

James W. McMahon, Director, Office of Homeland Security, State of New York; and public witnesses.

OVERSIGHT—NATIONAL PARK SERVICE ORGANIC ACT

Committee on Resources: Subcommittee on National Parks held an oversight hearing on The National Park Service Organic Act and its Implementation through Daily Park Management. Testimony was heard from Steve Martin, Deputy Director, National Park Service, Department of the Interior; the following former officials of the Department of the Interior: William Horn, Assistant Secretary, Fish and Wildlife and Parks; and Denis Galvin, Deputy Director, National Park Service; and public witnesses.

BORDER PROTECTION, ANTITERRORISM, AND ILLEGAL IMMIGRATION CONTROL ACT OF 2005

Committee on Rules: Granted, by voice vote, a structured rule providing 2 hours of general debate on H.R. 4437, Border Protection, Antiterrorism, and Illegal Immigration Control Act of 2005, equally divided among and controlled by the chairman and ranking minority member of the Committee on the Judiciary and the chairman and ranking minority member of the Committee on Homeland Security. 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 the Judiciary now printed in the bill, modified by the amendment printed in part A of the Rules Committee report accompanying the resolution, shall be considered as adopted in the House and in the Committee of the Whole and shall be considered as read. The rule waives all points of order against the bill, as amended. The rule makes in order only those amendments printed in part B of the Rules Committee report. The rule provides that the amendments printed in part B of the report may be offered only in the order printed in the report, may be offered only by a Member designated in the report, shall be considered as read, shall be debatable for the time specified in the report equally divided and controlled by the proponent and an opponent, shall not be subject to amendment, and shall not be subject to a demand for division of the question in the House or in the Committee of the Whole. The rule waives all points of order against amendments printed in part B of the report. Finally, the rule provides that, after disposition of the amendments printed in part B of the report, the Committee of the Whole shall rise without motion and no further consideration of the bill shall be in order except by a subsequent order of the House. Testimony was heard from Chairmen King and Sensenbrenner; and Representatives Chabot, King of Iowa, Flake, Gohmert, Kolbe, Rohrabacher, Deal of Georgia, Weldon of Florida, Sullivan, Gingrey, Garrett, Blackburn, McHenry, Poe, Campbell, Thompson of Mississippi, Loretta Sanchez of California,

Markey, Meek of Florida, Jackson-Lee of Texas, Nadler, Berman, Linda T. Sanchez of California, Slaughter, Stupak, Reyes, Gonzalez, Davis of Tennessee and Ruppertsberger.

PENSION PROTECTION ACT OF 2005

Committee on Rules: Granted, by voice vote, a closed rule providing 90 minutes of debate in the House on the bill H.R. 2830, Pension Protection Act of 2005, as amended, equally divided among and controlled by the chairman and ranking minority member of the Committee on Education and the Workforce and 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. In lieu of the amendments recommended by the Committee on Education and the Workforce and Ways of the amendments recommended by the Committees on Education and the Workforce and Ways and Means now printed in the bill, the amendment in the nature of a substitute printed in the part A of the report of the Committee on Rules accompanying the resolution shall be considered as adopted. The rule waives all points of order against the bill, as amended. The rule provides one motion to recommit with or without instructions. Finally, the rule provides that, notwithstanding the operation of the previous question, the Chair may postpone further consideration of the bill to a time designated by the Speaker. Testimony was heard from Chairman Boehner and Representatives Gutknecht and Vislosky.

HURRICANE KATRINA: PREPAREDNESS AND RESPONSE BY STATE OF LOUISIANA

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 Louisiana." Testimony was heard from the following officials of the State of Louisiana: Katherleen Babineaux Blanco, Governor; Jeff Smith, Deputy Director, Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Preparedness; C. Ray Nagin, Mayor, and Terry Ebbert, Director, Homeland Security; both with the City of New Orleans; William M. Lokey, Federal Coordinating Officer, Baton Rouge, and Phillip Barr, Deputy Federal Coordinating Officer, Advance Team in New Orleans, both with FEMA, Department of Homeland Security.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR THURSDAY, DECEMBER 15, 2005

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: business meeting to consider pending calendar business, 10 a.m., SD-106.

