

certain land withdrawn by the Commissioner of Reclamation. Testimony was heard from Representative Moran of Kansas; William Rinne, Deputy Commissioner, Bureau of Reclamation, Department of the Interior; Carlos Marin, Acting U.S. Commissioner, International Boundary and Water Commission, Department of State; Andres Herrera, Mayor Pro Tem, City of Oxnard, California; John Morles, Chairman, Assiniboine and Sioux Tribes of the Fort Peck Reservation; and a public witness.

TAX RELIEF EXTENSION RECONCILIATION ACT

Committee on Rules: Granted, by voice vote, a structured rule providing one hour of debate in the House on H.R. 4297, to provide for reconciliation pursuant to section 201(b) of the concurrent resolution on the budget for fiscal year 2006, equally divided and controlled by the chairman and ranking minority member of the Committee on Ways and Means. The rule waives all points of order against consideration of the bill. The rule provides that the amendment in the nature of a substitute recommended by the Committee on Ways and Means now printed in the bill shall be considered as adopted. The rule makes in order the amendment in the nature of a substitute printed in the Rules Committee report accompanying the resolution, if offered by Representative Rangel of New York or his designee, which shall be considered as read, and shall be separately debatable for one hour equally divided and controlled by the proponent and an opponent. The rule waives all points of order against the amendment in the nature of a substitute printed in the Rules Committee report. Finally, the rule provides one motion to recommit with or without instructions. Testimony was heard from Representatives Camp and Neal.

GULF COAST RECOVERY ACT; FEDERAL AND DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA GOVERNMENT REAL PROPERTY ACT; ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS SURVEY RESOLUTIONS; GSA RESOLUTION

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure: Ordered reported the following bills: H.R. 4438, Gulf Coast Recovery Act of 2005; and H.R. 3699, amended, Federal and District of Columbia Government Real Property Act of 2005.

The Committee also approved the following: U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Survey resolutions; and a GSA 3314(b) resolution.

OVERSIGHT—VETERANS AFFAIRS DISABILITY CLAIMS PROCESS

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: Held an oversight hearing on the challenges and opportunities facing dis-

ability claims process at the Veterans Benefits Administration. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Veterans Affairs: Ronald R. Aument, Deputy Under Secretary, Benefits, Veterans Benefits Administration; and James P. Terry, Chairman, Board of Veterans' Appeals; representatives of veterans organizations; and a public witness.

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—MUSLIM EXTREMISM

Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence: Subcommittee on Terrorism, Human Intelligence, Analysis and Counterintelligence and the Subcommittee on Intelligence Policy met in executive session to receive a joint briefing on Muslim Extremism. The Subcommittees were briefed by departmental witnesses.

HURRICANE KATRINA: PREPAREDNESS AND RESPONSE BY STATE OF MISSISSIPPI

Select Bipartisan Committee to Investigate the Preparation for and Response to Hurricane Katrina: Held a hearing entitled "Hurricane Katrina: Preparedness and Response by the State of Mississippi." Testimony was heard from the following officials of the State of Mississippi: Haley Barbour, Governor; Brian W. Amy, M.D., State Health Officer; Robert Latham, Director, Emergency Management Agency; Brent Warr, Mayor, Gulfport; Tommy Longo, Mayor, Waveland; Benjamin Spraggins, Director, Harrison County Emergency Management Agency; and Bobby Strahan, Director, Pearl River County Emergency Management Agency; and William Carwile, former FEMA Federal Coordinating Officer, State of Mississippi.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR THURSDAY, DECEMBER 8, 2005

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: to hold hearings to examine perspectives of FEMA's operations professionals relative to Hurricane Katrina, 10 a.m., SD-342.

Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine the nominations of George W. Foresman, of Virginia, to be Under Secretary for Preparedness, and Tracy A. Henke, of Missouri, to be Executive Director of the Office of State and Local Government Coordination and Preparedness,

both of the Department of Homeland Security, 2:30 p.m., SD-342.

House

Committee on Appropriations, Subcommittee on Science, The Departments of State, Justice, and Commerce, and Related Agencies, hearing on Federal efforts related to the exclusion, removal and prosecution of aliens and naturalized U.S. citizens who have committed war crimes or human rights abuses outside the U.S., 10 a.m., H-309 Capitol.

Committee on Energy and Commerce, Subcommittee on Health, hearing entitled "Improving America's Health: Examining Federal Research Efforts for Pulmonary Hypertension and Chronic Pain", 10 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

Committee on Financial Services, Subcommittee on Housing and Community Opportunity, hearing entitled "Housing Options in the Aftermath of Hurricanes Katrina and Rita", 10 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.

Committee on Homeland Security, Subcommittee on Prevention of Nuclear and Biological Attack, executive, briefing on the Defense Science Board's 2005 summer study entitled "Reducing Vulnerabilities to Weapons of Mass Destruction", 2 p.m., 202 John Adams Building.

Committee on International Relations, to mark up H. Res. 549, Requesting the President of the United States provide to the House of Representatives all documents in his possession relating to his October 7, 2002, speech in Cincinnati, Ohio, and his January 28, 2003, State of the Union address, 10:30 a.m., 2172 Rayburn.

Committee on the Judiciary, to mark up the following bills: H.R. 4437, Border Protection, Antiterrorism, and Illegal Immigration Control Act of 2005; and H.R. 972, Trafficking Victims Protection Reauthorization Act of 2005, 10 a.m., 2141 Rayburn.

Committee on Resources, hearing on H.R. 4322, Indian Trust Reform Act of 2005, 10 a.m., 1324 Longworth.