

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 22, 2005

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: to hold hearings to examine the financial services industry's responsibilities and role in preventing identity theft and protecting sensitive financial information, 10 a.m., SD-538.

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: to hold hearings to examine the protection of critical communications infrastructure in disaster, 10 a.m., SD-562.

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Subcommittee on National Parks, to hold hearings to examine S. 435, to amend the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act to designate a segment of the Farmington River and Salmon Brook in the State of Connecticut for study for potential addition to the National Wild and Scenic Rivers System, S. 1096, to amend the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act to designate portions of the Musconetcong River in the State of New Jersey as a component of the National Wild and Scenic Rivers System, S. 1310, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to allow the Columbia Gas Transmission Corporation to increase the diameter of a natural gas pipeline located in the Delaware Water Gap National Recreation Area, S. 1378, to amend the National Historic Preservation Act to provide appropriation authorization and improve the operations of the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation, and S. 1627, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to conduct a special resources study to evaluate resources along the coastal region of the State of Delaware and to determine the suitability and feasibility of establishing a unit of the National Park System in Delaware, 2:30 p.m., SD-366.

Committee on Environment and Public Works: to hold hearings to examine the nominations of George M. Gray, of Massachusetts, to be an Assistant Administrator, and Lyons Gray, of North Carolina, to be Chief Financial Officer, both of the Environmental Protection Agency, Edward McGaffigan, Jr., of Virginia, to be a Member of the Nuclear Regulatory Commission, H. Dale Hall, of New Mexico, to be Director of the United States Fish and Wildlife Service, Department of the Interior, and Santanu K. Baruah, of Oregon, to be Assistant Secretary of Commerce for Economic Development, 2:30 p.m., SD-406.

Committee on Foreign Relations: to hold hearings to examine the nominations of Alexander R. Vershbow, of the District of Columbia, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Korea, Patricia Louise Herbold, of Washington, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Singapore, and William Paul McCormick, of Oregon, to be Ambassador to New Zealand, and serve concurrently as Ambassador to Samoa, 9 a.m., SD-419.

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: Subcommittee on Education and Early Childhood Development, to hold hearings to examine Hurricane Katrina's displaced school children, 3 p.m., SD-430.

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: business meeting to consider S. 1725, to strengthen Federal leadership, provide grants, enhance outreach and

guidance, and provide other support to State and local officials to enhance emergency communications capabilities, to achieve communications interoperability, to foster improved regional collaboration and coordination, to promote more efficient utilization of funding devoted to public safety communications, to promote research and development by both the public and private sectors for first responder communications, an original bill to provide relief for the victims of Hurricane Katrina, a proposed bill to expand the responsibilities of the Special Inspector General for Iraq Reconstruction to provide independent and objective audits and investigations relating to the Federal programs for Hurricane Katrina, S. 939, to expedite payments of certain Federal emergency assistance authorized pursuant to the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act, and to direct the Secretary of Homeland Security to exercise certain authority provided under that Act, S. 1700, to establish an Office of the Hurricane Katrina Recovery Chief Financial Officer, a proposed bill to amend title 5, United States Code, to allow employees of the judicial branch to establish an emergency leave transfer program in the event of a major disaster or emergency, S. 572, to amend the Homeland Security Act of 2002 to give additional biosecurity responsibilities to the Department of Homeland Security, and the nominations of Stewart A. Baker, of Virginia, to be an Assistant Secretary of Homeland Security, John R. Fisher, to be an Associate Judge of the District of Columbia Court of Appeals, Colleen Duffy Kiko, of Virginia, to be General Counsel of the Federal Labor Relations Authority, and Juliet JoAnn McKenna, to be an Associate Judge of the Superior Court of the District of Columbia, 9:30 a.m., SD-342.

Subcommittee on Federal Financial Management, Government Information, and International Security, to hold hearings to examine cost and payment plans for the Medicare Modernization Act and if the new legislation will meet the needs of seniors, 2:30 p.m., SD-342.

