

Testimony was heard from Toni Dawsey, Assistant Administrator, Human Capital Management, NASA; and public witnesses.

## RAIL TRANSPORTATION OF HAZARDOUS MATERIALS

*Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure:* Subcommittee on Railroads held a hearing on Current Issues in Rail Transportation of Hazardous Materials. Testimony was heard from Representative Pomeroy; Joseph Boardman, Administrator, Federal Railroad Administration, Department of Transportation; Robert J. Chipkevich, Director, Office of Railroad, Pipeline, and Hazardous Materials Investigations, National Transportation Safety Board; and public witnesses.

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## COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR WEDNESDAY, JUNE 14, 2006

*(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)*

### Senate

*Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs:* business meeting to mark up S. 418, to protect members of the Armed Forces from unscrupulous practices regarding sales of insurance, financial, and investment products, S. 811, to require the Secretary of the Treasury to mint coins in commemoration of the bicentennial of the birth of Abraham Lincoln, S. 2321, to require the Secretary of the Treasury to mint coins in commemoration of Louis Braille, and the nominations of Sheila C. Bair, of Kansas, to be a Member and Chairperson of the Board of Directors of the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation, Kathleen L. Casey, of Virginia, to be a Member of the Securities and Exchange Commission, Robert M. Couch, of Alabama, to be President, Government National Mortgage Association, Donald L. Kohn, of Virginia, to be Vice Chairman of the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, and James B. Lockhart III, of Connecticut, to be Director of the Office of Federal Housing Enterprise Oversight, Department of Housing and Urban Development; to be followed by a hearing to examine Financial Accountability Standards Board's proposed standard on "Employers' Accounting for Defined Benefit Pension and Other Postretirement Plans", 10 a.m., SD-538.

Subcommittee on Housing and Transportation, to hold hearings to examine extension of HUD's mark-to-market program, 2:30 p.m., SD-538.

*Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation:* Subcommittee on Technology, Innovation, and Competitiveness, to hold hearings to examine alternative energy technologies, 10 a.m., SD-562.

*Committee on Environment and Public Works:* to hold an oversight hearing to examine whether potential liability deters abandoned hard rock mine clean up, 9:30 a.m., SD-628.

*Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs:* business meeting to consider S. 2145, to enhance security

and protect against terrorist attacks at chemical facilities, S. 1554, to establish an intergovernmental grant program to identify and develop homeland security information, equipment, capabilities, technologies, and services to further the homeland security of the United States and to address the homeland security needs of Federal, State, and local governments, S. 1741, to amend the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act to authorize the President to carry out a program for the protection of the health and safety of residents, workers, volunteers, and others in a disaster area, S. 1838, to provide for the sale, acquisition, conveyance, and exchange of certain real property in the District of Columbia to facilitate the utilization, development, and redevelopment of such property, S. 2068, to preserve existing judgeships on the Superior Court of the District of Columbia, S. 2146, to extend relocation expenses test programs for Federal employees, S. 2296, to establish a fact-finding Commission to extend the study of a prior Commission to investigate and determine facts and circumstances surrounding the relocation, internment, and deportation to Axis countries of Latin Americans of Japanese descent from December 1941 through February 1948, and the impact of those actions by the United States, and to recommend appropriate remedies, H.R. 3508, to authorize improvements in the operation of the government of the District of Columbia, S. 2228, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 2404 Race Street, Jonesboro, Arkansas, as the "Hattie W. Caraway Post Office.", S. 2376, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 80 Killian Road in Massapequa, New York, as the "Gerard A. Fiorenza Post Office Building", S. 2722, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 170 East Main Street in Patchogue, New York, as the "Lieutenant Michael P. Murphy Post Office Building", H.R. 4108, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 3000 Homewood Avenue in Baltimore, Maryland, as the "State Senator Verda Welcome and Dr. Henry Welcome Post Office Building", H.R. 3440, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 100 Avenida RL Rodriguez in Bayamon, Puerto Rico, as the "Dr. Jose Celso Barbosa Post Office Building", H.R. 4786, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 535 Wood Street in Bethlehem, Pennsylvania, as the "H. Gordon Payrow Post Office Building", H.R. 4561, to 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. 4688, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 1 Boyden Street in Badin, North Carolina, as the "Mayor John Thompson 'Tom' Garrison Memorial Post Office", 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. 3549, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 210 West 3rd Avenue in Warren, Pennsylvania, as the "William F. Clinger, Jr. Post Office Building", H.R. 2977, to designate the facility of

the United States Postal Service located at 306 2nd Avenue in Brockway, Montana, as the “Paul Kasten Post Office Building”, S. 2690, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 8801 Sudley Road in Manassas, Virginia, as the “Harry J. Parrish Post Office”, S. 3187, to designate the Post Office located at 5755 Post Road, East Greenwich, Rhode Island, as the “Richard L. Cevoli Post Office”, and 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”, 10 a.m., SD-342.

