

Development Office, FAA; and David Dobbs, Assistant Inspector General, Aviation and Special Projects; Lisa Porter, Associate Administrator, NASA; Gerald Dillingham, Director, Civil Aviation Issues, GAO; and a public witness.

UNMANNED AERIAL VEHICLES

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure: Subcommittee on Aviation held an oversight hearing on Unmanned Aerial Vehicles (UAVs) and the National Airspace System. Testimony was heard from Nicholas Sabatini, Associate Administrator, Aviation Safety, FAA, Department of Transportation; Michael Kostelnik, Assistant Commissioner, Customs and Border Protection, Office of Air and Marine, Department of Homeland Security; the following officials of the Department of Defense: Gerald F. Pease, Jr., Executive Director, Policy Board on Federal Aviation; and Dyke D. Weatherington, Deputy, Unmanned Aerial Systems Planning Task Force, Office of the Under Secretary, Acquisitions, Technology and Logistics Defense Systems-Air Warfare; and public witnesses.

OVERSIGHT—TRANSIT/BUS SECURITY

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure: Subcommittee on Highways, Transit and Pipelines held an oversight hearing on Transit & Over-The-Road Bus Security. Testimony was heard from Sandra K. Bushue, Deputy Administrator, Federal Transit Administration, Department of Transportation; Tracy A. Henke, Assistant Secretary, Office of Grants and Training, Department of Homeland Security; JayEtta Z. Hecker, Director, Physical Infrastructure Team, GAO; and public witnesses.

OVERSIGHT—IMPROVE QUALITY CARE FOR OUR NATION'S VETERANS

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: Held an oversight hearing on improving and enhancing access to quality care for our nation's veterans through VISN-wide care coordination demonstrations (Project HERO). Testimony was heard from Representative Osborne; BG Michael J. Kussman, M.D., (ret.), Deputy Under Secretary, Health, Department of Veterans Affairs; and representatives of veterans organizations.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR THURSDAY, MARCH 30, 2006

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Interior and Related Agencies, to hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2007 for the Department of the Interior, 9:30 a.m., SD-124.

Subcommittee on Energy and Water, to hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2007 for the Department of Energy's Supply and Conservation account, Electricity Delivery and Energy Reliability account, Office of Nuclear Energy, Office of Civilian Radioactive Waste Management, Office of Environmental Management, Office of Fossil Energy Research and Development, and Office of Science, 10 a.m., SD-138.

Subcommittee on Agriculture, Rural Development, and Related Agencies, to hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2007 for programs under its jurisdiction, 10 a.m., SD-192.

Subcommittee on District of Columbia, to hold hearings to examine the potential effects of a flat Federal income tax in the District of Columbia, 1:30 p.m., SD-138.

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Personnel, to hold hearings to examine reserve component personnel policies in review of the defense authorization request for fiscal year 2007, 2 p.m., SD-106.

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: Business meeting to consider Foreign Investment and National Security Act of 2006, 10 a.m., SD-538.

Subcommittee on Housing and Transportation, to hold hearings to examine S. 1801, to amend the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act to reauthorize the Act, and provide for consolidation of HUD's homeless programs, and related proposals, 2:30 p.m., SD-538.

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Business meeting to consider pending calendar business, 10 a.m., SD-562.

Subcommittee on Disaster Prevention and Prediction, to hold an oversight hearing to examine National Polar-Orbiting Operational Environmental Satellite System, 11 a.m., SD-562.

Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine competition and convergence, 2:30 p.m., SH-216.

