

CONGRESSIONAL PROGRAM AHEAD

Week of October 18 through October 22, 2005

Senate Chamber

On *Tuesday*, at approximately 10:45 a.m., Senate will continue consideration of H.R. 3058, Transportation/Treasury/HUD Appropriations, and at 12:10 p.m., vote on, or in relation to Kyl Amendment No. 2062.

During the balance of the week, Senate will consider any other cleared legislative and executive business, including any appropriation bills, when available.

Senate Committees

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry: October 19, business meeting to consider recommendations which it will make to the Committee on the Budget with respect to spending reductions and revenue increases to meet reconciliation expenditures as imposed by H. Con. Res. 95, establishing the congressional budget for the United States Government for fiscal year 2006, revising appropriate budgetary levels for fiscal year 2005, and setting forth appropriate budgetary levels for fiscal years 2007 through 2010, 10 a.m., SR-328A.

October 20, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine USDA Farm Service Agency Office consolidation plan known as FSA Tomorrow, 10:30 a.m., SR-328A.

Committee on Appropriations: October 18, Subcommittee on Legislative Branch, to resume hearings to examine the progress of the Capitol Visitor Center, 10:30 a.m., SD-138.

October 19, Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, Education, and Related Agencies, to hold hearings to examine the potential of stem cell and nuclear transplantation research, 9:30 a.m., SD-138.

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: October 18, business meeting to consider S. 1562, to provide for the merger of the bank and savings association deposit insurance funds, to modernize and improve the safety and fairness of the Federal deposit insurance system, and an original bill entitled "FHA Asset Disposition Act of 2005"; to be followed by a hearing on the future of the National Flood Insurance Program, 10 a.m., SD-538.

October 18, Subcommittee on International Trade and Finance, to hold hearings to examine growth and development of the derivatives market, focusing on the role of derivatives as a part of risk management for corporations and financial entities, 2:30 p.m., SD-538.

October 20, Full Committee, to resume hearings to examine the implementation of the Exon-Florio provision by the Committee on Foreign Investment in the United States (CFIUS), Department of the Treasury, which seeks to serve U.S. investment policy through reviews that protect national security while maintaining the credibility of open investment policy, 10 a.m., SD-538.

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: October 20, to hold hearings to examine S. 1052, to improve

transportation security, including public and private sector actions taken since September 11, 2001, and the attacks on rail systems overseas, to enhance the security of passenger and freight rail transportation, 10 a.m., SD-562.

October 20, Full Committee, business meeting to consider proposed DTV bill, S. 1753, to establish a unified national hazard alert system, S. 967, to amend the Communications Act of 1934 to ensure that prepackaged news stories contain announcements that inform viewers that the information within was provided by the United States Government, and S. 1063, to promote and enhance public safety and to encourage the rapid deployment of IP-enabled voice services, 2 p.m., SR-325.

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: October 18, to hold hearings to examine the winter fuels outlook and the effect of high prices this coming winter, 10 a.m., SD-366.

October 18, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine national capacity for producing innovation in energy technologies and the importance of this innovation to our global economic competitiveness, including the results of a related forthcoming National Academy of Sciences report, 3:30 p.m., SD-366.

October 19, Full Committee, business meeting to consider pending calendar business, 10 a.m., SD-366.

October 20, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine S. 1016, to direct the Secretary of Energy to make incentive payments to the owners or operators of qualified desalination facilities to partially offset the cost of electrical energy required to operate the facilities, and S. 1860, to amend the Energy Policy Act of 2005 to improve energy production and reduce energy demand through improved use of reclaimed waters, 2:30 p.m., SD-366.

Committee on Environment and Public Works: October 18, business meeting to consider a proposed bill to amend the Safe, Accountable, Flexible, Efficient Transportation Equity Act, 2:30 p.m., SD-406.

October 18, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine S. 1772, to streamline the refinery permitting process, 2:35 p.m., SD-406.

Committee on Finance: October 18, to hold hearings to examine the nominations of James S. Halpern, of the District of Columbia, to be a Judge of the United States Tax Court, Susan C. Schwab, of Maryland, and Karan K. Bhatia, of Maryland, each to be Deputy United States Trade Representative, with the Rank of Ambassador, Franklin L. Lavin, of Ohio, to be Under Secretary of Commerce for International Trade, and Clay Lowery, of Virginia, to be a Deputy Under Secretary of the Treasury, 10 a.m., SD-215.

