

PROVIDING FOR EARMARK REFORM IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Committee on Rules: Granted, by voice vote, a rule providing that upon adoption of the resolution, H. Res. 1000, as reported by the Committee on Rules, is hereby adopted.

EARMARK REFORM

Committee on Rules: Ordered reported H. Res. 1000, providing for earmark reform in the House of Representatives.

BORDER SECURITY TECHNOLOGY

Committee on Science: Held a hearing on How Can Technologies Help Secure Our Borders? Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Homeland Security: Jay M. Cohen, Under Secretary, Science and Technology; and Gregory Giddens, Director, Secure Border Initiative Program Executive Office; and public witnesses.

OVERSIGHT—ALASKA PIPELINE CORROSION

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure: Held an oversight hearing on Low Pressure Liquid Pipelines: In the North Slope, Greater Prudhoe Bay, Alaska. Testimony was heard from Thomas Barrett, Administrator, Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration, Department of Homeland Security; and public witnesses.

GREAT LAKES RESTORATION AND PROTECTION

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure: Subcommittee on Water Resources and Environment held a hearing on the Great Lakes Regional Collaboration Strategy—Can it be implemented to restore and protect the Great Lakes? Testimony was heard from Benjamin H. Grumbles, Assistant Administrator, Water, EPA; BG Bruce A. Berwick, USA, Commander, Great Lakes and Ohio River Division, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Department of the Interior; Charles Wooley, Deputy Regional Director, Great Lakes-Big Rivers Region, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Department of the Interior; and public witnesses.

OVERSIGHT—VETERANS BENEFITS CLAIMS ADJUDICATORS

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: Subcommittee on Disability Assistance and Memorial Affairs held an oversight hearing on the training provided to Veterans Benefits Administration claims adjudicators and the standards used to measure their proficiency and performance. Testimony was heard from Michael Walcoff, Associate Deputy Under Secretary, Field

Operations, Veterans Benefits Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs; and public witnesses.

NATIONAL STRATEGY FOR COMBATING TERRORISM

Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence: Subcommittee on Terrorism, Human Intelligence, Analysis and Counterintelligence met in executive session to hold a hearing on the National Strategy for Combating Terrorism and the Evolving Terrorist Threat. Testimony was heard from departmental witnesses.

Joint Meetings

CARE FOR DISABLED IN ROMANIA

Commission on Security and Cooperation in Europe (Helsinki Commission): Commission concluded a hearing to examine Romanian governmental and non-governmental perspectives on the current state of care of persons with disabilities in Romania, after receiving testimony from Adrian Mindroiu, Director for European Integration, Government of Romania, and Cristian Ispas, Motivation Romania International, and Special Olympics Romania Foundation, both of Bucharest, Romania; and Eric Rosenthal, Mental Disabilities Rights International, Washington, D.C.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 14, 2006

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Energy and Water, to hold hearings to examine an overview of the Global Nuclear Energy Partnership, including proposed advanced reaction technologies for recycling nuclear waste, 9:30 a.m., SD-138.

Subcommittee on Homeland Security, to hold hearings to examine the British system versus the U.S. system relating to catching terrorists, 9:30 a.m., SD-192.

Committee on Armed Services: closed business meeting to mark up the Military Commissions Act of 2006, 10:30 a.m., SR-222.

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: to hold hearings to examine the Department of Defense's report on predatory lending practices directed at members of the armed forces and their dependents, 10 a.m., SD-538.

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Subcommittee on Aviation, to hold hearings to examine rural air service, 10 a.m., SR-253.

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: to hold hearings to examine the nominations of C. Stephen Allred, of Idaho, to be Assistant Secretary, and Robert W. Johnson, of Nevada, to be Commissioner of Reclamation, both of the Department of the Interior, 10 a.m., SD-628.

Committee on Environment and Public Works: Subcommittee on Clean Air, Climate Change, and Nuclear

Safety, to hold an oversight hearing on Nuclear Regulatory Commission responsibility and capability for long- and short-term spent fuel storage programs, 9:30 a.m., SD-406.

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: to hold hearings to examine the value of a skills based point system relating to employment-based permanent immigration, 10:30 a.m., SD-430.

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: Subcommittee on Federal Financial Management, Government Information, and International Security, to resume hearings to examine Federal agencies spending on conference meetings and travel, focusing on how they monitor and track conference participation and spending and control these activities, 2:30 p.m., SD-342.

Committee on Indian Affairs: to hear and consider the nomination of Carl Joseph Artman, of Colorado, to be Assistant Secretary of the Interior for Indian Affairs, 9:30 a.m., SR-485.

