

## EASTERN OYSTERS/ENDANGERED SPECIES ACT

*Committee on Resources:* Held an oversight hearing entitled “The Status of the Eastern Oyster (*Crassostrea virginica*) and the Petition to List the Eastern Oyster as Endangered or Threatened under the Endangered Species Act.” Testimony was heard from Jim Wesson, Department Head of Conservation and Replenishment, Marine Resources Commission, State of Virginia; William S. Perret, Director, Marine Fisheries, Department of Marine Resources, State of Mississippi; Chris Judy, Director, Fisheries Service, Shellfish Restoration Program, Department of Natural Resources, State of Maryland; and public witnesses.

## OVERSIGHT—UPGRADING BUREAU OF RECLAMATION’S FACILITIES

*Committee on Resources:* Subcommittee on Water and Power held an oversight hearing entitled “Maintaining and Upgrading the Bureau of Reclamation’s Facilities to Improve Power Generation, Enhance Water Supply and Keep our Homeland Secure.” Testimony was heard from John Keys III, Commissioner, Bureau of Reclamation, Department of the Interior; and public witnesses.

## NASA AUTHORIZATION ACT

*Committee on Rules:* Testimony was heard from Chairman Boehlert and Representatives Calvert, Honda and Jackson-Lee of Texas, but action was deferred on H.R. 3070, National Aeronautics and Space Administration Authorization Act of 2005.

## Joint Meetings

### ENERGY POLICY ACT

*Conferees* met to resolve the differences between the Senate and House passed versions of H.R. 6, to ensure jobs for our future with secure, affordable, and reliable energy, but did not complete action thereon, and will meet again on Thursday, July 21, 2005.

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## COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR WEDNESDAY, JULY 20, 2005

*(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)*

### Senate

*Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry:* to hold hearings to examine biosecurity preparedness and efforts to address agroterrorism threats, 10 a.m., SR-328A.

*Committee on the Budget:* to hold hearings to examine the Federal role and budget implications relating to health information technology, 10 a.m., SD-628.

*Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation:* Subcommittee on Global Climate Change and Impacts, to

hold hearings to examine the climate policy of the United States, focusing on the climate-related science and technology budget request for fiscal year 2006, 10 a.m., SR-253.

*Committee on Energy and Natural Resources:* Subcommittee on Public Lands and Forests, to hold hearings to examine S. 703, to provide for the conveyance of certain Bureau of Land Management land in the State of Nevada to the Las Vegas Motor Speedway, S. 997, to direct the Secretary of Agriculture to convey certain land in the Beaverhead-Deerlodge Forest, Montana, to Jefferson County, Montana, for use as a cemetery, S. 1131, to authorize the exchange of certain Federal land within the State of Idaho, S. 1170, to establish the Fort Stanton-Snowy River National Cave Conservation Area, S. 1238, to amend the Public Lands Corps Act of 1993 to provide for the conduct of projects that protect forests, and H.R. 1101, to revoke a Public Land Order with respect to certain lands erroneously included in the Cibola National Wildlife Refuge, California, 2 p.m., SD-366.

*Committee on Environment and Public Works:* business meeting to consider H.R. 1428, to authorize appropriations for the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation, S. 1339, to reauthorize the Junior Duck Stamp Conservation and Design Program Act of 1994, S. 1250, to reauthorize the Great Ape Conservation Act of 2000, S. 1340, to amend the Pittman-Robertson Wildlife Restoration Act to extend the date after which surplus funds in the wildlife restoration fund become available for apportionment, S. 1265, to make grants and loans available to States and other organizations to strengthen the economy, public health, and environment of the United States by reducing emissions from diesel engines, S. 158, to establish the Long Island Sound Stewardship Initiative, S. 1400, to amend the Federal Water Pollution Control Act and the Safe Drinking Water Act to improve water and wastewater infrastructure in the United States, S. 1410, to reauthorize the Neotropical Migratory Bird Conservation Act, the Lacey Act Technical Correction Act, the Alaska Native Villages Reauthorization Act, the nominations of Marcus C. Peacock, of Minnesota, to be Deputy Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency, Granta Y. Nakayama, of Virginia, to be an Assistant Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency, and Susan Bodine, of Maryland, to be Assistant Administrator, Office of Solid Waste and Emergency Response, Environmental Protection Agency, 9:30 a.m., SD-406.

