

HUMAN CLONING/STEM CELL RESEARCH

Committee on Government Reform: Subcommittee on Criminal Justice, Drug Policy, and Human Resources held a hearing entitled “Human Cloning and Embryonic Stem Cell Research After Seoul: Examining Exploitation, Fraud and Ethical Problems in the Research.” Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Health and Human Services: James F. Battey, Jr., M.D., Chair, NIH Stem Cell Task Force, Director, National Institute on Deafness and Other Communication Disorders; Bernard Schwetz, Director, Office for Human Research Protections; and Chris B. Pascal, Director, Office of Research Integrity; and public witnesses.

CRUISE SHIPS/INCIDENT INVESTIGATION

Committee on Government Reform: Subcommittee on National Security, Emerging Threats and International Relations held a hearing entitled “International Maritime Security II: Law Enforcement, Passenger Security and Incident Investigation on Cruise Ships.” Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

BRIEFING—BIENNIAL BIOLOGICAL RISK ASSESSMENT

Committee on Homeland Security: Subcommittee on Prevention of Nuclear and Biological Attack met in executive session to receive a briefing on the Biennial Biological Risk Assessment. The Subcommittee was briefed by departmental witnesses.

OVERSIGHT—WHITE COLLAR ENFORCEMENT

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism, and Homeland Security held an oversight hearing on White Collar Enforcement (Part 1): Attorney-Client Privilege and Corporate Waivers. Testimony was heard from Robert D. McCallum, Jr., Associate Attorney General, Department of Justice; and public witnesses.

Hearings continue March 9.

NATIONAL FOOD UNIFORMITY ACT

Committee on Rules: Granted, by voice vote, a structured rule providing for further consideration of H.R. 4167, National Food Uniformity Act of 2005. The rule provides that no further general debate shall be in order. The rule makes in order only those amendments printed in the report. The rule provides that the amendments printed in 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 the amendments printed in the report. Finally, the rule provides one motion to recommit with or without instructions.

**COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR WEDNESDAY,
MARCH 8, 2006**

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Appropriations: to continue hearings to examine the proposed supplemental funding request for additional resources to assist the Gulf Coast region in its recovery from hurricanes in the Gulf of Mexico in 2005, 9:30 a.m., SD-106.

Subcommittee on District of Columbia, to hold hearings to examine potential effects of a flat Federal income tax in the District of Columbia, 2 p.m., SD-124.

Committee on Armed Services: to hold hearings to examine the Department of Defense quadrennial defense review; to be followed by a closed session in SR-222, 2:30 p.m., SH-216.

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: Subcommittee on International Trade and Finance, to hold hearings to examine the proposed reauthorization of the Export-Import Bank of the United States, 10 a.m., SD-538.

Committee on the Budget: business meeting to markup concurrent resolution on the budget for fiscal year 2007, 2 p.m., SD-608.

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Subcommittee on Trade, Tourism, and Economic Development, to hold hearings to examine impacts of piracy and counterfeiting of American goods and intellectual property in China, 2:30 p.m., SD-562.

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: business meeting to consider pending calendar business, 10 a.m., SD-366.

Committee on Finance: to hold hearings to examine a prognosis of the nation's health care tax policy, 10 a.m., SD-215.

Committee on Foreign Relations: to hold hearings to examine the nominations of Richard T. Miller, of Texas, to be U.S. Representative on the Economic and Social Council of the United Nations, with the rank of Ambassador, and to be an U.S. Alternate Representative to the Sessions of the General Assembly of the United Nations during his tenure of service as U.S. Representative on the Economic and Social Council of the United Nations, and John A. Simon, of Maryland, to be Executive Vice President of the Overseas Private Investment Corporation, 10 a.m., SD-419.

Subcommittee on Western Hemisphere, Peace Corps and Narcotics Affairs, to hold hearings to examine the impact of the American Servicemembers' Protection Act on Latin America, 2:30 p.m., SD-419.