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: business meeting to consider the nominations of George W. Foresman, to be Under Secretary for Preparedness,

U.S. Department of Homeland Security, Mary M. Rose, to be a Member, Merit Systems Protection Board, S. 1445, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 520 Colorado Avenue in Arriba, Colorado, as the “William H. Emery Post Office”, S. 1792 and 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”, S. 1820, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 6110 East 51st Place in Tulsa, Oklahoma, as the “Dewey F. Bartlett Post Office”, S. 2036, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 320 High Street in Clinton, Massachusetts, as the “Raymond J. Salmon Post Office”, S. 2064, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 122 South Bill Street in Francesville, Indiana, as the Malcolm Melville “Mac” Lawrence Post Office, S. 2089, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 1271 North King Street in Honolulu, Oahu, Hawaii, as the “Hiram L. Fong Post Office Building”, H.R. 2113, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 2000 McDonough Street in Joliet, Illinois, as the “John F. Whiteside Joliet Post Office Building”, H.R. 2346, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 105 NW Railroad Avenue in Hammond, Louisiana, as the “John J. Hainkel, Jr. Post Office Building”, H.R. 2413, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 1202 1st Street in Humble, Texas, as the “Lillian McKay Post Office Building”, H.R. 2630, to redesignate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 1927 Sangamon Avenue in Springfield, Illinois, as the “J.M. Dietrich Northeast Annex”, H.R. 2894, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 102 South Walters Avenue in Hodgenville, Kentucky, as the “Abraham Lincoln Birthplace Post Office Building”, 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. 3439, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 201 North 3rd Street in Smithfield, North Carolina, as the “Ava Gardner 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. 3703, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 8501 Philatelic Drive in Spring Hill, Florida, as the “Staff Sergeant Michael Schafer 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.

Smith Memorial Post Office Building”, H.R. 3830, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 130 East Marion Avenue in Punta Gorda, Florida, as the “U.S. Cleveland Post Office Building”, and 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”, Time to be announced, Room to be announced.

Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine New Orleans levees relating to Hurricane Katrina, 10 a.m., SD-342.

Select Committee on Intelligence: closed business meeting to consider intelligence matters, 2:30 p.m., SH-219.

House

Committee on Energy and Commerce, to consider the following bills: H.R. 4167, National Uniformity for Food Act of 2005; H.R. 4127, Data Accountability and Trust Act; and H.R. 3699, Federal and District of Columbia Government Real Property Act of 2005, 10:30 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations, hearing entitled “Oversight and Administration of the 340B Drug Discount Program: Improving Efficiency and Transparency,” 1 p.m., 2322 Rayburn.

Committee on Financial Services, to mark up H.R. 4100, Louisiana Recovery Corporation Act, 10 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.

Committee on Government Reform, to consider the following: an Investigative Report entitled “Bringing Communities into the 21st Century: A Report on Improving the Community Development Block Grant Program;” and other pending Committee business, 10:30 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

Committee on International Relations, to continue mark up of 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, 9:30 a.m., 2172 Rayburn.

Committee on Resources, Subcommittee on Fisheries and Oceans, oversight hearing on the Effects of Hurricanes Katrina and Rita on Fishing Resources, the Fishing Industry and Fishing Communities in the Gulf of Mexico, 10 a.m., 1324 Longworth.

Committee on Veterans' Affairs, Subcommittee Oversight and Investigations, oversight hearing on the Department of Veterans Affairs' flu vaccination program, and preparations for a possible Avian Flu Pandemic, 10 a.m., 334 Cannon.

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

Subcommittee on Intelligence Policy, executive, hearing entitled “Radical Islam in the United States,” 10:30 a.m., H-405 Capitol.