

in New York Harbor, as the “Bob Hope Memorial Library;” H.R. 326, amended, 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 County, Utah; H.R. 1096, amended, 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, amended, 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, amended, Forest Service Partnership Enhancement Act of 2005; and S. 229, Albuquerque Biological Park Title Clarification Act.

STATUS—OFFICE OF DIRECTOR OF NATIONAL INTELLIGENCE

Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence: Subcommittee on Oversight held a hearing entitled “Status of the Office of the Director of National Intelligence.” Testimony was heard from former Speaker of the House Newt Gingrich of Georgia; and public witnesses.

HURRICANE KATRINA

Select Bipartisan Committee to Investigate the Preparation for and Response to Hurricane Katrina: Continued hearings on Hurricane Katrina. Testimony was heard from Michael Chertoff, Secretary of Homeland Security.

NEW PUBLIC LAWS

(For last listing of Public Laws, see DAILY DIGEST, P. D1039)

H.R. 2360, making appropriations for the Department of Homeland Security for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2006. Signed on October 18, 2005. (Public Law 109–90)

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR THURSDAY, OCTOBER 20, 2005

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: to resume hearings to examine the implementation of the Exon-Florio provision by the Committee on Foreign In-

vestment 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: 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.

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: 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 Foreign Relations: 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.

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: to hold hearings to examine Federal employment programs for persons with disabilities, 2 p.m., SD–106.

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

Committee on the Judiciary: business meeting to consider pending calendar business, 9:30 a.m., SD–226.

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: to hold hearings to examine IT Management by the VA, 10 a.m., SR–418.

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

House

Committee on Appropriations, 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, hearing on the Army's M1114 Up-Armor High Mobility Multipurpose Wheeled Vehicle (UAH) distribution strategy, 9 a.m., 2118 Rayburn.

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, to continue mark up of 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 and to mark up H. Res. 467, Requesting that the President transmit to the House of Representatives information in his possession relating to contracts for services or construction related to Hurricane Katrina recovery that relate to wages and benefits to be paid to workers, 9:30 a.m., 2175 Rayburn.

Committee on Energy and Commerce, 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, 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, hearing entitled "The Critical Role of the National Guard at Home and Abroad," 10 a.m., and to consider the following: H.R. 3256, To designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 3038 West Liberty Avenue in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, as the "Congressman James Grove Fulton Memorial Post Office Building;" H.R. 3368, To designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 6483 Lincoln Street in Gagetown, Michigan, as the "Gagetown Veterans Memorial Post Office;" H.R. 3548, To designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located on Franklin Avenue in Pearl River, New York, as the "Heinz Ahlmeyer, Jr., Post Office Building;" H.R. 3770, To designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 205 West Washington Street in Knox, Indiana, as the "Grant W. Green Post Office Building;" H.R. 3825, To designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 770 Trumbull Drive in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, as the "Clayton J. Smithy Memorial Post Office Building;" H.R. 3989, To designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 37598 Goodhue in Dennison, Minnesota, as the "Albert Harold Quie Post Office;"

H.R. 4053, To designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 545 North Rimsdale Avenue in Covina, California, as the "Lillian Kinkella Keil Post Office;" S. 37, To extend the special postage stamp for breast cancer research for 2 years; H.R. 3134, Federal Real Property Disposal Pilot Program and Management Improvement Act of 2005; H.R. 1455, To amend titled 45 and title 3, United States Code, to include the Department of Homeland Security and the Secretary of Homeland Security in the lists of executive departments and officers; H.R. 3496, National Capital Transportation Amendments Act of 2005; and H.R. 4057, To provide that attorneys employed by the Department of Justice shall be eligible for compensatory time of for travel under section 5550b of title 5, United States Code.

Committee on Homeland Security, Subcommittee on Economic Security, Infrastructure Protection, and Cybersecurity, hearing entitled "The London Bombings: Protecting Civilian Targets from Terrorist Attacks," 3 p.m., 311 Cannon.

Subcommittee on Prevention of Nuclear and Biological Attack, hearing entitled "Mitigating Catastrophic Events through Effective Medical Response," 1 p.m., 1310 Longworth.

Committee on International Relations, 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.

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, 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, Subcommittee on Water and Power, oversight hearing entitled "Water Supply Vulnerabilities in the Sacramento/San Joaquin River System," 1 p.m., 1324 Longworth.

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

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, 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.

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, to mark up the following bills: H.R. 3665, Veterans Housing Improvement 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 H.R. 4061, Department of Veterans Affairs Information Technology Management Improvement Act of 2005, 2 p.m., 334 Cannon.

Subcommittee on Disability Assistance and Memorial Affairs, oversight hearing on variances in disability compensation claims decisions made by the VA Regional Offices, the Post Traumatic Stress Disorder claims review; and United States Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit decision *Allen v Principi*, 10:30 a.m., 340 Cannon.

Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence, 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.

Joint Meetings

Joint Economic Committee: To hold hearings to examine the current economic outlook, 10 a.m., 311 CHOB.