*Committee on Finance:* to hold hearings to examine the nominations of Robert M. Kimmitt, of Virginia, to be Deputy Secretary of the Treasury, Randal Quarles, of Utah, to be Under Secretary of the Treasury for Domestic Finance, Sandra L. Pack, of Maryland, to be Assistant Secretary of the Treasury for Management, and Kevin I. Fromer, of Virginia, to be Deputy Under Secretary of the Treasury for Legislative Affairs, 10 a.m., SD-215.

*Committee on Foreign Relations:* to hold hearings to examine economic progress in Iraq, 10:15 a.m., SD-419.

*Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions:* business meeting to consider S. 1420, to amend the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act with respect to medical device user fees, S. 1418, to enhance the adoption of a

nationwide inter operable health information technology system and to improve the quality and reduce the costs of health care in the United States, and the nomination of Kathie L. Olsen, of Oregon, to be Deputy Director of the National Science Foundation, 9:30 a.m., SD-430.

*Committee on the Judiciary*: to hold hearings to examine issues and implications relating to reporters' shield legislation, 9:30 a.m., SD-226.

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

*Special Committee on Aging*: to hold hearings to examine solutions to saving money in Medicaid, 2:30 p.m., SD-106.

### House

*Committee on Armed Services*, hearing on the Air Force's Future Total Force Plan, 10 a.m., 2118 Rayburn

Subcommittee on Projection Forces, to continue hearings on Department of the Navy FY06 Plans and Programs for the DD(X) Next-Generation Multi-Mission Surface Combatant Ship, 2 p.m., 2212 Rayburn.

*Committee on the Budget*, hearing on Performance-Based Budgeting, 10 a.m., 210 Cannon.

*Committee on Education and the Workforce*, to mark up H.R. 609, College Access and Opportunity Act, 10:30 a.m., 2175 Rayburn.

*Committee on Energy and Commerce*, to consider the following measures: H.R. 3204, State High Risk Pool Funding Extension Act of 2005; H.R. 3205, Patient Safety and Quality Improvement Act; H.R. 1132, National All Schedules Prescription Electronic Reporting Act of 2005; H.R. 2355, Health Care Choice Act of 2005; and H. Res. 220, Recognizing America's Blood Centers and its member organizations for their commitment to pro-

viding over half the Nation with a safe and adequate volunteer donor blood supply, 10 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Environment and Hazardous Materials, hearing entitled "Electronic Waste: An Examination of Current Activity, Implications for Environmental Stewardship, and the Proper Federal Role," 2 p.m., 2123 Rayburn.

*Committee on Financial Services*, hearing on Monetary Policy and the State of the Economy, 10 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.

*Committee on Government Reform*, Subcommittee on Government Management, Finance, and Accountability, hearing entitled "Implementing the Improper Payments Information Act—Are We Making Progress?" 2 p.m., 2247 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Regulatory Affairs, hearing entitled "Improving the Information Quality in the Federal Government," 10 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

*Committee on Homeland Security*, Subcommittee on Intelligence, Information Sharing, and Terrorism Risk Assessment, hearing entitled "A Progress Report on Information Sharing for Homeland Security," 10 a.m., 2257 Rayburn.

*Committee on Rules*, to report a rule for consideration of H.R. 3070, National Aeronautics and Space Administration Authorization Act of 2005, and to consider H.R. 3199, USA PATRIOT and Terrorism Prevention Reauthorization Act of 2005, 2:30 p.m., H-313 Capitol.

*Committee on Science*, Subcommittee on Energy and the Subcommittee on Research, joint hearing on Fueling the Future: On the Road to the Hydrogen Economy, 10 a.m., 2318 Rayburn.

*Committee on Ways and Means*, Subcommittee on Oversight, hearing on Fraud in Income Tax Return Preparation, 3 p.m., 1100 Longworth.