Committee on the Judiciary: business meeting to consider the nominations of John G. Roberts, Jr., of Maryland, to be Chief Justice of the United States, Timothy Elliott Flanagan, of Virginia, to be Deputy Attorney General, S. 1088, to establish streamlined procedures for collateral review of mixed petitions, amendments, and defaulted claims, proposed Personal Data Privacy and Security Act of 2005, S. 751, to require Federal agencies, and persons engaged in interstate commerce, in possession of data containing personal information, to disclose any unauthorized acquisition of such information, S. 1326, to require agencies and persons in possession of computerized data containing sensitive personal information, to disclose security breaches where such breach poses a significant risk of identity theft, S. 155, to increase and enhance law enforcement resources committed to investigation and prosecution of violent gangs, to deter and punish violent gang crime, to protect law-abiding citizens and communities from violent criminals, to revise and enhance criminal penalties for violent crimes, to reform and facilitate

prosecution of juvenile gang members who commit violent crimes, to expand and improve gang prevention programs, S. 1086, to improve the national program to register and monitor individuals who commit crimes against children or sex offenses, and S. 956, to amend title 18, United States Code, to provide assured punishment for violent crimes against children, 9:30 a.m., SD-226.

Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship: to hold hearings to examine the impact of Hurricane Katrina on small businesses, 10 a.m., SR-428A.

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: to hold hearings to examine whether Capital offenders should be buried in America's national cemeteries, 10 a.m., SR-418.

Select Committee on Intelligence: closed business meeting to mark up proposed legislation authorizing funds for fiscal year 2006 for the intelligence community, 2:30 p.m., SH-219.

House

Committee on Armed Services, Threat Panel, hearing on threats in Eurasia, 10 a.m., 2118 Rayburn.

Committee on Energy and Commerce, Subcommittee on Commerce, Trade, and Consumer Protection, hearing entitled "The Commerce and Consumer Protection Implications of Hurricane Katrina," 11 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Health and the Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations, joint hearing entitled "Assessing Public Health and the Delivery of Care in the Wake of Katrina," 9:30 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

Committee on Financial Services, Subcommittee on Financial Institutions and Consumer Credit, hearing on H.R. 3505, Financial Services Regulatory Relief Act of 2005, 10 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.

Committee on Homeland Security, Subcommittee on Prevention of Nuclear and Biological Attack, hearing enti-

tled "Trends in Illicit Movement of Nuclear Materials," 2 p.m., 210 Cannon.

Committee on House Administration, hearing entitled "Political Speech on the Internet: Should it be Regulated?" 9 a.m., 1310 Longworth.

Committee on International Relations, hearing entitled "United States Policy in Afghanistan: Establishing Democratic Governance and Security in the Wake of Parliamentary Elections," 10:30 a.m., 2172 Rayburn.

Committee on the Judiciary, Subcommittee on the Constitution, oversight hearing entitled "The Supreme Court's *Kelo* Decision and Potential Congressional Responses," 11 a.m., 2141 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Courts, the Internet, and Intellectual Property, oversight hearing entitled "Reducing Peer-To-Peer Piracy (P2P) on University Campuses: A Progress Update," 9 a.m., 2141 Rayburn.

Committee on Resources, to mark up the following bills: H.R. 3824, Threatened and Endangered Species Recovery Act of 2005; H.R. 1129, Pitkin County Land Exchange Act of 2005; H.R. 2383, To redesignate the facility of the Bureau of Reclamation located at 19550 Kelso Road in Byron, California, as the "C. W. 'Bill' Jones Pumping Plant;" H.R. 2875, Public Lands Corps Healthy Forests Restoration Act of 2005; H.R. 3351, Native American Technical Corrections Act of 2005; and S. 1339, Junior Duck Stamp Reauthorization Act of 2005, 10 a.m., 1324 Longworth.

Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence, executive, Briefing on Global Updates, 9 a.m., H-405 Capitol.

Select Bipartisan Committee to Investigate the Preparation for and Response to Hurricane Katrina, to meet for organizational purposes; followed by a hearing entitled "Predicting Hurricanes: What We Knew About Katrina and When," 10 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.