Committee on Foreign Relations: October 18, to hold a briefing and hearing to examine prospects for United Nations reform, 9:30 a.m., SD-106.

October 19, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine United States foreign policy relating to Iraq, 10 a.m., SD-106.

October 19, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine the nomination of David M. Hale, of New Jersey,

to be Ambassador to the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan, 2:30 p.m., SD-419.

October 20, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine the nominations of Benson K. Whitney, of Minnesota, to be Ambassador to Norway, Roland Arnall, of California, to be Ambassador to the Kingdom of the Netherlands, Susan Rasinski McCaw, of Washington, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Austria, and Nicholas F. Taubman, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to Romania, 9:30 a.m., SD-419.

October 20, Subcommittee on Near Eastern and South Asian Affairs, to hold hearings to examine U.S. foreign policy, petroleum, and the Middle East, 2:30 p.m., SD-419.

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: October 18, business meeting to consider title VII to proposed 2005 Spending Reconciliation Bill, proposed National Biodefense Act of 2005, the nominations of Mark Hofflund, of Idaho, to be a Member of the National Council on the Arts, Naomi Churchill Earp, of Virginia, and Christine M. Griffin, of Massachusetts, each to be a Member of the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission, Jan Cellucci, of Massachusetts, Sandra Frances Ashworth, of Idaho, and Diane Rivers, of Arkansas, each to be a Member of the National Commission on Libraries and Information Science, Bertha K. Madras, of Massachusetts, to be Deputy Director for Demand Reduction, Office of National Drug Control Policy, Mark S. Schneider, of the District of Columbia, to be Commissioner of Education Statistics, Department of Education, Bruce Cole, of Indiana, to be Chairperson of the National Endowment for the Humanities, and John O. Agwunobi, of Florida, to be Assistant Secretary of Health and Human Services for Health, 2:30 p.m., SD-430.

October 19, Subcommittee on Employment and Workplace Safety, to hold hearings to examine enhancing cooperation between employers and guardsmen/reservists, 2 p.m., SD-430.

October 20, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine Federal employment programs for persons with disabilities, 2 p.m., SD-430.

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: October 20, to hold hearings to examine the response to Hurricane Katrina in New Orleans, 9:30 a.m., SD-342.

Committee on the Judiciary: October 18, to hold hearings to examine comprehensive immigration reform II, 9:30 a.m., SD-226.

October 18, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine the nominations of James F. X. O'Gara, of Pennsylvania, to be Deputy Director for Supply Reduction, Office of National Drug Control Policy, and Julie L. Myers, of Kansas, to be Assistant Secretary for Immigration and Customs Enforcement, and Emilio T. Gonzalez, of Florida, to be Director of the Bureau of Citizenship and Immigration Services, both of the Department of Homeland Security, 2:30 p.m., SD-226.

October 19, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine issues and implications regarding reporters' privilege legislation, 10:30 a.m., SD-226.

October 19, Subcommittee on Antitrust, Competition Policy and Consumer Rights, to hold hearings to examine video competition in 2005, 2 p.m., SD-226.

October 20, Full Committee, business meeting to consider pending calendar business, 9:30 a.m., SD-226.

October 20, Subcommittee on Constitution, Civil Rights and Property Rights, to hold hearings to examine the constitutional amendment on marriage, 2 p.m., SD-226.

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: October 18, business meeting to consider the nominations of William F. Tuerk, of Virginia, to be Under Secretary of Veterans Affairs for Memorial Affairs, Robert Joseph Henke, of Virginia, to be an Assistant Secretary of Veterans Affairs for Management, John M. Molino, of Virginia, to be an Assistant Secretary of Veterans Affairs for Policy and Planning, Lisette M. Mondello, of Texas, to be an Assistant Secretary of Veterans Affairs for Public and Intergovernmental Affairs, and George J. Opfer, of Virginia, to be Inspector General, Department of Veterans Affairs, Time to be announced, Room to be announced.

October 20, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine IT Management by the VA, 10 a.m., SR-418.

Select Committee on Intelligence: October 19, to receive a closed briefing regarding certain intelligence matters, 2:30 p.m., SH-219.

October 20, Full Committee, to receive a closed briefing regarding certain intelligence matters, 2:30 p.m., SH-219.

House Committees

Committee on Appropriations, October 20, Subcommittee on Military Quality of Life, and Veterans Affairs, and Related Agencies, hearing on VA Capital Asset Realignment for Enhanced Services (CARES), 10:30 a.m., H-143 Capitol.