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Subcommittee on Water and Power, to hold hearings to examine S. 1577, to facilitate the transfer of Spearfish Hydroelectric Plant Number 1 to the city of Spearfish, South Dakota, S. 1962 and H.R. 4000, bills to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to revise certain repayment contracts with the Bostwick Irrigation District in Nebraska, the Kansas Bostwick Irrigation District No. 2, the Frenchman-Cambridge Irrigation District, and the Webster Irrigation District No. 4, all a part of the Pick-Sloan Missouri Basin Program, S. 2028, to provide for the reinstatement of a license for a certain Federal Energy Regulatory Commission project, S. 2035, to extend the time required for construction of a hydroelectric project in the State of Idaho, S. 2054, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to conduct a study of water resources in the State of Vermont, S. 2205, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to convey certain parcels of land acquired for the Blunt Reservoir and Pierre Canal features of the initial stage of the Oahe Unit, James Division, South Dakota, to the Commission of Schools and Public Lands and the Department of Game, Fish, and Parks of the State of South Dakota for the purpose of mitigating lost wildlife habitat, on the condition that the current preferential leaseholders

shall have an option to purchase the parcels from the Commission, and H.R. 3812, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to prepare a feasibility study with respect to the Mokelumne River, 2:30 p.m., SD-366.

Committee on Foreign Relations: To hold hearings to examine the hidden cost of oil, 9:30 a.m., SD-419.

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: Permanent Subcommittee on Investigations, to resume hearings to examine securing the global supply chain relating to neutralizing the nuclear and radiological threat, focusing on programs that form the defense against nuclear terrorism including the Container Security Initiative, the Megaports Initiative, the Customs-Trade Partnership Against Terrorism, and the role of the Domestic Nuclear Detection Office, a new office created within DHS to coordinate global nuclear detection architecture, 10 a.m., SD-342.

Subcommittee on Oversight of Government Management, the Federal Workforce, and the District of Columbia, to hold hearings to examine the Federal government's implementation of veterans' preference in the hiring of employees, including an evaluation of the laws designed to protect and promote the employment of veterans, the impact workforce flexibilities had on veterans, and how are veterans' redress mechanisms are working, 2:30 p.m., SD-342.

Committee on the Judiciary: Business meeting to consider the nominations of Norman Randy Smith, of Idaho, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Ninth Circuit, Michael A. Chagares, of New Jersey, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Third Circuit, Patrick Joseph Schiltz, to be United States District Judge for the District of Minnesota, Gray Hampton Miller, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of Texas, and Steven G. Bradbury, of Maryland, to be Assistant Attorney General for the Office of Legal Counsel, Sharee M. Freeman, of Virginia, to be Director, Community Relations Service, and Jeffrey L. Sedgwick, of Massachusetts, to be Director of the Bureau of Justice Statistics, all of the Department of Justice, 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, S. 2453, to establish procedures for the review of electronic surveillance programs, S. 2455, to provide in statute for the conduct of electronic surveillance of suspected terrorists for the purposes of protecting the American people, the Nation, and its interests from terrorist attacks while ensuring that the civil liberties of United States citizens are safeguarded, S.J. Res. 1, proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States relating to marriage, and S. Res. 398, relating to the censure of George W. Bush, 9:30 a.m., SD-226.

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: To hold hearings to examine the legislative presentations of the National Association of State Directors of Veterans Affairs, the

AMVETS, the American Ex-Prisoners of War, and the Vietnam Veterans of America, 10 a.m., SD-106.

Select Committee on Intelligence: To hold closed hearings to examine certain intelligence matters, 2:30 p.m., SH-219.

House

Committee on Agriculture, Subcommittee on Conservation, Credit, Rural Development, and Research, hearing to review the Rural Development Programs, 10 a.m., 1300 Longworth.

Committee on Appropriations, Subcommittee on Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies, on Research, Education, and Economics, 9:30 a.m., and on Avian Influenza, 1:30 p.m., 2362A Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Defense, executive, on Navy/MC Budget/Acquisition, 10 a.m., 2359 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Department of Labor, Health and Human Services, Education, and Related Agencies, on public witnesses, 10 a.m., and 2 p.m., 2358 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on the Departments of Transportation, Treasury, and Housing and Urban Development, the Judiciary, District of Columbia, and Independent Agencies, on OMB, 10 a.m., 2358 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Energy and Water Development, and Related Agencies, on DOE, National Nuclear Security Administration, 10 a.m., 2362B Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Homeland Security, on Preparedness, 2 p.m., 2359 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies, on Native American Issues (public witnesses), 10 a.m., and 2 p.m., B-308 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Science, the Departments of State, Justice, and Commerce, and Related Agencies, on NASA, 10 a.m., and on FTC, 2 p.m., H-309 Capitol.

