

Highway Administration; and Susan E. Schruth, Associate Administrator, Federal Transit Administration.

OVERSIGHT—DISASTER PROTECTION GULF COAST RECOVERY

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure: Subcommittee on Water Resources and Environment held an oversight hearing entitled “Expert Views on Hurricane and Flood Protection and Water Resources Planning for a Rebuilt Gulf Coast.” Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Corps of Engineers, Department of the Army: John Paul Woodley, Jr., Assistant Secretary (Civil Works); and LTG Carl A. Strock, USA, Chief; Benjamin H. Grumbles, Assistant Administrator, Water, EPA; and public witnesses.

VETERANS LEGISLATION

Committee on Veterans’ Affairs: Ordered reported the following bills: H.R. 3665, amended, 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.

OVERSIGHT—VA’S DISABILITY COMPENSATION CLAIMS PROCESS

Committee on Veterans’ Affairs: Subcommittee on Disability Assistance and Memorial Affairs held an 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*. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Veterans Affairs: Jon A. Wooditch, Acting Inspector General, Audits; Steven H. Brown, M.D., Director, Compensation and Pension Examination Project; and Ronald R. Aument, Deputy Under Secretary, Benefits, Veterans Benefits Administration; Cynthia

A. Bascetta, Director, Education, Workforce, and Income Security Issues, GAO; and John M. Garcia, Secretary, Department of Veterans’ Services, State of New Mexico.

BRIEFING—GLOBAL UPDATES/HOTSPOTS

Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence: Met in executive session to receive a Briefing on Global Updates/Hotspots. The Committee was briefed by departmental witnesses.

BRIEFING—AERIAL COMMON SENSOR PROGRAM

Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence: Met in executive session to receive a Briefing on Aerial Common Sensor Program. The Committee was briefed by departmental witnesses.

Joint Meetings

ECONOMIC OUTLOOK

Joint Economic Committee: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the current economic outlook, focusing on the effects of the recent Gulf Coast hurricanes on the economy of the United States since a significant portion of U.S. oil and gas production is concentrated in the Gulf area, after receiving testimony from Ben S. Bernanke, Chairman, Council of Economic Advisers; David F. Seiders, National Association of Home Builders, Washington, D.C.; and Mickey D. Levy, Bank of America, and Brad Setser, Roubini Global Economics, LLC, both of New York, New York.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR FRIDAY, OCTOBER 21, 2005

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

No meetings/hearings scheduled.

House

No committee meetings are scheduled.