (not to extend beyond 60 minutes), Senate will consider the nomination of John D. Negroponte, of New York, to be Director of National Intelligence, with four hours of debate, with a vote on confirmation of the nomination. Also, Senate will continue consideration of H.R. 1268, Emergency Supplemental Appropriations, with a vote on final passage of the bill.

House Chamber

Program for Thursday: Complete consideration of H.R. 6, Energy Policy Act of 2005 (structured rule).

Extensions of Remarks, as inserted in this issue

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