

SOCIAL SECURITY—PROTECTING AND STRENGTHENING

Committee on Ways and Means: Subcommittee on Social Security held a hearing on Protecting and Strengthening Social Security. Testimony was heard from Joanne B. Barnhart, Commissioner, SSA; Barbara D. Bovbjerg, Director, Education, Workforce, and Income Security Issues, GAO; and public witnesses.

WTO's FUTURE

Committee on Ways and Means: Subcommittee on Trade held a hearing on the Future of the World Trade Organization. Testimony was heard from Peter F. Allgeier, Deputy U.S. Trade Representative; and public witnesses.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR WEDNESDAY, MAY 18, 2005

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: to hold hearings to examine Regulation NMS designed to strengthen our national market system for equity securities, focusing on recent market developments, 10 a.m., SD-538.

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: to hold hearings to examine the nominations of David A. Sampson, of Texas, to be Deputy Secretary of Commerce, and John J. Sullivan, of Maryland, to be General Counsel of the Department of Commerce, 10 a.m., SR-253.

Subcommittee on Science and Space, to hold hearings to examine human spaceflight, 10:30 a.m., SR-253.

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: business meeting to consider comprehensive energy legislation, 9:30 a.m., SD-366.

Committee on Environment and Public Works: to hold hearings to examine eco-terrorism specifically examining the Earth Liberation Front ("ELF") and the Animal Liberation Front ("ALF"), 9:30 a.m., SD-406.

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: business meeting to consider S. 1021, to reauthorize the Workforce Investment Act of 1998, and the nomination of Raymond Simon, of Arkansas, to be Deputy Secretary of Education, 10 a.m., SD-430.

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: to hold hearings to examine FEMA's response to the 2004 Florida hurricanes, and its impact on taxpayers, 9:30 a.m., SD-562.

Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine the nomination of Linda M. Springer, of Pennsylvania, to be Director of the Office of Personnel Management, 2:30 p.m., SD-562.

Committee on Indian Affairs: to hold oversight hearings to examine issues relating to the taking of land into trust, 9:30 a.m., SH-216.

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

House

Committee on Appropriations, to consider the following: Revised Suballocation of Budget Allocations for Fiscal Year 2006; the Military Quality of Life, and Veterans Affairs, and Related Agencies appropriations for Fiscal Year 2006, and the Energy and Water Development, and Related Agencies appropriations for Fiscal Year 2006, 2 p.m., 2359 Rayburn.

Committee on Armed Services, to mark up H.R. 1815, National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2006, 10 a.m., 2118 Rayburn.

Committee on Education and the Workforce, to mark up H.R. 2123, School Readiness Act of 2005, 10:30 a.m., 2175 Rayburn.

Committee on Energy and Commerce, Subcommittee on Commerce, Trade, and Consumer Protection, hearing on H.R. 1862, Drug Free Sports Act, 10 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Health, hearing entitled "Increasing Generic Drug Utilization: Saving Money for Patients," 2 p.m., 2123 Rayburn.

Committee on Financial Services, Subcommittee on Financial Institutions and Consumer Credit, hearing entitled "Enhancing Data Security: The Regulators' Perspective," 10 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.

Committee on International Relations, to mark up the following: H. Con. Res. 44, Recognizing the historical significance of the Mexican holiday of Cinco de Mayo; H. Con. Res. 89, Honoring the life of Sister Dorothy Stang; H. Con. Res. 149, Recognizing the 57th anniversary of the independence of the State of Israel; H. Res. 191, Urging the Government of Romania to recognize its responsibilities to provide equitable, prompt, and fair restitution to all religious communities for property confiscated by the former Communist government in Romania; H. Res. 272, Recognizing the historic steps India and Pakistan have taken toward achieving bilateral peace; H.R. 273, Urging the withdrawal of all Syrian forces from Lebanon, support for free and fair democratic elections in Lebanon, and the development of democratic institutions and safeguards to foster sovereign democratic rule in Lebanon; a resolution Expressing the sense of the House of Representatives regarding anti-Semitism at the United Nations; and a resolution Welcoming His Excellency Hamid Karzai, the President of Afghanistan, on the occasion of his visit to the United States in May 2005, and expressing support for a strong and enduring strategic partnership between the United States and Afghanistan; followed by a hearing on Kosovo: Current and Future Status, 10:30 a.m., 2172 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Africa, Global Human Rights and International Operations, hearing on UN Peacekeeping Reform: Seeking Greater Accountability and Integrity, 2:30 p.m., 2200 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on the Middle East and Central Asia, to mark up the following: H. Con. Res. 149, Recognizing the 57th anniversary of the independence of the State of Israel; H. Res. 273, Urging the withdrawal of all Syrian

forces from Lebanon, support for free and fair democratic elections in Lebanon, and the development of democratic institutions and safeguards to foster sovereign democratic rule in Lebanon; a resolution Expressing the sense of the House of Representatives regarding anti-Semitism at the United Nations; and a resolution Welcoming His Excellency Hamid Karzai, the President of Afghanistan, on the occasion of his visit to the United States in May 2005, and expressing support for a strong and enduring strategic partnership between the United States and Afghanistan, 9:30 a.m., 2172 Rayburn.

