

## COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 14, 2006

*(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)*

### Senate

*Committee on Armed Services:* to resume hearings to examine the defense authorization request for fiscal year 2007 and the future years defense program, 9:30 a.m., SD-106.

Subcommittee on Readiness and Management Support, to hold hearings to examine improving contractor incentives in review of the defense authorization request for fiscal year 2007, 2:30 p.m., SR-222.

*Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs:* to hold hearings to examine the nominations of Randall S. Kroszner, of New Jersey, and Kevin M. Warsh, of New York, each to be a Member of the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, and Edward P. Lazear, of California, to be a Member of the Council of Economic Advisers, 10 a.m., SD-538.

*Committee on the Budget:* to continue hearings to examine the President's fiscal year 2007 budget proposal, 10 a.m., SD-608.

*Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation:* Subcommittee on Trade, Tourism, and Economic Development, to hold hearings to examine the economic impacts of the Canadian softwood lumber dispute on U.S. industries, 2:30 p.m., SD-562.

*Committee on Energy and Natural Resources:* to hold hearings to examine the Energy Information Administration's 2006 annual energy outlook on trends and issues affecting the United States' energy market, 10 a.m., SD-366.

*Committee on Foreign Relations:* to hold hearings to examine the President's proposed budget request for fiscal year 2007 for foreign affairs; and, if a quorum is present, consider and vote on the nominations of Claudia A. McMurray, of Virginia, to be Assistant Secretary of State for Oceans and International Environmental and Scientific Affairs, Bradford R. Higgins, of Connecticut, to be Assistant Secretary for Resource Management and Chief Financial Officer, Department of State, Jackie Wolcott Sanders, of Virginia, to be U.S. Alternate Representative for Special Political Affairs in the United Nations, with the rank of Ambassador, and to be U.S. Alternate Representative to the Sessions of the General Assembly of the United Nations during her tenure of service as U.S. Alternate Representative for Special Political Affairs in the United Nations, Janet Ann Sanderson, of Arizona, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Haiti, Bernadette Mary Allen, of Maryland, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Niger, Patricia Newton Moller, of Arkansas, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Burundi, Steven Alan Brown, of Texas, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Uganda, Robert Weisberg, of Maryland, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Congo, Michael W. Michalak, of Michigan, for the rank of Ambassador during his tenure of service as United States Senior Official to the Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation Forum, Janice L. Jacobs, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Senegal, and to serve concurrently and without additional compensation as Ambassador to the Republic of Guinea-

Bissau, Jeanine E. Jackson, of Wyoming, to be Ambassador to Burkina Faso, James D. McGee, of Florida, to serve concurrently and without additional compensation as Ambassador to the Union of Comoros; Kristie A. Kenney, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to the Republic of the Philippines, Gary A. Grappo, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to the Sultanate of Oman, Patricia A. Butenis, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to the People's Republic of Bangladesh, Donald T. Bliss, of Maryland, for the rank of Ambassador during his tenure of service as Representative of the United States of America on the Council of the International Civil Aviation Organization, Ben S. Bernanke, to be United States Alternate Governor of the International Monetary Fund, International Monetary Fund; and 2 Foreign Service Officer promotion lists received in the Senate on December 13 and December 14, 2005, respectively, 10 a.m., SH-216.

*Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions:* Subcommittee on Retirement Security and Aging, to hold hearings to examine the Older Americans Act, 2:30 p.m., SD-430.

*Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs:* to continue hearings to examine Hurricane Katrina response issues, focusing on the Homeland Security Department's preparation and response, 10 a.m., SD-342.

*Committee on Indian Affairs:* to hold oversight hearings to examine the President's proposed budget request for fiscal year 2007 for Indian programs, 2:30 p.m., SD-106.

*Committee on Veterans' Affairs:* to hold hearings to examine the President's proposed budget request for fiscal year 2007 for the Department of Veterans Affairs, 10 a.m., SR-418.

### House

*Committee on the Budget,* hearing on Members' Day, 2 p.m., 210 Cannon.

*Committee on Government Reform,* Subcommittee on National Security, Emerging Threats, and International Relations, hearing entitled "National Security Whistleblowers in the Post-9/11 Era: Lost in a Labyrinth and Facing Subtle Retaliation," 1 p.m., 2154 Rayburn.

*Committee on International Relations,* Subcommittee on Europe and Emerging Threats to mark up a resolution expressing support for the efforts of the people of the Republic of Belarus to establish a full democracy, the rule of law, and respect for human rights and urging the Government of Belarus to conduct free and fair presidential elections in 2006, 6 p.m., 2200 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations, hearing on Chinese Influence on U.S. Foreign Policy through U.S. Educational Institutions, Multilateral Organizations and Corporate America, 2 p.m., 2172 Rayburn.

*Committee on Veterans' Affairs,* Subcommittee on Economic Opportunity, oversight hearing on the VA's Fiscal Year 2007 budget request for the education, vocational rehabilitation, and loan guaranty programs, 10 a.m., 334 Cannon.

Subcommittee on Health, oversight hearing on the Department of Veterans Affairs Fiscal Year 2007 budget request for the Veterans Health Administration, 2 p.m., 334 Cannon.