

Deputy Chief of Staff, Logistics, Installations and Mission Support; and a public witness.

#### HURRICANE RECOVERY/FAIR HOUSING

*Committee on Financial Services:* Subcommittee on Housing and Community Opportunity held a hearing entitled “Fair Housing Issues in the Gulf Coast in the Aftermath of Hurricanes Katrina and Rita.” Testimony was heard from Kim Kendrick, Assistant Secretary, Fair Housing and Equal Opportunity, Department of Housing and Urban Development; and public witnesses.

#### PROGRESS SINCE 9/11—HEALTH RESPONSE TO TERRORIST ATTACKS

*Committee on Government Reform:* Subcommittee on National Security, Emerging Threats, and International Relations held a hearing entitled “Progress Since 9/11: Protecting Public Health and Safety Against Terrorist Attacks.” Testimony was heard from Cynthia Bascetta, Director, Health Care, GAO; John Howard, M.D., Director, National Institute for Occupational Health, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, Department of Health and Human Services; and public witnesses.

#### MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

*Committee on International Relations:* Subcommittee on Africa, Global Human Rights and International Operations approved for full Committee action the following measures: H.R. 3189, amended, Central Asia Democracy and Human Rights Act of 2005; H. Con. Res. 320, amended, Calling on the Government of the Socialist Republic of Vietnam to immediately and unconditionally release Dr. Pham Hong Son and other political prisoners and prisoners of conscience; H. Res. 578, Concerning the Government of Romania’s ban on intercountry adoptions and the welfare of orphaned or abandoned children in Romania; and H. Res. 675, Expressing disapproval of the Arab League’s decision to hold its 2006 summit in Khartoum, Sudan and calling on the Arab League, the Government of Sudan, the Sudanese rebels, and the world community to do all they can to end acts of genocide in the Darfur region of Sudan.

#### OVERSIGHT—AFT GUN SHOW ENFORCEMENT

*Committee on the Judiciary,* Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism, and Homeland Security continued oversight hearings on the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (BATFE) Part 2: Gun Show Enforcement. Testimony was heard from Michael R. Bouchard, Assistant Director (Field Operations), Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives, Department of Justice; and public witnesses.

#### DOD’S INTELLIGENCE BUDGET; ACCORDANCE WITH THE FRAMEWORK

*Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence:* Held a hearing on the Department of Defense’s Intelligence Budget. Testimony was heard from Stephen Cambone, Under Secretary (Intelligence), Department of Defense.

The Committee also met in executive session concerning Accordance with the Framework.

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#### NEW PUBLIC LAWS

(For last listing of Public Laws, see DAILY DIGEST, p. D 125)

S. 1989, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 57 Rolfe Square in Cranston, Rhode Island, shall be known and designated as the “Holly A. Charette Post Office”. Signed on February 27, 2006. (Public Law 109–175)

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#### COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR WEDNESDAY, MARCH 1, 2006

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

##### Senate

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Legislative Branch, to hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2007 for the Library of Congress, Open World Leadership Council, and Government Accountability Office, 10:30 a.m., SD–138.

*Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, Education, and Related Agencies,* to hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2007 for the Department of Education, 10:30 a.m., SD–124.

*Committee on Armed Services:* Subcommittee on Personnel, to hold hearings to examine active component, reserve component, and civilian personnel programs in review of the defense authorization request for fiscal year 2007, 9:30 a.m., SR–232A.

*Subcommittee on Airland,* to hold hearings to examine Army Transformation and the future combat systems acquisition strategy in review of the defense authorization request for fiscal year 2007 and the future years defense program, 2:30 p.m., SR–232A.

Full Committee, business meeting to consider pending military nominations, 4 p.m., SR–222.

*Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs:* to hold hearings to examine regulatory relief proposals, 10 a.m., SD–538.

*Committee on the Budget:* to hold hearings to examine the President’s budgetary proposals for fiscal year 2007 for the Department of Health and Human Services, 10 a.m., SD–608.

*Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation:* Subcommittee on Disaster Prevention and Prediction, to hold hearings to examine winter storms, 2:30 p.m., SD–562.

*Committee on Energy and Natural Resources:* to hold an oversight hearing to examine the state of the economies

and fiscal affairs in the Territories of Guam, American Samoa, the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, and the United States Virgin Islands, 9:30 a.m., SD-366.

Subcommittee on Public Lands and Forests, to hold hearings to examine the role of the Forest Service and other Federal agencies in protecting the health and welfare of foreign guest workers carrying out tree planting and other service contracts on National Health System lands, and to consider related Forest Service guidance and contract modifications issued in recent weeks, 2:30 p.m., SD-366.

*Committee on Environment and Public Works:* to hold hearings to examine the status of the Yucca Mountain Project, 2:30 p.m., SD-628.

*Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions:* Subcommittee on Education and Early Childhood Development, to continue hearings to examine S. 2198, to ensure the United States successfully competes in the 21st century global economy, 10 a.m., SD-430.

Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine reauthorization of the Ryan White CARE Act relating to fighting the AIDS epidemic of today, 3 p.m., SD-430.

*Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs:* to hold hearings to examine the President's proposed budget request for fiscal year 2007 for the Department of Homeland Security, 9:30 a.m., SD-342.

*Committee on Indian Affairs:* to hold joint hearings with the House Committee on Resources to examine the settlement of Cobell v. Norton, 9:30 a.m., SD-106.

*Committee on the Judiciary:* Subcommittee on Immigration, Border Security and Citizenship, with the Subcommittee on Terrorism, Technology and Homeland Security, to hold joint hearings to examine Federal strategies to end border violence, 9 a.m., SD-226.

Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine the nominations of Norman Randy Smith, of Idaho, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Ninth Circuit, and Patrick Joseph Schiltz, to be United States District Judge for the District of Minnesota, 2 p.m., SD-226.

*Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship:* to hold hearings to examine the nomination of Eric M. Thorson, of Virginia, to be Inspector General, Small Business Administration, 2 p.m., SR-428A.

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

## House

*Committee on Appropriations,* Subcommittee on Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies, on Office of Inspector General, 9:30 a.m., 2362A Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies, on Secretary of the Interior, 9 a.m., B-308 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Military Quality of Life, and Veterans Affairs, and Related Agencies, on public witnesses, 10 a.m., H-143 Capitol.

Subcommittee on Science, the Departments of State, Justice, and Commerce, and Related Agencies, on FCC, 2 p.m., H-309 Capitol.

*Committee on Armed Services,* hearing on the Fiscal Year 2007 National Defense Authorization Budget Request for the Department of the Air Force, 10 a.m., to hold a hearing on the Fiscal Year 2007 National Defense Authorization Budget Request for the Department of the Navy, 2 p.m., and to mark up H. Res. 645, Requesting the President and directing the Secretary of Defense to transmit to the House of Representatives all information in the possession of the President or the Secretary of Defense relating to the collection of information pertaining to persons inside the United States without obtaining court-ordered warrants authorizing the collection of such information and relating to the policy of the United States with respect to the gathering of counterterrorism intelligence within the United States, 6:30 p.m., 2118 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Strategic Forces, hearing on the Fiscal Year 2007 National Defense Authorization Budget Request for the Department of Energy's Atomic Energy Defense Activities, 4:30 p.m., 2212 Rayburn.

*Committee on the Budget,* hearing on the Department of Defense Budget Priorities Fiscal Year 2007, 9:30 a.m., 210 Cannon.

*Committee on Education and the Workforce,* Subcommittee on Workforce Protections, hearing entitled "Evaluating Health and Safety Regulations in the American Mining Industry," 12 p.m., 2175 Rayburn.

*Committee on Energy and Commerce,* Subcommittee on Commerce, Trade, and Consumer Protection, hearing entitled "Car Title Fraud: Issues and Approaches for Keeping Consumers Safe on the Road," 10 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Health, hearing entitled "Medicare Part D: Implementation of the New Drug Benefit," 2 p.m., 2123 Rayburn.

*Committee on Financial Services,* Subcommittee on Domestic and International Monetary Policy, Trade, and Technology, hearing entitled "Foreign Investment, Jobs and National Security: The CFIUS Process," 2 p.m., 2128 Rayburn.

*Committee on Government Reform,* Subcommittee on Energy and Resources, hearing entitled "Oil and Gas Royalties: The Facts, The Remedies," 2 p.m., 2154 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Federalism and the Census, hearing entitled "Apportionment in the Balance: A Look Into the Progress of the 2010 Decennial Census," 10 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Government Management, Finance, and Accountability, hearing entitled "U.S. Fiscal Outlook and the FY 2005 Governmentwide Financial Statements," 2 p.m., 2247 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Regulatory Affairs, hearing entitled "Plain English Regulations: Helping the American Public Understand the Rules," 10 a.m., 2247 Rayburn.

*Committee on Homeland Security,* executive briefing on the acquisition of terminal operations in six United States ports by Dubai Port World, 5:30 p.m., H-405 Capitol.

Subcommittee on Emergency Preparedness, Science, and Technology, hearing entitled “The State of Interoperable Communications: Perspectives From State and Local Governments,” 2 p.m., 311 Cannon.

*Committee on the Judiciary*, Subcommittee on Courts, the Internet, and Intellectual Property, to mark up the following measures: H.R. 4742, To amend title 35, United States Code, to allow the Director of the Patent and Trademark Office to waive statutory provisions governing patents and trademarks in certain emergencies; and S. 1785, Vessel Hull Design Protection Amendments of 2005, 12 p.m., 2141 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Immigration, Border Security, and Claims, to begin hearings entitled “The Energy Employees Occupational Illness Compensation Program Act—Are We Fulfilling the Promise We Made to These Veterans of the Cold War When We Created the Program,” Part 1, 4 p.m., 2141 Rayburn.

*Committee on Resources*, Subcommittee on Water and Power, oversight hearing entitled “How the Federal Marketing Administrations Are Implementing the Energy Policy Act of 2005 and An Assessment of the Proposed Fiscal Year Budgets for These Agencies,” 2 p.m., 1324 Longworth.

*Committee on Rules*, to consider H.R. 4167, National Uniformity for Food Act of 2005, 2:30 p.m., H-313 Capitol.

*Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure*, Subcommittee on Coast Guard and Maritime Transportation, oversight hearing on the United States Coast Guard and the Federal Maritime Commission Fiscal Year Budget Requests, 10 a.m., 2167 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Water Resources and Environment, oversight hearing on Agency Budgets and Priorities for Fiscal Year 2007 for the following Agencies: the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, the Natural Resources Conservation Service and the Saint Lawrence Seaway Development Corporation, 2 p.m., 2167 Rayburn.

*Committee on Ways and Means*, Subcommittee on Health, hearing on MedPAC’s March Report on Medicare Payment Policies, 3 p.m., 1100 Longworth.

### Joint Meetings

*Joint Meetings*: Senate Committee on Indian Affairs, to hold joint hearings with the House Committee on Resources to examine the settlement of Cobell v. Norton, 9:30 a.m., SD-106.