Committee on the Judiciary, to mark up the following bills: H.R. 742, Occupational Safety and Health Employer Access to Justice Act of 2005; H.R. 2293, To provide special immigrant status for aliens as translators with the United States Armed Forces; to continue mark up of H.R. 800, Protection of Lawful Commerce in Arms Act; and to markup the following bills: H.R. 554, Personal Responsibility in Food Consumption Act; H.R. 420, Lawsuit Abuse Reduction Act of 2005; and H.R. 744, Internet Spyware Prevention (I-SPY) Act of 2005, 10 a.m., 2141 Rayburn.

Committee on Resources, to mark up the following measures H.R. 38, Upper White Salmon Wild and Scenic Rivers Act; H.R. 125, To authorize the Secretary of the Interior to construct facilities to provide water for irrigation, municipal, domestic, military, and other uses from the Santa Margarita River, California; H.R. 362, Ojito Wilderness Act; H.R. 394, To direct the Secretary of the Interior to conduct a boundary study to evaluate the significance of the Colonel James Barrett Farm in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts and the suitability and feasibility of its inclusion in the National Park System as apart of the Minuteman National Historical Park; H.R. 432, Betty Dick Residence Protection Act; H.R. 481, Sand Creek Massacre National Historic Site Establishment Act of 2005; H.R. 517, Secure Rural Schools and Community Self-Determination Reauthorization Act of 2005; H.R. 539, Caribbean National Forest Act of 2005; H.R. 599, Federal Lands Restoration, Enhancement, Public Education, and Information Resources Act of 2005; H.R. 774, Rocky Mountain National Park Boundary Adjustment Act of 2005; H.R. 853, To remove certain restrictions on the Mammoth Community Water District's ability to use certain property acquired by that District

from the United States; H.R. 873, Northern Marianas Delegate Act; H.R. 975, Trail Responsibility and Accountability for the Improvement of Lands Act; H.R. 1084, To authorize the establishment at Antietam National Battlefield of a memorial to the officers and enlisted men of the Fifth, Sixth, and Ninth New Hampshire Volunteer Infantry Regiments and the First New Hampshire Light Artillery Battery who fought in the Battle of Antietam on September 17, 1862; H.R. 1428, National Fish and Wildlife Foundation Reauthorization Act of 2005; H.R. 1492, To provide for the preservation of the historic confinement sites where Japanese Americans were detained during World War II; H.R. 1797, Spokane Tribe of Indians of the Spokane Reservation Grand Coulee Dam Equitable Compensation Settlement Act; H.R. 1905, Small Tracts Reform Act; H.R. 2130, Marine Mammal Protection Act Amendments of 2005; and the National Geologic Mapping Reauthorization Act of 2005, 10 a.m., 1324 Longworth,

Committee on Science, Subcommittee on Research, hearing on The National Nanotechnology Initiative: Review and Outlook, 10 a.m., 2318 Rayburn.

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, to consider the following: GSA 3314 (b) Resolutions; H. Con. Res. 145, Expressing the sense of Congress in support of a national bike month and in appreciation of cyclists and others for promoting bicycle safety and the benefits of cycling; H. Res. 243, Recognizing the Coast Guard, the Coast Guard Auxiliary, and the National Safe Boating Council for their efforts to promote National Safe Boating Week; H.R. 624, To amend the Federal Water Pollution Control Act to authorize appropriations for sewer overflow control grants; H.R. 889, Coast Guard and Maritime Transportation Act of 2005; and H.R. 1359, To amend the Federal Water Pollution Control Act to extend the pilot program for alternative water source projects, 11 a.m., 2167 Rayburn.

Committee on Veterans' Affairs, Subcommittee on Health, oversight hearing on the use and development of telemedicine technologies in the Department of Veterans Affairs health care system, 10 a.m., 334 Cannon.

Committee on Ways and Means, Subcommittee on Human Resources, hearing on Protections for Foster Children Enrolled in Clinical Trials, 2 p.m., B-318 Rayburn.