Committee on Armed Services, October 19, Subcommittee on Military Personnel, hearing on the defense health program overview, 2 p.m., 2118 Rayburn.

October 20, Subcommittee on Tactical Air and Land Forces and the Subcommittee on Technical and Tactical Intelligence of the Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence, joint hearing on the Aerial Common Sensor Program, 4 p.m., 2118 Rayburn.

Committee on Education and the Workforce, October 19, to mark up amendments to the Social Security Act, Welfare Reform regarding the Committee's Instructions pursuant to the Conference Report on H. Con. Res. 95, Establishing the congressional budget for the United States Government for fiscal year 2006, revising appropriate budgetary levels for fiscal year 2005, and setting forth appropriate budgetary levels for fiscal years 2007 through 2010, and H.R. 240, Personal Responsibility, Work, and Family Promotion Act of 2005, 10:30 a.m., 2175 Rayburn.

Committee on Energy and Commerce, October 18, Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations, hearing entitled "Thoroughbred Horse Racing Jockeys and Workers: Examining On-Track Injury Insurance and Other Health and Welfare Issues," 11 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

October 19, Subcommittee on Commerce, Trade, and Consumer Protection, hearing entitled "Protecting Property Rights After Kelo," 2 p.m., 2123 Rayburn.

October 19, Subcommittee on Energy and Air Quality, hearing entitled "EIA's Report on Short-term Energy Outlook and Winter Fuels Outlook," 10 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

October 20, Subcommittee on Health and the Subcommittee on Environment and Hazardous Materials, joint hearing entitled "Comprehensively Combating Methamphetamines: Impacts on Health and the Environment," 10 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

Committee on Financial Services, October 18, Subcommittee on Financial Institutions and Consumer Credit, hearing on H.R. 3505, Financial Services Regulatory Relief Act of 2005, 10 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.

October 20, Subcommittee on Housing and Community Opportunity, hearing entitled "Management and Oversight of the National Flood Insurance Program," 10 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.

Committee on Government Reform, October 18, Subcommittee on National Security, Emerging Threats, and International Relations, hearing entitled "Iraq: Perceptions, Realities and Cost to Complete," 10 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

October 19, Subcommittee on Energy and Resources, hearing entitled "Petroleum Refineries: Will Record Profits Spur Investment in New Capacity?" 2 p.m., 2203 Rayburn.

October 20, full Committee, hearing entitled "The Critical Role of the National Guard at Home and Abroad," 10 a.m., and to hold a business meeting, 1:30 p.m., 2154 Rayburn.

Committee on Homeland Security, October 18, executive, briefing on the recent subway terror threat warnings and related actions, 9 a.m., 311 Cannon.

October 18, Subcommittee on Economic Security, Infrastructure Protection and Cybersecurity and the Subcommittee on Emergency Preparedness, Science, and Technology, joint hearing entitled "SCADA and the Terrorist Threat: Protecting the Nation's Critical Control Systems," 4 p.m., 311 Cannon.

October 18, Subcommittee on Prevention of Nuclear and Biological Attack, executive, briefing on Homeland Security Presidential Directive-10, "Biodefense for the 21st Century," 5 p.m., 2212 Rayburn.

October 19, full Committee, hearing entitled "Federalism and Disaster: Response: Examining the Rules and Responsibilities of Local, State, and Federal Agencies," 10 a.m., 311 Cannon.

October 19, Subcommittee on Intelligence, Information Sharing, and Terrorism Risk Assessment and the Subcommittee on Terrorism, Human Intelligence, Analysis and Counterintelligence of the Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence, joint hearing entitled "The Department of Homeland Security Second Stage Review: The Role of the Chief Intelligence Officer," 3 p.m., 311 Cannon.

Committee on International Relations, October 19, Subcommittee on the Western Hemisphere, hearing on Pol-

icy Overview of the Caribbean Region, 10:30 a.m., 2172 Rayburn.

October 20, Subcommittee on Africa, Global Human Rights and International Operations, hearing on African Growth and Opportunity Act: A Five-Year Assessment, 10:30 a.m., 2172 Rayburn.

October 20, Subcommittee on Asia and the Pacific, hearing on South Asia Earthquake: Impact and Humanitarian Response, 1:30 p.m., 2172 Rayburn.

