

GERMANY'S WORLD CUP BROTHELS

Committee on International Relations: Subcommittee on Africa, Global Human Rights and International Operations held a hearing on Germany's World Cup Brothels: Women and Children at Risk of Exploitation through Trafficking. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

VOTING RIGHTS ACT AMENDMENTS

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on the Constitution held hearings, Part 1 and 11, on H.R. 9, To amend the Voting Rights Act of 1965. Testimony was heard from Rena Comisac, Deputy Assistant Attorney General, Civil Rights Division, Department of Justice; J. Gerald Hebert, former Acting Chief, Civil Rights Division, Department of Justice; and public witnesses.

OVERSIGHT—ENERGY OCCUPATION ILLNESS COMPENSATION PROGRAM ACT

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Immigration, Border Security, and Claims, held an oversight hearing on the Energy Employee Occupation Illness Compensation Program Act. Testimony was heard from Representatives Wamp, Udall of New Mexico; Hastings of Washington; and Udall of Colorado.

OVERSIGHT—FUTURE OF COAL

Committee on Resources: Subcommittee on Energy and Mineral Resources held an oversight hearing on the Future of Federal Coal: Status, Availability and Impact of Technological Advances in Using Coal To Create Alternative Energy Resources. Testimony was heard from Brenda Pierce, Program Coordinator, Energy Resources Program, U.S. Geological Survey, Department of the Interior; and public witnesses.

NATIONAL OCEAN EXPLORATION PROGRAM

Committee on Resources: Subcommittee on Fisheries and Oceans held a hearing on H.R. 3835, National Ocean Exploration Program Act. Testimony was heard from Richard W. Spinrade, Assistant Administrator, Office of Oceanic and Atmospheric Research, NOAA, Department of Commerce; and public witnesses.

NATIONAL INTEGRATED DROUGHT INFORMATION SYSTEM ACT

Committee on Science: Subcommittee on Environment, Technology, and Standards approved for full Committee action, as amended, H.R. 5136, National Integrated Drought Information System Act of 2006.

Prior to this action, the Subcommittee held a hearing on Improving Drought Monitoring and Preparedness: H.R. 5136, National Integrated Drought

Information System Act of 2006. Testimony was heard from Chester Koblinsky, Director, Climate Program Office, NOAA, Department of Commerce; and public witnesses.

CHESAPEAKE BAY RESTORATION ENHANCEMENT ACT

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure: Subcommittee on Water Resources and Environment held a hearing on The Chesapeake Bay Program Reauthorization and H.R. 4126, Chesapeake Bay Restoration Enhancement Act of 2005. Testimony was heard from Representatives Jo Ann Davis of Virginia and Cardin; Benjamin H. Grumbles, Assistant Administrator, Water, EPA; and public witnesses.

MEDICARE DRUG BENEFIT IMPLEMENTATION

Committee on Ways and Means: Subcommittee on Health continued hearings on Implementation of the Medicare Drug Benefit. Testimony was heard from Representative Waxman; Leslie Aronovitz, Director, Healthcare, GAO; and public witnesses.

LABOR DEPARTMENT BUDGET/ UNEMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION

Committee on Ways and Means: Subcommittee on Human Resources held a hearing on Unemployment Compensation Aspects of U.S. Department of Labor Fiscal Year 2007 Budget. Testimony was heard from Mason Bishop, Deputy Assistant Secretary, Employment and Training Administration, Department of Labor; Sigurd Nilsen, Director, Education, Workforce, and Income Security Issues, GAO; and public witnesses.

AL-QAEDA USE OF STRATEGIC COMMUNICATIONS

Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence: Held a hearing on Al-Qaeda Use of Strategic Communications. Testimony was heard from Peter W. Rodman, Assistant Secretary, International Security Affairs, Department of Defense; and a public witness.

**COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR FRIDAY,
MAY 5, 2006**

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

No meetings/hearings scheduled.

House

No committee meetings are scheduled.