

MEDICARE DRUG BENEFIT IMPLEMENTATION

Committee on Ways and Means: Subcommittee on Health held a hearing on Implementation of the Medicare Drug Benefit. Testimony was heard from Mark McClellan, M.D., Administrator, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, Department of Health and Human Services; Beatrice Disman, Chairman, Medicare Planning and Implementation Task Force, SSA; and public witnesses.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR THURSDAY, MAY 4, 2006

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Transportation, Treasury, the Judiciary, and Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies, to hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2007 for the Federal Aviation Administration, 9:30 a.m., SD-138.

Committee on Armed Services: closed business meeting to mark up the proposed National Defense Authorization Act for fiscal year 2007, 9:30 a.m., SR-222.

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: business meeting to mark up Financial Services Regulatory Relief Act of 2006, 10:30 a.m., SD-538.

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Subcommittee on Surface Transportation and Merchant Marine, to hold hearings to examine protecting consumers from fraudulent practices in the moving industry, 10 a.m., SD-562.

Subcommittee on Trade, Tourism, and Economic Development, to hold hearings to examine promoting economic development opportunities through nano commercialization, 2:30 p.m., SD-562.

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: to hold hearings to examine the nomination of Dirk Kempthorne, of Idaho, to be Secretary of the Interior, 10 a.m., SD-366.

Committee on Foreign Relations: Subcommittee on African Affairs, to hold hearings to examine housing and urbanization issues in Africa, 2:30 p.m., SD-419.

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, Brett M. Kavanaugh, of Maryland, to be United States Circuit Judge for the District of Columbia Circuit, Milan D. Smith, Jr., of California, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Ninth Circuit, Renee Marie Bumb, Noel Lawrence Hillman, Peter G. Sheridan, and Susan Davis Wigenton, each to be a United States District Judge for the District of New Jersey, 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 attack while ensuring that the

civil liberties of United States citizens are safeguarded, S. 2468, to provide standing for civil actions for declaratory and injunctive relief to persons who refrain from electronic communications through fear of being subject to warrantless electronic surveillance for foreign intelligence purposes, S. 2039, to provide for loan repayment for prosecutors and public defenders, and S.J. Res. 1, proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States relating to marriage, 9:30 a.m., SD-226.

Subcommittee on Constitution, Civil Rights and Property Rights, business meeting to consider pending calendar business, 1 p.m., SD-226.

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

House

Committee on Appropriations, Subcommittee on Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies, to mark up the Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies Appropriations for Fiscal Year 2007, 10 a.m., B-308 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Military Quality of Life, and Veterans Affairs, and Related Agencies, to mark up the Military Quality of Life, and Veterans Affairs, and Related Agencies Appropriations for Fiscal Year 2007, 1 p.m., H-140 Capitol.

Committee on Education and the Workforce, Subcommittee on Employer-Employee Relations, hearing entitled "Examining the Impact of State Mandates on Employer-Provided Health Insurance," 10:30 a.m., 2175 Rayburn.

Committee on Energy and Commerce, hearing entitled "World Crude-Oil Pricing," 10 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Health, hearing entitled "The Critical Role of Community Health Centers in Ensuring Access to Care," 1 p.m., 2123 Rayburn.

Committee on Government Reform, to consider the following: H.R. 4768, To designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 777 Corporation Street in Beaver, Pennsylvania, as the "Robert Linn Memorial Post Office Building;" H.R. 5086, To designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 2633 11th Street in Rock Island, Illinois, as the "Lane Evans Post Office Building;" H.R. 5104, To designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 1750 16th South in St. Petersburg, Florida, as the "Morris W. Milton Post Office;" H.R. 5245, To designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 1 Marble Street in Fair Haven, Vermont, as the "Matthew Lyon Post Office Building;" H. Res. 327, Supporting the goals and ideals of National Passport Month; H. Res. 626, Congratulating Albert Pujols on being named the Most Valuable Player for the National League for the 2005 Major League Baseball season; H. Res. 627, Congratulating Chris Carpenter on being named the Cy Young Award winner for the National League for the 2005 Major League Baseball season; H. Res. 729, Supporting National Tourism Week; H. Res. 753, Commending American craft brewers; H. Res. 763, Supporting the goals and ideals of a National Children and Families Day, in order to encourage adults in the United States to support and listen to children and to help children throughout the Nation achieve their hopes and

dreams; H. Res. 773, Commending the American Jewish Committee for its century of leadership; a resolution Supporting the goals and ideals of Peace Officers Memorial Day; and H. Res. 752, Requesting the President to transmit to the House of Representatives not later than 14 days after the date of adoption of this resolution documents in the possession of the President relating to the receipt and consideration by the Executive Office of the President of any information concerning the variation between the version of S. 1932, the Deficit Reduction Act of 2005, that the House of Representatives passed on February 1, 2006, and the version of the bill that the President signed on February 8, 2006, followed by a hearing entitled "Sifting Through Katrina's Legal Debris: Contracting in the Eye of the Storm," 10 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

Committee on Homeland Security, Subcommittee on Prevention of Nuclear and Biological Attack, to continue hearings entitled "BioScience and the Intelligence Community (Part II): Closing the Gap," 2 p.m., 2212 Rayburn.

Committee on International Relations, Subcommittee on Africa, Global Human Rights and International Operations, hearing on Germany's World Cup Brothels: 40,000 Women and Children at Risk of Exploitation through Trafficking, 2 p.m., 2172 Rayburn.

Committee on the Judiciary, Subcommittee on the Constitution, hearings on a measure to Reauthorize and Amend the Voting Rights Act of 1965, Part 1, 9 a.m., and Part II, 2 p.m., 2141 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Immigration, Border Security, and Claims, oversight hearing on the Energy Employee Occupation Illness Compensation Program Act, 11:30 a.m., 2141 Rayburn.

Committee on Resources, Subcommittee on Energy and Mineral Resources, oversight hearing on the Future of Federal Coal: Status, Availability and Impact of Technological Advances in Using Coal To Create Alternative Energy Resources, 10 a.m., 1324 Longworth.

Subcommittee on Fisheries and Oceans, hearing on H.R. 3835, National Ocean Exploration Program Act, 2 p.m., 1324 Longworth.

Committee on Science, Subcommittee on Environment, Technology, and Standards, hearing on Improving Drought Monitoring and Preparedness: H.R. 5136, National Integrated Drought Information System Act of 2006; followed by markup of H.R. 5136, 10 a.m., 2318 Rayburn.

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, Subcommittee on Water Resources and Environment, hearing on The Chesapeake Bay Program Reauthorization; and H.R. 4126, Chesapeake Bay Restoration Enhancement Act of 2005, 10 a.m., 2167 Rayburn.

Committee on Ways and Means, Subcommittee on Human Resources, hearing on Unemployment Compensation Aspects of U.S. Department of Labor Fiscal Year 2007 Budget, 10 a.m., B-318 Rayburn.

Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence, hearing on Al-Qaeda Use of Strategic Communications, 2:30 p.m., 1302 Rayburn.