Committee on the Judiciary: business meeting to consider S. 2831, to guarantee the free flow of information to the public through a free and active press while protecting the right of the public to effective law enforcement and the fair administration of justice, S. 155, to increase and enhance law enforcement resources committed to investigation and prosecution of violent gangs, to deter and punish violent gang crime, to protect law-abiding citizens and communities from violent criminals, to revise and enhance criminal penalties for violent crimes, to reform and facilitate prosecution of juvenile gang members who commit violent crimes, to expand and improve gang prevention programs, S. 1845, to amend title 28, United States Code, to provide for the appointment of additional Federal circuit judges, to divide the Ninth Judicial Circuit of the United States into 2 circuits, S. 394, to promote accessibility, accountability, and openness in Government by strengthening section 552 of title 5, United States Code (commonly referred to as the Freedom of Information Act), S. 2644, to harmonize rate setting standards for copyright licenses under sections 112 and 114 of title 17, United States Code, and the nominations of Terrence W. Boyle, of North Carolina, and William James Haynes II, of Virginia, each to be United States Circuit Judge for the Fourth Circuit, Peter D. Keisler, of Maryland, to be United States Circuit Judge for the District of Columbia Circuit, William Gerry Myers III, of Idaho, and Norman Randy Smith, of Idaho, each to be United States Circuit Judge for the Ninth Circuit, Valerie L. Baker, to be United States District Judge for the Central District of California, Francisco Augusto Besosa, to be United States District Judge for the District of Puerto Rico, Philip S. Gutierrez, to be United States District Judge for the Central District of California, Marcia Morales Howard, to be United States District Judge for the Middle District of Florida, John Alfred Jarvey, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of Iowa, and Sara Elizabeth Lioi, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of Ohio, and other pending committee business, 9:30 a.m., SD-226.

Special Committee on Aging: to hold hearings to examine a generation at risk relating to senior suicide, 10 a.m., SD-562.

House

Committee on Agriculture, Subcommittee on General Farm Commodities and Risk Management, hearing to Review Federal Farm Policy, 10 a.m., 1300 Longworth.

Committee on Appropriations, Subcommittee on Science, the Departments of State, Justice, and Commerce, and Related Agencies, hearing on FBI Transformation, 1:30 p.m., 2359 Rayburn.

Committee on Financial Services, Subcommittee on Financial Institutions and Consumer Credit, hearing entitled "A Review of Regulatory Proposals on Basel Capital and Commercial Real Estate," 11 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.

Committee on Government Reform, hearing entitled "Part Two, Interior Department: A Culture of Managerial Irresponsibility and Lack of Accountability?" 10:30 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

Committee on Homeland Security, executive, briefing on the recent plot to detonate liquid explosives carried on airliners traveling from the United Kingdom to the United States, 10 a.m., H2-176 Ford.

Subcommittee on Prevention of Nuclear and Biological Attack, hearing entitled "The Science of Prevention," 2 p.m., 1311 Longworth.

Committee on House Administration, to mark up H.R. 4844, Federal Election Integrity Act of 2006, 10:30 a.m., 1310 Longworth.

Committee on International Relations, oversight hearing on Japan's Relations with Its Neighbors: Back to the Future? 10:30 a.m., 2172 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on the Middle East and Central Asia, oversight hearing entitled "Is There a Clash of Civilizations? Islam, Democracy, and U.S.-Middle East and Central Asia Policy," 10:30 a.m., 2200 Rayburn.

Committee on the Judiciary, Subcommittee on the Constitution, hearing on H.R. 5388, District of Columbia Fair and Equal House Voting Rights Act of 2006, 2 p.m., 2141 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Courts, the Internet, and Intellectual Property, hearing on H.R. 5120, to amend title 35, United States Code, to conform certain filing provisions within the Patent and Trademark Office, 11 a.m., 2141 Rayburn.

Committee on Resources, Subcommittee on Fisheries and Oceans, hearing on the following bills: H.R. 4953 (S. 2430), Great Lakes Fish and Wildlife Restoration Act of 2006; and H.R. 4345 (S. 2041), Ed Fountain Park Expansion Act, 10 a.m., 1324 Longworth.

Subcommittee on Forests and Forest Health, hearing on the following bills: H.R. 5690, Ouachita National Forest Boundary Adjustment Act of 2006; H.R. 5756, Colorado Emergency Wildfire and Insect Infestations Response Act of 2006; H.R. 5769, Washington County Growth and Conservation Act of 2006; and S. 447, Jornada Experimental Range Transfer Act of 2005, 1 p.m., 1324 Longworth.

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, Subcommittee on Coast Guard and Maritime Transportation,

oversight hearing on the Review of Coast Guard Mission Performance, 10 a.m., 2167 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Economic Development, Public Buildings and Emergency Management, to mark up the following: H.R. 1105, Dam Rehabilitation and Repair Act of 2005; H.R. 4981, Dam Safety Act of 2006; H.R. 5026, To designate the Investigations Building of the Food and Drug Administration located at 466 Fernandez Juncos Avenue in San Juan, Puerto, as the “Andres Toro Building;” H.R. 1556, To designate a parcel of land located on the site of the Thomas F. Eagleton United States Courthouse in St. Louis, Missouri, as the “Clyde S. Cahill Memorial Park;” H.R. 5606, To designate the Federal building and United States courthouse located at 221 and 211 West Ferguson Street in Tyler, Texas as the “Wil-

liam M. Steger Federal Building and United States Courthouse;” H.R. 2322, To designate the Federal building located at 320 North Main Street in McAllen, Texas, as the “Kika de la Garza Federal Building;” H.R. 5546, To designate the U.S. courthouse to be constructed in Greenville, South Carolina, as the “Carroll A. Campbell, Jr., Federal Courthouse;” H.R. 6051, To designate the Federal building located at 2 South Main Street in Akron, Ohio, as the “John F. Seiberling Federal Building;” and the General Services Administration’s Fiscal Year 2007 Capital Investment and Leasing Program, and other pending business, 1 p.m., 2167 Rayburn.

Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence, executive, briefing on Global Updates/Hot Spots, 8:15 a.m., to be announced.