Committee on the Judiciary, October 18, Subcommittee on the Constitution, oversight hearing entitled "To Examine the Impact and Effectiveness of the Voting Rights Act," 2 p.m., 2141 Rayburn.

October 20, Subcommittee on the Constitution, oversight hearing entitled "An Examination of the Scope and Criteria for Coverage under the Special Provisions of the Voting Rights Act," 10 a.m., 2141 Rayburn.

Committee on Resources, October 19, to mark up the following: a resolution Expressing the sense of the Congress upholding the Makah Tribe treaty rights; H.R. 323, To redesignate the Ellis Island Library on the third floor of the Ellis Island Immigration Museum, located on Ellis Island in New York Harbor, as the "Bob Hope Memorial Library;" H.R. 326, To amend the Yuma Crossing National Heritage Area Act of 2000 to adjust the boundary of the Yuma Crossing National Heritage Area and to extend the authority of the Secretary of the Interior to provide assistance under that Act; H.R. 679, To direct the Secretary of the Interior to convey a parcel of real property to Beaver Count, Utah; H.R. 1096, "Act Commemorating the LITE;" H.R. 1183, To require the Secretary of the Interior to provide public access to Navassa National Wildlife Refuge and Desecheo National Wildlife Refuge; H.R. 1436, To remove certain use restrictions on property located in Navajo County, Arizona; H.R. 1564, Yakima-Tieton Irrigation District Conveyance Act of 2005; H.R. 1972, Franklin National Battlefield Study Act; H.R. 3443, To direct the Secretary of the Interior to convey certain water distribution facilities to the Northern Colorado Water Conservancy District; H.R. 3818, Forest Service Partnership Enhancement Act of 2005; and S. 229, Albuquerque Biological Park Title Clarification Act, 10 a.m., 1324 Longworth.

October 20, Subcommittee on National Parks, oversight hearing entitled "The National Park Service Organic Act and Its Implementation Through Daily Park Management," 2 p.m., 1324 Longworth.

October 20, Subcommittee on Water and Power, oversight hearing entitled "Water Supply Vulnerabilities in the Sacramento/San Joaquin River System," 1 p.m., 1334 Longworth.

Committee on Science, October 20, hearing on Science, Technology, and Global Economic Competitiveness, 10 a.m., 2318 Rayburn.

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, October 18, Subcommittee on Water Resources and Environment and the Subcommittee on Economic Development, Public Buildings and Emergency Management, joint hearing entitled "A Vision and Strategy for Rebuilding New Orleans," 9:30 a.m., 2167 Rayburn.

October 20, Subcommittee on Highways, Transit and Pipelines, oversight hearing on Rebuilding Highway and Transit Infrastructure on the Gulf Coast following Hurricane Katrina, 2 p.m., 2167 Rayburn.

October 20, Subcommittee on Water Resources and Environment, oversight hearing entitled "Expert Views on Hurricane and Flood Protection and Water Resources Planning for a Rebuilt Gulf Coast," 10 a.m., 2167 Rayburn.

Committee on Veterans' Affairs, October 20, to mark up the following: H.R. 3665, Veterans Housing Improvement Act of 2005; the Department of Veterans Affairs Medical Facilities Act of 2005; H.R. 1691, To designate the Department of Veterans Affairs outpatient clinic in Appleton, Wisconsin, as the "John H. Bradley Department of Veterans Affairs Outpatient Clinic;" and the Department of Veterans Affairs Information Technology Management Improvement Act of 2005, 2 p.m., 334 Cannon.

October 20, Subcommittee on Disability Assistance and Memorial Affairs, oversight hearing on variances in

disability compensation claims decisions made by the VA regional offices, factors affecting claims decisions, and recommendations for standardizing the adjudication process, 10:30 a.m., 340 Cannon.

Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence, October 19, Subcommittee on Oversight, hearing entitled "Status of the Office of the Director of National Intelligence," 9 a.m., 2322 Rayburn.

October 20, full Committee, executive, Briefing on Global Updates/Hotspots, 9 a.m., H-405 Capitol, and executive, Briefing on Aerial Common Sensor Program, 4 p.m., 2212 Rayburn.

Select Bipartisan Committee to Investigate the Preparation for and Response to Hurricane Katrina, October 19, to continue hearings on Hurricane Katrina, 10 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

Joint Meetings

Joint Economic Committee: October 20, to hold hearings to examine the current economic outlook, 10 a.m., Room to be announced.