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: business meeting to consider S. 1955, to amend title I of the Employee Retirement Security Act of 1974 and the Public Health Service Act to expand health care access and reduce costs through the creation of small business health plans and through modernization of the health insurance marketplace, S. 1902, to amend the Public Health Service Act to authorize funding for the establishment of a program on children and the media within the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention to study the role and impact of electronic media in the development of children, and the nominations of Mitchell C. Clark, of Virginia, to be Assistant Secretary for Management, Department of Education, Jean B. Elshtain, of Tennessee, to be a Member of the National Council on the Humanities, Edwin G. Foulke, Jr., of South Carolina, to be an Assistant Secretary of Labor, Allen C. Guelzo, of Pennsylvania, to be a Member of the National Council on the Humanities, Arlene Holen, of the District of Columbia, to be a Member of the Federal Mine Safety and Health Review Commission, George Perdue, of Georgia, to be a Member of the Board of Trustees of the James Madison Memorial Fellowship Foundation, Anne-Imelda Radice, of Vermont, to be Director of the Institute of Museum and Library Services, Craig T. Ramey, of West Virginia, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the National Board for Education Sciences, Sarah M. Singleton, of New Mexico, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Legal Services Corporation, Richard Stickler, of West Virginia, to be Assistant Secretary of Labor for Mine Safety and Health, Kent D. Talbert, of Virginia, to be General Counsel, Department of Education, Horace A. Thompson, of Mississippi, to be a Member of the Occupational Safety and Health Review Commission, and certain nominations in the Public Health Service, 10 a.m., SD-430.

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: to resume hearings to examine Hurricane Katrina, focusing on recommendations for reform, 9:30 a.m., SD-342.

Subcommittee on Federal Financial Management, Government Information, and International Security, to hold hearings to examine Crime Victims Fund rescission, 2:30 p.m., SD-342.

Committee on Indian Affairs: to hold hearings to examine S. 2078, to amend the Indian Gaming Regulatory Act to clarify the authority of the National Indian Gaming Commission to regulate class III gaming, to limit the lands eligible for gaming, 9:30 a.m., SR-485.

Committee on the Judiciary: business meeting to consider Steven G. Bradbury, of Maryland, to be an Assistant Attorney General, John F. Clark, of Virginia, to be Director of the United States Marshals Service, Donald J. DeGabrielle, Jr., to be United States Attorney for the Southern District of Texas, John Charles Richter, to be United States Attorney for the Western District of Oklahoma, Amul R. Thapar, to be United States Attorney for the Eastern District of Kentucky, and Mauricio J. Tamargo, of Florida, to be Chairman of the Foreign Claims Settlement Commission of the United States, all of the Department of Justice, proposed legislation providing for comprehensive immigration reform, S. 1768, to permit the televising of Supreme Court proceedings, S.

829, to allow media coverage of court proceedings, S. 489, to amend chapter 111 of title 28, United States Code, to limit the duration of Federal consent decrees to which State and local governments are a party, S. 2039, to provide for loan repayment for prosecutors and public defenders, S. 2292, to provide relief for the Federal judiciary from excessive rent charges, and S.J. Res. 1, proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States relating to marriage, 9:30 a.m., SD-226.

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

House

Committee on Appropriations, to mark up Supplemental Appropriations for Fiscal Year 2006, 4 p.m., 2359 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, Related Agencies, on Food and Safety Inspection Service, 9:30 a.m., 2362A Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Defense, executive, on Air Force Budget and Acquisition Overview, 10 a.m., H-140 Capitol.

Subcommittee on the Department of Labor, Health and Human Services, Education, and Related Agencies, on Department of Health and Human Services, 10:15 a.m., 2358 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Energy and Water Development and Related Agencies, on DOE, 10 a.m., and on Bureau of Reclamation, 2 p.m., 2362B Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies, on Indian Health Services, 10 a.m., B-308 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Military Quality of Life, and Veterans Affairs, and Related Agencies, on Navy/Marine Corps Budget, 10 a.m., and on Pacific Command, 1:30 p.m., H-143 Capitol.