*Committee on Indian Affairs*: to hold hearings to examine S. 374, to provide compensation to the Lower Brule and Crow Creek Sioux Tribes of South Dakota for damage to tribal land caused by Pick-Sloan projects along the Missouri River, and S. 1535, to amend the Cheyenne River Sioux Tribe Equitable Compensation Act to provide compensation to members of the Cheyenne River Sioux Tribe for damage resulting from the Oahe Dam and Reservoir Project, 9:30 a.m., SR-485.

*Committee on the Judiciary*: to hold hearings to examine ensuring competition and innovation relating to reconsidering communication laws, 9:30 a.m., SD-226.

### House

*Committee on Appropriations*, Subcommittee on Science, the Departments of State, Justice, and Commerce, and Related Agencies, to mark up appropriations for fiscal year 2007, 9:30 a.m., H-141 Capitol.

*Committee on the Budget*, to mark up H.R. 4890, Legislative Line Item Veto Act of 2006, 10:30 a.m., 210 Cannon.

*Committee on Education and the Workforce*, Subcommittee on Workforce Protections, hearing entitled “Addressing Concerns About the U.S. Department of Labor’s Use of Non-Consensus Standards in Workplace Health and Safety,” 10:30 a.m., 2175 Rayburn.

*Committee on Energy and Commerce*, Subcommittee on Commerce, Trade, and Consumer Protection, hearing on Violent and Explicit Video Games: Informing Parents and Protecting Children, 2 p.m., 2123 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations continue hearings entitled “Human Tissue Samples: NIH Research Policies and Practices,” 10 a.m., 2322 Rayburn.

*Committee on Financial Services*, to mark up the following bills: H.R. 5337, Reform of National Security Reviews of Foreign Direct Investments Act; H.R. 5068, Export-Import Bank Reauthorization Act of 2006; H.R. 2990, Credit Rating Agency Duopoly Relief Act of 2005; H.R.

5024, Promoting Transparency in Financial Reporting Act of 2006; the Financial Netting Improvements Act of 2006; H.R. 5039, Saving America’s Rural Housing Act of 2006; H.R. 4804, FHA Manufactured Housing Loan Modernization Act of 2006; H.R. 5527, Mark-to-Market Extension Act of 2006; H.R. 5393, Natural Disaster Housing Reform Act of 2006; and H.R. 5443, Section 8 Voucher Reform Act, 10 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.

*Committee on Homeland Security*, to mark up the following bills: H.R. 3197, Secure Handling of Ammonium Nitrate Act of 2005; H.R. 4941, Homeland Security Science and Technology Enhancement Act of 2006; and H.R. 4942, Promoting Antiterrorism Capabilities Through International Cooperation Act, 10 a.m., 311 Cannon.

Subcommittee on Intelligence, Information Sharing, and Terrorism Risk Assessment, hearing entitled “Transparency and Security Administration’s Office of Intelligence: Progress and Challenges,” 2 p.m., 311 Cannon.

Subcommittee on Investigations, hearing entitled “Waste, Fraud and Abuse in the Aftermath of Hurricane Katrina,” 11 a.m., 311 Cannon.

*Committee on International Relations*, Subcommittee on Africa, Global Human Rights and International Operations, briefing and hearing on Modern-Day Slavery: Spotlight on the 2006 Trafficking in Persons Report, Forced Labor, and Sex Trafficking at the World Cup, 11 a.m., 2172 Rayburn.

*Committee on Resources*, hearing on H.R. 4761, Domestic Energy Production through Offshore Exploration and Equitable Treatment of State Holdings Act of 2006, 11 a.m., 1324 Longworth.

*Committee on Science*, to mark up H.R. 5450, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration Act, 10 a.m., 2318 Rayburn.

*Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure*, Subcommittee on Coast Guard and Maritime Transportation, oversight hearing on Deepwater Implementation, 1 p.m., 2167 Rayburn.

*Committee on Veterans Affairs*, oversight hearing on information security at the Department of Veterans Affairs, 10:30 a.m., 334 Cannon.

*Committee on Ways and Means*, hearing on the Implementation of the Medicare Prescription Drug Benefit, 10:30 a.m., 1100 Longworth.

*Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence*, Subcommittee on Terrorism, Human Intelligence, Analysis and Counterintelligence, executive, briefing on Title 50/Title 10 Concerns, 3 p.m., H-405 Capitol.