Committee on Armed Services, Subcommittee on Projection Forces, hearing on the Department of the Navy's Fiscal Year 2007 shipbuilding acquisition strategy and how it supports the Navy's long-range fleet plan, 4 p.m., 2212 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Readiness and the Subcommittee on Tactical Air and Land Forces, joint hearing on Army and Marine Corps reset strategies for ground equipment and rotorcraft, 1 p.m., 2118 Rayburn.

Committee on Energy and Commerce, Subcommittee on Telecommunications and the Internet, hearing on the Communications Opportunity, Promotion, and Enhancement Act of 2006, 10 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

Committee on Financial Services, oversight hearing of the Department of Housing and Urban Development, including the Department's budget request for fiscal year 2007, 9 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.

Committee on Government Reform, to consider the following measures: H.R. 4368, To designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 60 Calle McKinley, West in Mayaguez, Puerto Rico, as the "Miguel Angel Garcia Mendez Post Office Building;" H.R. 4561, top designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 8624 Ferguson Road in Dallas, Texas, as the "Francisco 'Pancho' Medrano Post Office

Building;" H.R. 4586, Benjamin Franklin Tercentenary Commission Act of 2005; H.R. 4646, To designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 7320 Reseda Boulevard in Harrison, Arkansas, as the "John Paul Hammerschmidt Post Office Building;" H.R. 4995, To designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 7 Columbus Avenue in Tuckahoe, New York, as the "Ronald Bucca Post Office;" H.R. 518, Honoring professional surveyors and recognizing their contributions to society; and a measure to support the goals and ideals of Financial Literacy Month; followed by a hearing entitled "The Need To Know: Information-Sharing Lessons for Disaster Response," 10 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

Committee on Homeland Security, executive, briefing on the Transportation Security Administration airline passenger prescreening watchlist, 2 p.m., H2-176 Ford.

Subcommittee on Economic Security, Infrastructure Protection, and Cybersecurity, to mark up H.R. 4954, SAFE Port Act, 10 a.m., 311 Cannon.

Committee on International Relations, Subcommittee on International Terrorism and Nonproliferation, hearing on The Terrorist Threat From Shoulder-Fired Missiles, 2:30 p.m., 2200 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on the Western Hemisphere, hearing on Counternarcotics Strategies in Latin America, 10:30 a.m., 2172 Rayburn.

Committee on the Judiciary, Subcommittee on Commercial and Administrative Law, oversight hearing on the 10th anniversary of the Congressional Review Act, 2 p.m., 2141 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism, and Homeland Security, hearing on H.R. 5040, Death Penalty Reform Act of 2006, 11:30 a.m., 2141 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Immigration, Border Security, and Claims, oversight hearing Should Congress Raise the H-1B Cap? 9 a.m., 2141 Rayburn.

Committee on Resources, March 29, to continue markup of H.R. 4200, Forest Emergency Recovery and Research Act and to mark up the following measures: H.R. 122, Eastern Municipal Water District Recycled Water System Pressurization and Expansion Project; H.R. 413, Bleeding Kansas National Heritage Area Act; H.R. 518, Neotropical Migratory Bird Conservation Improvement Act of 2005; H.R. 2563, To authorize the Secretary of the Interior to conduct feasibility studies to address certain water shortages with the Snake, Boise, and Payette River systems in Idaho; H.R. 3418, Central Texas Water Recycling Act of 2005; H.R. 3462, To provide for the conveyance of the Bureau of Land Management parcels known as the White Acre and Gambel Oak properties and related real property to Park City, Utah; H.R. 3682, To redesignate the Mason Neck National Wildlife Refuge in Virginia as the Elizabeth Hartwell Mason Neck National Wildlife Refuge; H.R. 3967, Pactola Reservoir Reallocation Authorization Act of 2005; H.R. 4013, To amend the Reclamation Projects Authorization and Adjustment Act of 1992 to provide for conjunctive use of surface and groundwater in Juab County, Utah; H.R. 4080, Glendo Unit of the Missouri River Basin Project Contract Extension Act of 2005; H.R. 4084, To amend