Subcommittee on Science, the Departments of State, Justice, and Commerce, and Related Agencies, on NOAA, 1 p.m., H-309 Capitol.

Committee on Armed Services, hearing on the Fiscal Year 2007 National Defense Authorization Budget Request for the European Command, 10 a.m., 2118 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Projection Forces, hearing on the Evolving Missions of the U.S. Navy and the Role of Surface and Subsurface Combatants, 5 p.m., 2212 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Readiness, hearing on Department of Defense management of historic and historic-eligible facilities, 2 p.m., 2118 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Terrorism, Unconventional Threats and Capabilities, hearing on the Special Operations Command: Transforming for the Long War, 3 p.m., 2212 Rayburn.

Committee on Energy and Commerce, to consider a motion to authorize issuance of a service contract with Mr. Robert Douglas to support the ongoing investigation by the Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations of "data brokers" who acquire and sell consumers' cell phone records and other confidential information; followed by a markup of the Prevention of Fraudulent Access to Phone Records Act, 10 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations, hearing entitled “The Silicosis Story: Mass Tort Screening and the Public Health,” 2 p.m., 2123 Rayburn.

Committee on Government Reform, Subcommittee on Regulatory Affairs, hearing entitled “The Paperwork Reduction Act at 25: Opportunities To Strengthen and Improve the Law,” 2 p.m., 2154 Rayburn.

Committee on Homeland Security, Subcommittee on Emergency Preparedness, Science, and Technology, hearing entitled “Proposed Fiscal Year 2007 Budget: Enhancing Preparedness for First Responders,” 10 a.m., 311 Cannon.

Subcommittee on Management, Integration, and Oversight, hearing entitled “The 9/11 Reform Act: Examining the Implementation of the Human Smuggling and Trafficking Center,” 2:30 p.m., 311 Cannon.

Committee on International Relations, to mark up H.R. 3127, Darfur Peace and Accountability Act of 2005; followed by a hearing on United States Policy Toward Iran—Next Steps, 10 a.m., 2172 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Asia and the Pacific, hearing on East Asia in Transition: Opportunities and Challenges for the United States, 2 p.m., 2172 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Europe and Emerging Threats, hearing on The U.S.-European Relationship: Opportunities and Challenges, 1 p.m., 2255 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on the Middle East and Central Asia, hearing on Palestinian Authority Elections: Implications for Peace, Regional Security, and U.S. Assistance, 2:30 p.m., 2200 Rayburn.

Committee on the Judiciary, Subcommittee on the Constitution, oversight hearing entitled “The Voting Rights Act: Evidence of Continued Need,” 4 p.m., 2141 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Courts, the Internet, and Intellectual Property, oversight hearing entitled “The Report on Orphan Works by the Copyright Office,” 2 p.m., 2141 Rayburn.

Committee on Resources, Subcommittee on Water and Power, hearing on the following bills: H.R. 4545, To amend the Reclamation Wastewater and Groundwater Study and Facilities Act to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to participate in the Los Angeles County Water Supply Augmentation Demonstration project; and S. 1338 Alaska Water Resources Act of 2005, 10 a.m., 1324 Longworth.

Committee on Rules, to consider H.R. 2829, Office of National Drug Control Policy Reauthorization Act of 2005, 4 p.m., H-313 Capitol.

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, Subcommittee on Aviation, oversight hearing on Reauthorization of the National Transportation Safety Board, 10 a.m., 2167 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Water Resources and Environment, to continue oversight hearings on Agency Budgets and Priorities for FY 2007 for the following Agencies: EPA, NOAA and TVA, 2 p.m., 2167 Rayburn.

Committee on Veterans' Affairs, oversight hearing on improving access to quality care for our nation's veterans through collaboration with affiliated medical institutions and the Department of Defense and the operation of integrated medical facilities, 2 p.m., 334 Cannon.

Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence, executive, hearing on Director of National Intelligence Fiscal Year 2007 Budget, 10 a.m., H-405 Capitol.