

DEMOCRACY THROUGH DIPLOMACY

Committee on International Relations: Held a hearing on Promoting Democracy through Diplomacy. Testimony was heard from Representative Wolf; Paula Dobriansky, Under Secretary, Global Affairs, Department of State; and public witnesses.

ETHIOPIA AND ERITREA

Committee on International Relations: Subcommittee on Africa, Global Human Rights and International Operations held a hearing on Ethiopia and Eritrea: Promoting Stability, Democracy and Human Rights. Testimony was heard from Don Yamamoto, Deputy Assistant Secretary, Bureau of African Affairs, Department of State; and public witnesses.

OVERSIGHT—USA PATRIOT ACT IMPLEMENTATION

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism and the Committee on Homeland Security held an oversight hearing on the Implementation of the USA PATRIOT Act: Section 212—Emergency Disclosure of Electronic Communications to Life and Limb. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Justice: William Moschella, Assistant Attorney General; and Willie T. Hulon, Assistant Director, Counterterrorism Division, FBI; and public witnesses.

OVERSIGHT—IMMIGRATION ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Immigration, Border Security and Claims held an oversight hearing entitled “New ‘Dual Missions’ of the Immigration Enforcement Agencies.” Testimony was heard from Richard Stana, Director, Homeland Security and Justice Issues, GAO; Janice Kephart, former September 11 Commission Staff Counsel; and public witnesses.

OVERSIGHT—VETERANS’ APPEALS

Committee on Veterans’ Affairs: Subcommittee on Disability Assistance and Memorial Affairs held an oversight hearing to review the operations of the Board of Veterans’ Appeals (BVA) and the Appeals Management Center (AMC). Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Veterans Affairs: Ron Garvin, Acting Chairman, Board of Veterans’ Appeals; and Michael Walcoff, Associate Deputy Under Secretary, Field Operations, Veterans Benefits Administration; Cynthia Bascetta, Director, Education, Workforce and Income Security, GAO; and representatives of veterans organizations.

SERVICEMEMBERS’ HEALTH INSURANCE PROTECTION ACT OF 2005

Committee on Veterans’ Affairs: Subcommittee on Economic Opportunity approved for full Committee action H.R. 2046, Servicemembers’ Health Insurance Protection Act of 2005.

Joint Meetings

Joint Economic Committee: to hold hearings to examine the employment-unemployment situation for April 2005, 9:30 a.m., 1334 LHOB.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR FRIDAY, MAY 6, 2005

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

No meetings/hearings scheduled.

House

No committee meetings are scheduled.

CONGRESSIONAL PROGRAM AHEAD

Week of May 9 through May 14, 2005

Senate Chamber

On *Monday*, at 2 p.m., Senate will resume consideration of H.R. 3, Transportation Equity Act.

During the balance of the week, Senate will continue consideration of H.R. 3 (listed above), and the Conference Report to accompany H.R. 1268, Emergency Supplemental Appropriations Act for Defense, the Global War on Terror, and Tsunami Relief, 2005, and consider any other cleared legislative and executive business.

Senate Committees

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Committee on Armed Services: May 10, Subcommittee on SeaPower, closed business meeting to mark up those provisions which fall under the subcommittee’s jurisdiction of the proposed National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2006, 2:30 p.m., SR–222.

May 10, Subcommittee on Airland, closed business meeting to mark up those provisions which fall under the subcommittee’s jurisdiction of the proposed National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2006, 3:30 p.m., SR–232A.

May 10, Subcommittee on Emerging Threats and Capabilities, closed business meeting to mark up those provisions which fall under the subcommittee’s jurisdiction of the proposed National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2006, 5 p.m., SR–222.

May 11, Subcommittee on Strategic Forces, closed business meeting to mark up those provisions which fall