the Forest Service use and occupancy permit program to restore the authority of the Secretary of Agriculture to utilize the special use permit fees collected by the Secretary in connection with the establishment and operation of marinas in units of the National Forest System derived from the public domain; H.R. 4204, American River Pump Station Project Transfer Act of 2005; H.R. 4686, Multi-State and International Fisheries Conservation and Management Act of 2006; S. 584, Betty Dick Residence Protection Act; S. 1165, James Campbell National Wildlife Refuge Expansion Act of 2005; S. 1869, Coastal Barrier Resources Reauthorization Act of 2005; H.J. Res. 78, Approving the location of the commemorative work in the District of Columbia honoring former President Dwight D. Eisenhower; H.R. 374, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to take certain tribally-owned reservation land into trust for the Puyallup Tribe; H.R. 1307, Musconetcong Wild and Scenic Rivers Act; and H.R. 2978, To allow the Assiniboine and Sioux Tribes of the Fort Peck Indian Reservation to enter into a lease or other temporary conveyance of water rights recognized under the Fort Peck-Montana Compact for the purpose of meeting the water needs of the Dry Prairie Water Association, Incorporated, 10 a.m., and to hold a hearing on H.R. 3350, Tribal Development Corporation Feasibility Study Act of 2005, 1 p.m., 1324 Longworth.

Subcommittee on National Parks, hearing on the following bills: H.R. 2134, Commission To Study the Potential Creation of a National Museum of the American Latino Community Act of 2005; H.R. 3961, To authorize the National Park Service to pay for services rendered by subcontractors under a General Services Administration Indefinite Deliver/Indefinite Quantity Contract issued for work to be completed at Grand Canyon National Park; and H.R. 4294, Natural Resource Protection Cooperative Agreement Act, 10 a.m., 1334 Longworth.

Committee on Rules, hearing on H.R. 4975, Lobbying Accountability and Transparency Act of 2006, 10 a.m., H-313 Capitol.

Committee on Science, hearing on K-12 Science and Math Education Across the Federal Agencies, 10 a.m., 2318 Rayburn.

Committee on Small Business, Subcommittee on Regulatory Reform and Oversight, oversight hearing on the procurement assistance programs of the SBA, 2 p.m., 2360 Rayburn.

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, Subcommittee on Economic Development, Public Buildings and Emergency Management, hearing on the General Services Administration's Fiscal Year 2006 Capital Investment and Leasing Program, and to mark up the following: GSA's Fiscal Year 2007 Capital Investment and Leasing Program; H. Con. Res. 360, Authorizing the use of the Capitol Grounds for the National Peace Officers' Memorial Service; H. Con. Res. 359, Authorizing the use of the Capitol Grounds for the District of Columbia Special Olympics Law Enforcement Torch Run; and H. Con. Res. 349, Authorizing the use of the Capitol Grounds for the Greater Washington Soap Box Derby, 10 a.m., 2253 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Water Resources and Environment, oversight hearing on Barriers to the Cleanup of Abandoned Mine Sites, 10 a.m., 2167 Rayburn.

Committee on Veterans' Affairs, Subcommittee on Disability Assistance and Memorial Affairs, oversight hearing on policy and operational issues facing Arlington National Cemetery and the American Battle Monuments Commission, 1:30 p.m., 340 Cannon.

Committee on Ways and Means, Subcommittee on Social Security, to continue hearings on Social Security number (SSN) high-risk issues, 2 p.m., B-318 Rayburn.

Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence, executive, to mark up the Intelligence Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2007, 9 a.m., H-405 Capitol.